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REMEMBER!!

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

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday May 12th during
the Spring Kick Off

Upcoming Events:

Trommel Work Day, May
5th

-Spring Kick Off, May
12th

- First Outing, June 16th
& 17th



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Northwest Gold

Nugget News- May 2018

Gold and Silver Prices

Gold, \$1,313.90

Silver, \$16.46



**Please join us for the Spring Kick Off!
Saturday May 12th, at 11am bring a side dish
There will be panning and metal detecting contests.
Join us at 510 North Hill Road, Kalispell**

Minutes of the regular club meeting from April 14th, 2018

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business

The Gold and Rock Show drew similar crowds this year as last year with the ticket sales about the same. There were more vendors but their were also higher expenses. Early estimates are that we may see a small profit of about \$400 from the show itself and that it shouldn't be a wash. Sandy will type and send a thank you letter to the Rock Chucks for the opportunity to participate in the show.

Hog sales were a success and earned us a profit. However a common reaction when selling tickets was that a whole hog was too much meat. People passed on the tickets because of lack of space. It was suggested that if we do another hog raffle in the future, that we sell 2 halves.

- The raffle is something that might sell well during regular club meetings during the outings. If we started the sales during the summer months, members who can only make the summer outings would have a chance to purchase tickets. The idea was tabled till a future meeting.

Charlie bought 4 pumps and 3 sections of hose which should be sufficient for now.

Dawn asked that anyone sending emails to the club or the newsletter remember to add a subject in the subject line. With the number of viruses, trojan horses, etc that can be attached to emails, anything that lacks a subject line or has a subject line that makes no sense will be deleted unopened. The information will also be added to the club website.

Cyndi ordered new t-shirts, unfortunately they arrived after the gold show. They will be available at the kickoff and the the outings this summer.

Dawn priced the business cards but didn't order them as we never made an official motion last meeting. A motion was made to purchase the business cards and was seconded; the club voted and the motion passed. We will increase the font size, ensure we have the standard contact information, but remove the specific member information so we can use the cards without having to order after each election.

Dawn played phone tag with the lady who puts out the flyers in Libby, she did have a chance to speak briefly with her but did not yet have a quote. The group discussed the need for paid advertisement for the club. It was felt that there were other ways to promote the club that would not cost money or provide more exposure. A motion was presented to discontinue the research on the flyer, it was seconded; the club voted and the motion passed.

Creating a banner for the awnings was again discussed. Don Jr. will ask for a quote from work. The banner would be 12 feet long, have the name of the club, the logo, address, website, and facebook information. Dawn will create a template for both Don Jr. and Vicki. Vicki will research the cost of getting the same information for the side of the trailer.

New Business

The spring kick off is scheduled for May 12th at 11am at Vicki and Braxton Walborn's at 510 North Hill Road. Braxton and Vicki will provide the hamburgers, Sandy will provide hotdogs and a grill. Be sure to dress for the weather as the event is held outside and bring sides for a potluck. There was still water running across the field used for metal detecting so if it hasn't dried out we won't be able to have the metal detecting contest. Braxton will hide \$75 worth of coins and will need a check.

Our annual work day is Saturday May 5th @10am. Everyone will work a few hours and then have a potluck. Please bring sides. Ron will pick up a case of oil.

The key padlock will be on the gate until June 15th; at that time it will be replaced with the combination lock. The combination will be changed; contact a club officer for the combination.

- The lock is important and necessary to minimize our liability. If you open the lock, be sure to spin the dial so that the combination is not known to non-club members. Be sure to lock the lock behind you.

The 15th is the Friday before the first outing, we usually begin set up on Thursday. Braxton will contact Lynn for permission to access the hill 1 day early to set up.

The spare tire for the cargo trailer disappeared some time last summer. We will need to replace the tire, but need to know the bolt pattern first. Tabled.

Raffle held and Hamilton was the big winner of the day! Hamilton won a tin of peanuts donated by Charlie N, a Top O Deep Bag donated by the club and vials donated by Bob L. Braxton won a knife donated by Charlie K, a crystal centerpiece donated by Theresa, and Sandy won a set of vials also donated by Bob L. Thank you to everyone that donated for the raffle.

Meeting adjourned.

If you have any items you wish to see included with the newsletter, be sure to email the item to nwmgpnl@gmail.com.