

## General Membership Minutes 01/10/25

By Bruce Davies

**Board members present:**

President, Jason Upchurch

Past President, NP

Vice President, Steve Prather

Secretary, Bruce Davies

Treasurer, Linda Harley (NP)

Sargent at Arms, Carrie Morkert

Havasu Rocks Director,

Havasu Rocks Assistant Director, Rose Mann

Lapidary Shop Director, Steve Prather

Three Year Director, Helen Reyes (NP)

Two Year Director, Terry Foster

One Year Director, Elley Ringo

Call to order 7:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carrie Morkert, Sargent at Arms.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, published in Rocky Tales was voted in unanimously after motion by Casey Goldberg and a second by Jack Norton and passed unanimously. Barbra Wiggins was thanked for all of work she performed producing the Rocky Tales News Letter.

The Treasurer Report: In the absence of Linda Harley, Michele Trumbull, the interim Club Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. It was also reported that the Club awarded a scholarship of \$2000 for the continuance of a previous scholarship award winner at the University of Kentucky. The Scholarship fund still stands at over \$6000. The Club Members were encouraged to look for potential scholarship recipients.

Jason also thanked the Club Members for their support with the Gem and Mineral Show.

The formal Treasurer's report is not published but is available for perusal by club members. Contact Michele Trumbull if needed. A motion was made by Carrie Morkert and a second by Jack Norton and passed unanimously.

Club Retail Store Terry Foster, Store Director, Terry announced that the December sales doubled the sales of November. She said that there is always new inventory being added to the store. The Museum is still in need of volunteers especially on Saturdays. She also thanked all of the volunteers for all of their hard work.

Lapidary Shop Report given by Steve Prather: Steve announced that the Shop is working awesome. The Roughing machine is the only machine that is out of order. Steve also pointed out that the shop has had an increase of Out-of-Town Visitors. He also encouraged the members to find Kids to join the club.

Membership: Rose reported that there were 7 new members added last month and six new members were in attendance. The new member and visitors in attendance were given a rock

*from Sargent at Arms, Carrie Morkert. The Club currently has 340 members up from last month's total of 326 members.*

*Field Trips: A field trip has been planned for January 11th to go to a jasper and agate site near Parker on the California side of the river. Meeting at Bashas at 8:30am.*

*Elley is planning a Nevada Turquoise Mine Excursion around April 18-26. Other locations for Rock Hounding, while in Nevada, will be visited. Camping sites and Hotels are available in the Tonopah Area.*

*Several people have expressed an interest in such a field trip. Several other Rock Clubs have been invited to join the field trip. More information will be coming.*

*New / Old Business:*

*The club had a special visitor, Jodi Brewster, the Arizona / Nevada Club director from the Rocky Mountain Federation. Jodi addressed the club about the resources and programs available within the Rocky Mountain Federation. She encouraged all to get involved in protecting open land for Rockhounding.*

*The swearing in of the new Club Officers was performed by Bruce Davies (the outgoing Club Secretary).*

*The New Officer list that was sworn in is as follows:*

*Store Director: Terry Foster*

*President: Steve Prather*

*Vice President: Elley Ringo*

*Treasurer: Michele Trumbull*

*Shop Coord: Jason Upchurch*

*Following the swearing in, Jason thanked all of the club members for supporting him the last two years.*

*Upcoming Events:*

*January 15-19 Pow Wow in Quartzite.*

*February 1-2 Winter Fest.*

*April 4-6 Renaissance Faire*

*Following the break: The 50/50 tickets were won by Terry Foster (\$35) and Pepper Morales (\$45 Donated back to the Scholarship Fund).*

*Everybody in attendance had the opportunity to pick a rock from the table.*

*The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.*