



**Call to order**. President Susan Lynnes-Parks called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Seventeen people were in attendance. Ann Folsom, our newest member, was introduced.

**Program**: Bill Pifer presented a video and described the therapeutic riding program offered at Kids and Horses in Minden, NV<sup>1</sup>. The program is offered free for special needs children. Joan O'Lear further explained her personal experience as a volunteer with the program.

## **Business Meeting.**

**General Meeting Notes**. Ellen Magnani's motion to approve the January 8, 2015, meeting notes as distributed was seconded and approved

**Finance Officer Report**. Susan explained the \$1900 shortfall for sending 6 young women to Tech Trek in Summer 2015. She indicated members will receive an email today giving 30 days notice of a vote to increase branch dues by \$6 (from \$25 to \$31) at the March 12, 2015 meeting to be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club.

**Communications Officer Report**. Patricia will publish the March newsletter on February 20. The member database and directory are updated with three new members.

**Snowfest**. Members were reminded of the February 26, 2015 Snowfest fundraiser at Garwoods and asked to purchase tickets.

**Interest Groups**. Various events were announced. Gisela Steiner explained the PlayReading Group will disband if participation does not increase in the next three months. A new social financial club will meet at Susan's home.

**Branch leadership and governance alternatives.** The branch will explore alternative structures at the March 12, 2015, general meeting.

Approved: nhc 3/12/2015

Raffle. The raffle generated \$55.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Patricia Watters
Acting Recording Secretary

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