

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society Minutes

Location: Lake Havasu City Yacht Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2nd, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Opening Remarks

Officer on Deck (OOD) Fred welcomed everyone back to the club and thanked them for attending. He shared his appreciation for the club and its standing as the oldest organization in the city, wishing everyone a great time ahead.

President Elley thanked the attendees for coming out and expressed hope that everyone enjoyed an amazing summer.

Recognitions, Appreciations, & Club Business

Financial Report: Treasurer Steve P. reported the Society and Havasu Rocks year-to-date income, expenses, and cash balances.

Rocky Tails Update: A special thank you was extended to Joyce for her continued work on the "rocky tails." There are no changes to report regarding this from the months prior to the summer break.

Lifetime Membership Presentation: Rose presented Linda with a lifetime member badge, congratulating her on this milestone. Linda was recognized for her extensive contributions, including serving on the board and countless committees, and for being a foundational backbone of the club.

Shop Vendor Fees Reopening: Shelf vending fees inside the shop—which were completely shut off for the summer—will resume in September. Anyone new who wants to set up a display shelf should contact Josh or Cheyanne.

New Members: The club warmly welcomed 3 new members this evening.

Guest Speaker Suggestions: Members were asked to share suggestions for future guest speakers who could present on rock-related topics, earth sciences, or similar fields.

Field Trips & Activities

Suggestions Wanted: President Elley requested that members write down field trip suggestions for the upcoming year during the break, focusing on places they would like to visit and things they want to see.

Upcoming Field Trip: A club trip to Elley's claims is being planned for either October or November, with Steve assisting. The claims feature Banded Agate and picture Jasper.

Scheduling: Final details and a firm date will be sent out via email as soon as possible, depending on weather, schedules, and coordination with the upcoming Gem Show.

Shop & Community Events (Cheyanne's Update)

Fright Night (October 31st): Cheyanne will be hosting a "Fright Night" event from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She welcomed decorating ideas (such as tarps or strobe lights) and asked volunteers to stay after the meeting to exchange phone numbers. She will also be completing the necessary application process for the event.

Candy Donations: Members are asked to drop off sealed, unopened bags of candy at the shop on Saturdays to ensure safe treats are ready for the kids on Fright Night.

Weekend Shop Hours: Cheyanne prefers hanging out with rocks on weekends and is looking for volunteers to help open the shop on Sundays. Members interested in helping on Sundays should come forward after the meeting.

Labor Day Weekend Plans: The shop will be open this coming Friday and Monday for the holiday weekend to welcome out-of-town visitors.

Havasu Treasure Hunt: On Monday, the club plans to hide tumbled rocks or small rock bags around town alongside the club's business card. Members are encouraged to do this on their own time as well to create a fun "treasure hunt" that drives visitors to the club.

Gem Show Venue Change & Logistics

Event Dates: November 14–15

Venue Explanation: President Elley addressed questions regarding the change of venue for the upcoming Gem Show. While the club highly valued the convenience of the indoor facility at the Aquatic Center, a significant fee increase necessitated the move.

Financial Details: The city over tripled the rental fee for the facility. Last year, the club paid \$1,500 for the rental space. This year, the city requested \$4,800 for the exact same space, with additional hourly penalties for going overtime.

Vendor Sign-Ups & Pricing: The club currently has 18 vendors signed up. Pricing is set at \$75 per table with a 2-table minimum. New vendors will receive one free table under the 2-table limit promotion.

Banners & Advertising: Advertising is progressing well. A radio ad campaign is planned to run for a couple of months leading up to the show. The club is still looking into city

permissions to hang a promotional banner over the London Bridge. Flyers and promotional cards have not been printed yet, but there is still plenty of time.

Gem Show Committees & Volunteering

The club is seeking volunteers to join primary planning committees. Interested members should sign up by emailing the club's new email address (found in the Rocky Tails newsletter), as the old email address is being phased out.

Security & Front Table: Responsible for welcoming guests and collection/tallying of entry fees.

Attendance Tracking: Per State Park regulations, the club must provide the Ranger Station with an accurate visitor count. A ticket-tracking or counting table will be set up at the entrance. The club has successfully used ticket numbering systems in the past to track averages and hand out door prizes.

Club Booths: Volunteers are needed to staff the Havasu Rocks booth and the Silent Auction. Tony has generously agreed to donate rocks for the auction.

Bake Sale: This will be held in the covered pavilion located in the center of the park, situated right next to the Havasu Rocks and club booths.

Raffle Baskets: Holly has been mapping out the city into grouped sections for advertising and donation collection. Members will be assigned specific geographic lists to prevent the club from over-asking local businesses or accidentally hitting the same locations twice.

Other Show Announcements

Cabochon Contest: Members were encouraged to enter the upcoming cabochon contest.

Floor Opened for Questions: Members were invited to ask any further questions regarding the venue change, vendor costs, or show details during the meeting.

Submitted by:

Secretary: Cheyanne

Club Executive Board:

President: Elley

Vice President: Josh Bagwell

Treasurer: Steve P.