

Rockhounds West General Meeting

January 10, 2022

Joe Toce called the meeting to order at 1:26 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe thanked the out-going board and committee members for all their work.

Officers present were Joe Toce, President; Wendy McCormick, Vice-President; Joy Woodward, Treasurer; and Judy Davis, Secretary

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as emailed.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Ending balance as of December 31, 2021 was \$1954.22.

Membership: Judi Ziebart reported there were 100 members as of December 31. 46 members were in attendance at the meeting. There was one new member, Kathy Pats who was introduced.

Up Coming Events:

- January 14 Quartzsite field trip will leave from RH Johnson parking lot at 8 am. A separate email will follow.
- January 17 is the campfire/cookout at 3:30. Henry Osswald reported the fire should be ready for cooking around 4pm.
- January 21 is an optional day to visit the Quartzsite PowWow and meet fellow 'hounds. This is an optional trip, so there will be no meeting of vehicles beforehand and no donut stop. The PowWow runs Jan 19-23 at 235 Ironwood St.
- Next board meeting is Feb 7.
- Feb 18 will be a combination general meeting, luncheon and field trip. The optional field trip will be to Constellation Rd. More information will be emailed out. The general meeting/luncheon will be at Dillon's Western Trail Ranch in Morristown at 12:30pm.
- March Field trip is still be planned.
- The Deming, NM Rockhound Roundup is March 10-13. Linda Lundquist and Bob Provan volunteered to organize this social outing. It will not be an officially club-sponsored event.
- April 15 field trip is tentatively planned for gold sluicing and panning on the Stanton Hall Rd.

Old Business

- Terry Davis, Ed Woodward, and Bill McCormick will be leading the field trips. They still need assistant trip leaders and a trip safety officer.
- Linda Lundquist would like volunteers to help her with the social committee.

New Business

- Joe Toce suggested the club offer a \$5 disbursement to each current member who attends the February luncheon. Last year the club provided \$10 to each member at the luncheon to bring down the amount in the club's account in keeping with Rec Center policies. A motion was made and passed to give each member in attendance at the February 18 luncheon \$5 to help defray

the cost of their meal. Please note: 2022 membership dues must be paid prior to the luncheon to receive the disbursement.

50/50 Drawing – the club raised \$90 with \$45 going to Linda Rusch.

Door prizes were won by Bill McCormick and Linda Lundquist.

Mardy Zimmerman gave a presentation on fluorescing rocks (mainly calcite) of AZ. She showed some stunning photographs and told of an unusual new find of marble in Maricopa County that fluoresces. Marble is a metamorphic rock and as such does not normally fluoresce. She graciously brought samples and gave them out to members.

Next Meeting is February 18.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, Secretary