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Do not litter, dispose of all trash properly.

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When another prospector is working in a certain area, get permission before using that area.

Please be thoughtful, considerate and courteous to those around you.

#### **REMEMBER!!**

**You are an ambassador of our club  
And this is a pastime we want to protect.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**235 NUCLEUS AVE**

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**April AT 1:00PM**

**GOLD SHOW**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**AT 12:00PM**



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**REMINDER DUES ARE DO IN JANUARY. PAID BEFORE OR AT THE SPRING KICK OFF TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST**

February 14, 2015

Meeting of the NWMGP

32 members present

Officers present: Braxton Walborn-President, Don Roe-Vice President, -Vicki Walborn-Treasurer, Sandy Randall-Secretary and Brock Wiebusch-Sgt at arms.

Minutes were read by Sandy and approved. Treasures Report read by Vicki and approved

Old Business: The current maps of the claims, Cherry Creek and Libby Creek are not accurate. Braxton is currently in the process of reworking the maps. They can be reviewed during the break. When they are ready, copies will be made and will also be available to be added to the Club booklet. This also led to a discussion on where the corners to the claim corners are. It is difficult to put GPS coordinates on the maps as some of the corners are in spots that a GPS is not able to function.

Braxton discussed changing the lock combination every month as was discussed previously. It is going to be difficult to keep a log of everyone going on the claim or taking calls to give out the new combination. The reason behind the change in combination came from safety issues and theft of dirt from the outing piles. Vertical banks and undercutting can have deadly consequences, yet it continues to be a concern. The club is considering placing cameras to help watch the sites and to watch for any vandalism. Braxton has also asked for any member that encounters others who vandalize, tunnel into the side hills, or take dirt left for the next outing report them to an officer of the club. The club belongs to all of us. Let's keep it safe. The combination on the lock will not be changed. A motion was made to put up cameras to help police the area during the summer. This motion was seconded and approved.

More research and foot work needs to be done on the club owning an excavator.

New Business: An update on the upcoming Gold Show was given. Posters have been reviewed and changes made. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Rock and Gem show, the upcoming gun show. The Rock Show is March 14<sup>th</sup> 10-5 and 15<sup>th</sup> 10-3, and the Gun Show is March 27<sup>th</sup> 12-6. 28<sup>th</sup> 9-6 and 29<sup>th</sup> 9-2. We also have tables to sell the raffle tickets at Murdock's March 21<sup>st</sup> 10-2 and Snappy's March 21<sup>st</sup> 10-2. The Rock show is the same Saturday as the March Meeting. We still need to be present at the rock show as this is a good place to sell the raffle tickets. The Table can be set up, and then the officers will go to the meeting and return to the rock show. There will be a list for volunteers to sign up on the table during the break. This will work as long as we have volunteers to man the table. Braxton was able to find a 5 oz. silver bar for the raffle.

The Murdock table brought in 141.00 in raffle ticket sales. Those helping were Charlie and Cyndi Nanna, Gary and Sylvia Hughley, Jon Van Dort, Don Roe and Sandy Randall. Thank you for helping out.

New Members introduced Tommy and Joy Wiggins, and past member returning Jerry and Lisa Hazen.

Ron Curtiss needs to set us up with a work day. We need to do maintenance work on the trommels.

Ron will let us know at the March meeting what day in April will work for him.

Clarence spoke on the water compact. There will be a bus ride to Helena on Monday and those interested can hitch a ride. There will be a hearing on the water compact bill. The bus will leave Sykes at about 3 am.

Clarence also spoke on a gathering of outdoor groups at the fairgrounds, sometime in April to discuss the government's additions of new Wilderness.

There was a 17 pound gold nugget found by a herdsman in China. The Chinese Government took the nugget away from the herdsman.

Braxton would like to get a committee together soon to look into getting things done for the club before the June outing. It would be members who would consider projects, or ways to improve the operations that are used presently.

Braxton and Ron Curtiss spoke on changing where the trommels sit, how the water is piped to the trommels, (simplifying the water system), using a water manifold, and how to save money when we hire the excavator. Ron used a Google Earth picture of the claim to show the club where we could put the trommels to help the dump truck driver and how to brace the wall of the tailings pond with logs. There are a lot of good ideas out there and the committee would be a good way to review these ideas and put some into action.

Meeting adjourned and raffle held.

**From:** [Tahoe Nugs](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, February 15, 2015 5:54 PM

**To:** [Revit Head](#)

**Subject:** Call to Action to the Mining/Prospecting Community

Respectfully requesting that you and your members read and sign the petition to stop the proposed mining claims costs increases proposed by Obama. It read as follows...

"Please reconsider portions of the proposed Bureau of Land Management budget. We are already far too dependent on foreign natural resources. The elimination of the fee exemption for miners holding 10 or fewer mining claims may put many small scale miners out of business. It is the difference between paying \$10 per 20 acre claim to paying \$140 per 20 acre claim. Freeing our great country from dependence on foreign natural resources starts with the small scale miner. Don't help kill the American Dream for 1000s of us. We need to make the mining of natural resources on public lands easier and more profitable not more cumbersome and expensive. We need legislation that frees public lands to be responsibly used for the good of nation. We don't need more unnecessary rules and regulation."

The link is <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/please-reconsider-portions-proposed-bureau-land-management-budget/qrJISb7R>

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter to the small mining community,

Douglas A. Mastri  
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Lake Tahoe, California  
Concerned Prospector / Miner

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Gold Show</b>	
Monthly Raffle	122.00	Kalispell Copy Center	42.00	Raffle Ticket Sales	78.00
Donation	50.00			Tables	140.00
Renewals	550.00				
Total	722.00				
<b>Cash Drawer</b>	95.00	<b>Checking</b>	2547.07	<b>Savings</b>	1029.98

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**MEETINGS**

Gold Show committee  
meets before regular  
meeting at 12:00

**Rock Show**

March 14 10-5

March 15th 10-3

**Gun Show**

March 27th 12-6

March 28th 9-6

March 29th 9-2

**Monthly Meeting**

April 11th

1:00 p.m.

**Gold Show**

May 1st -3rd

**Spring Kick Off**

May 16th

11:00am

Winter is almost over! I don't know about you but I know that I am more then ready.

Now to finish saying Thank you to the last officers from last year.

Ron Maupin. Ron is a mill right for those of you that don't know. He loves the outdoors. He is a hard working guy. Most times if you want to find him look in the woods. Ron loves to hunt, fish, shoot, and I think drive a dump truck LOL. Ron has been with the club a long time. He has help sale raffle tickets and really with what ever needs to be done. His love for the club shows. Thank you.

Don Roe Jr. Don works for a local company that prints labels for products. He loves the outdoors. Don is one heck of a cook. He spent some time in the Navy. (Thank you for your service) He was the news member to the group of officers. Don is a huge Star Wars fan. He also started the Facebook page. He has lot of good ideas and has helped the club and his fellow members.

Once again say Thank you to these people when you see them.

We had a great guest at out last meeting. Kathy Roe!!! Kathy only makes one or two meetings a year. So we were very happy to have her. After the meeting a small group of us had a chance to ask Kathy some question about the website and make some suggestion for the site. First and from most the newsletters not all being there is my responsibility. If I don't get them to her in the right format then Kathy can not put them on the site. Which we have worked out. As far as pictures it is very hard to have a bunch of pictures on the site due to the restriction of the site. I'm working with Kathy to give her the dates of events that are going on with the club. Don Roe Sr. is helping with the emails that come into the club site. If it gets to be too much for them Dawn Roe has also said she will help.

Kathy has also put the newsletter email address up and the Facebook information on the site.

I hope this answers most of the question about the website. If not please call me and Kathy and I will address them.