

Rockhounds West General Meeting

March 14, 2022

Joe Toce, president, called the meeting to order at 1:25pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Joe Toce, President; Wendy McCormick, Vice-President; Joy Woodward, Treasurer; and Judy Davis, Secretary

Minutes of February general meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance as of 02/28/2022 was \$2509.38

There are currently 91 paid members as of the meeting, with 14 new members.

There are 2 baseball caps with the Rockhounds logo left, \$15 each. Please contact Connie Rau at cmrau45@yahoo.com if you'd like one. If there's sufficient demand for more, we can put in another order.

Remember to visit our web site [Rockhounds West | Rockhounds West Club \(scwclubs.com\)](http://Rockhounds West | Rockhounds West Club (scwclubs.com)). H and Cynthia Goering have been doing a great job with this. Information about upcoming events including field trips will be posted here. Directions for field trips will not be posted. Cynthia is working on a display of rocks collected on field trips over the past several years. The lapidary club has offered us a display case.

Upcoming Events

March 18 - Field trip to the Santa Maria Wash for agate. Members will need to bring a bucket to carry their found treasures, water and food for lunch, and a chair.

March 21 – Campfire, 3:30 pm Gates Rd/Hassayampa River bed. Directions are posted in the Events section of our website.

April 4 – Board meeting, 1 pm, Men's Club Stampede Room

April 11 – General Meeting and Picnic, Beardsley ramadas 2 & 3, 3:30pm. Be sure to let Linda Lundquist holcomb9544@gmail.com know if you plan to attend. Chicken will be provided and she needs an accurate head count. Remember to bring your plates and eating utensils. A salad or dessert to share (please include serving utensil) would be nice. We will have an auction after the meal. Members are encouraged to donate items – but please, if your item doesn't sell, take it home with you.

April 15 – Field trip to Lynx Creek for gold panning and sluicing. Please bring any gold pans and screens if you have them. If you can't attend, but can let the club borrow yours, please let Joe Toce toceja@hotmail.com know. We will have a recirculating sluice box set up on site.

April 18 - Final cookout of the year at the Hassayampa River bed.

Old Business

We still need volunteers to lead field trips next year.

17 rockhounds made the trip to Deming the previous week. Several people reported there was plenty to do and they all had fun.

If you can help with the picnic set-up, please contact Linda Lundquist.

The summer breakfast tradition of meeting at Tivoli Gardens will continue. Email reminds will be sent. Also, dinners at Dillon's in place of the campfire.

The welcome back breakfast will be at Tivoli Gardens in October.

Room requests have to be made to the Rec Center in May. Our club will ask to go back to our old 9am meetings, 2nd Monday of the month in the Lecture Hall. We will keep you posted.

Doorprizes were won by Kathy Pals and Betty Macy. The 50/50 Drawing was won by Carol Cox. The club's share was \$31.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Guest speakers were Shirley Cote and Doug Duffy. They told us about the now closed AZ Mining and Mineral Museum. The rock collection is now in the hands of University of Arizona. Shirley and Doug are helping them get the collection re-assembled and labelled. Hopefully the museum will re-open in a few years. They brought some specimens for members to see and showed many pictures of the beautiful rocks that can be collected throughout AZ.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, secretary