

# Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society

## General Membership Meeting

February 14, 2025

### Officers Present

President Steve Prather

Vice President & One Year Director Elley Ringo

Secretary Sandra Willis

Treasurer Michele Trumbull

Sgt at Arms Carrie Morkert

Three Year Director Linda Harley

Director Havasu Rocks & Two Year Director Terry Foster

Asst Director Havasu Rocks Leslie Rosario

The meeting was **called to order** at 7pm, by President Steve Prather.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Sgt of Arms Carrie Morkert.

### Old Business

**Conduct** at meetings was reviewed by Vice President Elley Ringo. Respect others and be kind. Use good conduct to represent this club.

The **Minutes** from the previous meeting, found in "Rocky Tales" were approved unanimously after first motion by Jane Highland, and second by Patrick Bell.

Elley reported on a **Field Trip**, to the Red Cloud mine in Yuma, either February 23, or March 2. It will cost \$35 per person and a 4WD vehicle is essential. The second is a trip finding crystal points on Date Ridge Rd. in Wickenburg. This is on State Trust Land and a permit will be needed by all. Elley will send information for obtaining it. It does not require 4WD vehicles.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Treasurer Michele Trumbull, and approved unanimously after first motion by Carrie, and second by Terry Foster.

Terry Foster gave a presentation of **Havasu Rocks** (attached). The museum store is doing well. The museum is asking for \$377.50 per month from Havasu Rocks, which is a third of the cost of running the museum. A written agreement will be coming. This could create a problem because the store doesn't always earn enough to pay for the Lapidary shop, which is the main reason for its existence. Often the Society has to give money to Havasu Rocks and Lapidary to make the rent and pay for equipment and supplies. Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a 501c7, social club, and Havasu Rocks and Lapidary is a 501c3, non-profit organization. They are separate entities. Terry said that she needs 2 volunteers per day, 11am to 3pm, Tuesday through Saturday. If she can't have 2 each day, the museum will charge more to pay for one of their employees to work.

Steve reported on the Lapidary Shop, in Jason Upchurch's absence. The shop is running fine. Steve purchased a grinder wheel at Quartzsite for the shop. Wheels and blades are needing replacement soon. Michele has been in the Lapidary shop working in the retail area. It seems to be doing well but could not pay for the rent and upkeep of the shop. Michele also needs to have volunteers in that shop.

**Sgt at Arms**, Carrie Morkert, has been planning a chili cook-off, scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. She asks for anyone interested to sign up during the break. There will be a \$50 prize for the winner. It will be held in the lapidary shop. More information will be sent out. Also, the annual picnic will be held on March 29, at Rotary Park. Details will be at the next meeting.

Rose Mann, **Membership** Chairman, reported that there were 19 new members giving a total of 249 members. Terry Jolin, new member, was given a polished rock by Carrie.

Sandie reported that a previous member, Bess Terrell, passed away on January 12. A sympathy card was sent to the family. A card will be sent to Tarra Houde, who has been ill. Sandie asked that she be notified of any members, past or present, that would benefit from a message from the club.

A short break was taken. Thank you to all who brought goodies.

The **50/50** drawing was won by Richard Plunkett and Bruce Davies.

The **cabochon contest** was won by Paul Black

### **New Business**

Steve thanked Joyce McCluskey for the “Rocky Tales” that she has started doing. Joyce was not present.

Steve and Michele discussed CPR/AED classes for the members. It would be another way to insure safety in the shop or on field trips. Maggie Aldridge, through the Red Cross could accommodate 4 to 24 people for \$65. More information will be coming.

A rock tumbling contest is coming up. There will be more information from Karen Sawyer. Each person is given a set of rocks and two months later they are judged.

Steve said that there is a calendar at the lapidary shop which is up to date. Also check the website for information.

Meeting minutes, standing rules and by-laws are also posted.

Michele asked if there is anyone in the club that can write grants. There are some grants out there, but they need to be applied for.

Patrick Bell spoke about some Lake Havasu sand crystals. They have dated to 5 to 6 million years ago. He also said he could make a mineral tack in colors for attaching specimens to surfaces for display.

The next membership meeting will be March 14, in this location.

Having no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Willis

Secretary