

Survival in the desert is about smart energy use, water conservation, and signaling for help. If you stay calm and follow these steps, your chances of rescue and survival increase significantly.

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
General Membership Meeting
March 14, 2025

Officers present

President, Steve Prather

Secretary, Sandra Willis

Treasurer, Michele Trumbull

Sargent at Arms, Carrie Morkert

Two Year Director, Christine Evans

Assistant Director Havasu Rocks, Leslie Rosario

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

The flag salute was led by Carrie Morkert, Sargent at Arms.

Board/Directors' Reports/Old Business

The minutes of the previous meeting, found in Rocky Tales, was approved unanimously after first move by Jack Norton and second by Courtney Payton.

Steve shared Terri Foster's resignation from her positions as Havasu Rocks Director and Two Year Director. He thanks Terri for an extraordinary job in the museum store. She will continue to volunteer at the museum store, but felt she needed to pass the directorship on to another. Steve announced that the position is open, and he hopes that someone will come up to take it. Her position as Two Year Director has been filled by Christine Evans, who was sworn in at the board meeting on Tuesday. He introduced Christine to the membership. Welcome, Christine!

The chili cook off was successful and he hopes the group can continue having get-togethers like it in the future. A barbeque picnic is planned for later this month. More on that later.

Steve, along with Jane Highness, Michele Trumbull and Tom Lucas, gave tours and demonstrations to 70+ 4th grade students and their teachers from Smoketree Elementary School, this morning.

The Treasurer's report was given by Michele. Reports are available to anyone wishing to see them. Requests can be made to the treasurer.

Leslie Rosario, Assistant Director of Havasu Rocks' museum store, states they have had a fairly good month, although the overall sales are less than previously. She is asking for volunteers from the membership. Even an hour or two would be welcome. The store hours are 11 to 3, Tuesday through Saturday.

The Lapidary Shop & store are having good attendance, but it isn't enough to carry the shop for the summer. Steve and Tom Lucas picked up a donated 18 inch saw to replace the 14 inch saw that needs repair and a new blade. The board agreed to the purchase of a 10 inch tile water saw that could be used for rough sawing, rather than using the smaller trim saws. Michele said "thank you" to the people who volunteer in the lapidary shop. She has a new cell phone that is in the name of the Society, rather than Linda Harley's name. It has Wi-Fi and can be used to answer voicemails and do internet and texting.

Carrie, Sargent at Arms, reminds members to raise their hands to speak and to avoid conversations that are not part of the meeting.

Membership Chairperson, Rose Mann, announced that there are 12 new members, making a total of 272 members. She asks that we check the emails to see if ours is correct, as some people have not been receiving their emails. New members and guests, Neil, Pepper, Evan, Bob, Wendy and Bill, received polished rocks from Carrie.

There was a 15 minute recess.

Michele presented a short video about Chalcedony.

Karen Sawyer was introduced as the new Website Manager. She showed a short presentation on the web page she is working on. Thank you, Karen!

The 50/50 raffles were won by Doug Frisch and Bruce Davies.

The cabochon contest was won by Jane Highness.

New Business

The current status of the club's presence in the museum store is still to be determined. The museum board will decide what they expect monetarily, and the club board will meet to vote on it. The museum store sales, or some form of income, is necessary to keep the Lapidary Shop open.

Field Trips were discussed. There is a turquoise trip planned that has been on the website. Also, Steve announced a trip next Monday, the 17th, to the jasper site. Those interested should meet at Bashas parking lot at 8:30 am.

Steve is thinking about a possible move for the membership meetings, because the church sometimes does not have enough chairs for our meetings. He said he is looking at the yacht club.

Gem Show update: the Aquatic Center is secured for November 8 and 9. It is more expensive than previous years.

Renaissance Fair: we have not received an invitation as in previous years, so will probably not be part of it this year. If anyone wishes to be part of it, go to their website, as there may still be slots open.

Carrie reminded us of the annual Barbecue on March 29, at 2pm, at Rotunda A at Rotary Park. The club will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs, condiments and utensils, pop and water. We are asked to bring sides and desserts. Also, alcohol is allowed at this site, but we must bring our own.

The rock table drawings were made, and everyone chose a rock to take home.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Willis, Secretary

LHGMS Member's Featured Rock Finds

Bill Pfeiffer shared some of his latest finds –great pieces of Selenite from the Selenite rockhounding trip out by Topock.

