

## LHGMS General Meeting Minutes 03 September 2025

Board Members present: Steve Prather-President; Elley Ringo-Vice President; Michele Trumbull – Treasurer; Linda Harley-Director; Carrie Morkert - Sergeant at Arms, Leslie Rosiaro – Assistant Director of Havasu Rocks

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Steve Prather-President. This is our very first meeting at the new location – The Havasu Yacht Club. Huge thanks to our new hosts.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carrie Morkert-Sgt at Arms.  
**MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 09, 2025 meeting were posted in the Rocky Tales and emailed to membership. Motion by Bambi to approve the Minutes as posted in the Rocky Tales and emailed to members. Motion seconded by Jane. Motion passed.  
**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Harley. Society: \$32,478.03 Havasu Rocks: \$26,791.78, Total: \$59,269.81, Scholarship Fund: Over \$6,000

### Committees and Reports:

**Membership:** It was reported that we have a total of 328 members, which is up an incredible nearly 40 new members from our total of 290 in May. This amount of growth over the summer months is unmatched in our club's memory. Great job getting the word out and sharing the love of geology everyone!!!

Many new members were in attendance, including but not limited to Dave the jade guy, John from Montana, Keith who's on the lookout for a nice, wealthy widow to supplement his rock habit, Patti who was a member years ago and is back for more, Foxx from Colorado, Sonia who used to edit our newsletter in the 90's – welcome back! Cindy and Gary from California are excited to expand their rock knowledge, and Debbie and Kenny are from the rock painting club in town that shares our name Havasu Rocks, and are excited to find out what our version of Havasu Rocks has to offer!

**Memorial Notice:** Steve Prather brought to the club's attention the tragic loss of our collective Grandpa, Don Winninger on August 13th. Grandpa Don was an honorary lifetime member of the club and will be sorely missed. No services have been decided upon as of yet, but details will be distributed to everyone as they come.

**Summer Report:** A question was brought up by a member about how things at Havasu Rocks were doing since the split with the museum and consolidation in one location. Steve Prather was proud to report that Havasu Rocks continues to thrive and grow. The split from the museum was a beneficial move for us and things have really taken off in a great direction. Volunteers have stepped up to the plate (more are always welcome and

needed!) and the shop is doing very well. This summer season has exceeded our sales and participation expectations. Good job everyone!

Field Trips: It's still very warm, but we are working on it! Steve reported that he and John are taking regular scouting trips for a new spot for the club. They want to have a claim with the club if we find a really cool material. They brought some purple agate material to show off. Where they found it is potentially a future field trip spot or claim. If something with reasonable accessibility can be found, we will do our best to get a field trip put together, but if anyone feels confident suggesting a location or even leading a trip, please reach out! We'd love to remind everyone that field trips are not exclusively planned by the board. ANY member can suggest or lead a field trip and the club would be very grateful!

Bylaws: Elly Ringo reported on her progress updating the bylaws. She's put a lot of work into making clarifications, updates, and revisions that should make them easier to read and understand. The updated bylaws and rules will be shared and voted on after the revisions are finished.

Elections: Elections are up! As of now, the new board members up for election are Kelsey Friedrichsen for Secretary, and John Jackson for Lapidary Shop Director. Any additional nominations for board members are welcome to be heard at a meeting, or emailed to the club.

6:30 - 15 Minute Break

Gem Show: Steve Prather and Elley Ringo reported this year's gem show is shaping up to be the biggest yet! Our annual gem and mineral show will be held on Nov 8th and 9th this year and vendor spots are sold out. We desperately need members to commit to volunteering to ensure this show runs smoothly. Sign-up sheets will be at the next club meeting, but please email the club if you are interested in helping! We need everything from greeters, security, and manual labor to bake sale volunteers and baked goods as donations! We will find a place for you to volunteer no matter what your talents are. Steve would also like to see T-shirts available by the gem show. We are in the process of making this happen. They will have a design with the new logo

Other Shows: Winterfest will be Jan 31st – Feb 1st 2026, and the dates for the PowWow in Quartzsite have yet to be announced but we will need volunteers for both. More details to come as those events get closer.

Cab Cutting Contest Winner was Tom RHBC with a piece of Royston turquoise he mined himself on the Nevada trip earlier this year.

Raffle: Joyce won \$14 and Charlotte won \$15  
Toni Ruff and Jane Highness won candles in the raffle.

Door prizes donated by the club were once again great! Thank you everyone who came and participated!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.  
Where was Josh Bagwell???

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Minutes taken by member, Kelsey Friedrichsen – Please vote for me for Secretary! I'll do a good job I promise!

### CLUB INFORMATION

The Purpose of this Society shall be to:

1. Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. Foster good fellowship among the members.
3. Host an annual Gem and Mineral Show for the community.
4. Foster awareness of the earth sciences by:
  - Increasing knowledge pertaining to minerals, gems, and rocks.
  - Disseminating knowledge of collecting and classification of minerals, fossils, and rocks through collection and classification.
  - Improving the practical knowledge of cutting, grinding, and polishing materials to use in the design and creation of jewelry and other useful objects.
  - Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.
  - Procure and improve the Society's property.

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Events	Courtney Payton
Field Trips	Elley Ringo
Finance	Michele Trumbull

Gem Show	Steve Prather, chair Sandy Willis, co-chair Elley Ringo, vendors
Hospitality	Sandy Guelff
Havasu Rocks	Michele Trumbull
Lapidary Shop	Steve Prather
Membership	Rose Mann
<i>If you are interested in being on one of the above committees, or chairing a committee, please contact the President Steve Prather.</i>	

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets **the first Wednesday of each month from Sept. through May at the Yacht Club facility at 631 London Bridge Road in Lake Havasu City.** Fiscal Year: February 1 – January 31.

Name badges are required for all members. One time or replacement badge cost is \$15.00

**Annual membership dues are payable on:**

Due January 1 for all members who joined before July, 2024. (due Jan. 1 and delinquent after February meeting)

Due month of membership for all members who joined after July 2024. (due the first day of the month of join month and delinquent after the next month's meeting)

Single membership cost is \$20.00 and Junior membership cost is \$10.00

**Payment should be remitted to:**

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society ATTN: Membership

PO Box 990

Lake Havasu City AZ 86405

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