

LHGMS General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2026 / 6:00 PM /Yacht Club-631 London Bridge Rd.

Officers Present

Elley Ringo-President

Josh Bagwell-Vice President/Sgt. At Arms

Tara Houde-Society Secretary

Michele Trumbull-Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Elley Ringo at 6:00 PM

Notes

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes are available at Havasu Rocks, and they're also sent out in the Rocky Tales email.

Minutes from the previous meeting are approved.

The Society President and Havasu Rocks Director, Steve Prather, resigned from his positions effective March 30th, 2026.

The Board of Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral Lapidary Group accepted the resignation of Steve Prather.

Elley Ringo is now the President for Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group.

Josh Bagwell is now the Vice President for Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group.

Kelsey Friedrichsen is now the interim Havasu Rocks Director for Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group.

Elley Ringo-President's Report:

Elley Ringo read Steve Prather's resignation letter to the Membership.

Michele Trumbull-Treasurer's Report: The Society and Havasu Rocks are both in good financial standings. Treasurer's reports are available at Havasu Rocks, all you have to do is request them.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Havasu Rock Shop/Lapidary Shop Report:

Havasu Rocks store is doing well.

The lapidary shop is doing well.

Josh Bagwell has been busy doing maintenance on the lapidary equipment.

Talked about purchasing equipment for the Lapidary Shop, such as a 10" saw.

Volunteers are desperately needed at

Havasu Rocks and in the Lapidary Shop.

Membership Update-Rose Mann: We now have 300 Members! 6 new members last month.

TURQUOISE FIELD TRIP: Bob Giese is leading a field trip to Tonopah, NV to dig for Turquoise at the Otteson's mines on April 24th and 25th. An email will be sent out to the membership with all of the details.

Watched an educational video on Sodalite.

Break at 6:28 PM

Lavic Siding, CA Field Trip: Fun was had by all, and they found some beautiful jasper!

Chili Cook Off: March 14th- Everyone had a great time voting for their favorite chili.

1st Place- Judy Kuhnau

2nd Place- Christine Evans

3rd Place- Tara Houde

Pizza Social/Show and Tell: March 28th- Everyone had a good time eating pizza and sharing rocks they've found.

Talked about the importance of having volunteers so we can keep our doors open this summer.

Upcoming Picnic: April 11th, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM at London Bridge Beach, Ramada #5

50/50: Bob Giese

Mystery box: Lynda Giese

Cab contest winner:

#5- Kelsey Friedrichsen

Field trip behind the airport on Sunday, April 12th. Meet at Lowe's at 7:30 AM.

NO OUTSIDE DRINKS ALLOWED!

Steve Prather, resigned as President, and is to be removed from the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Groups checking account # _____ and # _____. (Debit cards will be returned)

Elley Ringo, is the new President for the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group. She is no longer Vice President of both. (No debit card needed)

Josh Bagwell, is the new Vice President for the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society and Lake Havasu Mineral and Lapidary Group, and is to be added to the checking accounts # _____ and # _____. (Debit cards needed)

Next meeting is May 6th, 2026 at 6:00 PM, with a 5:30 PM social time at The Yacht Club