

November 14, 2022

Joe Toce, president, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm, 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 October general meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance as of 10/31/2022 was \$3181.05

There are 3 new paid members. John and Sandy Chaney attended as guests after learning about us at the SCW Club Expo. We had 12 people sign up as interested in our club. John and Sandy were invited to join us on the field trip and cookout.

For membership information, please visit our website

<https://rockhounds.scwclubs.com/membership-information/> You can download the membership form there.

Club officers for 2023 will be elected at December's general meeting. All current officers have agreed to serve one more year. Additional nominations can be made at the meeting prior to the vote. Remember, officers can only serve 2 years – so we will be needing new faces in 2024. You can step in now.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Nov 18 is our field trip to Table Mesa. We will meet at the RH Johnson library parking lot at 7:45 to sign liability waivers and get directions. We leave promptly at 8 am. Donut stop will be in at the new Shell gas station in New River, exit 233 I-17 north. Table Mesa Rd is exit 236. We will meet as you come off the exit, then continue on Table Mesa Rd for a couple of miles. There's a parking spot near the collection site and Mike Kindle has offered to ferry people farther up the hill to the collection spot.
- After the field trip, there will be a gathering at Rock Springs Café (next exit N on I-17) for pie and coffee. This is a non-club sponsored event, so you're on your own as you leave Table M
- Campfire will be Nov 21, 4 pm at the Hassayampa river bed. Joe will go early to start the fire. We are in need of wood for the fire. Please, only non-treated wood so folks can cook their food over the fire. Remember to bring chairs, beverage, eating utensils and a jacket (it gets cold fast as the sun sets). You may bring a small snack to share – nice but not required. We mainly want to see and visit with YOU!
- Wickenburg Gem and Mineral Show will be Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.
- December Board Meeting will be Dec 5 in the Stampede Room at the Men's Clun at 1pm.
- December General Meeting will be Monday Dec 12, RH Johnson Lecture Hall.
- December 16 will be the field trip to Hewitt Canyon for marble.
- January field trip will be to Quartzsite, AZ. Feb, Mar, and Apr field trips haven't been determined yet.
- April will be the picnic and last campfire until the fall.

Old Business:

We still need volunteers to help with all club activities. Remember, this is your club. You can get involved with social activities, planning the Valentine's party, campfire, field trip scouting, April picnic and auction, 50/50 raffle, and board membership. Please contact any board member.

New Business:

Robert Provan gave an update on plans for the Valentine's Day dinner. With all the December holiday parties going on, Rockhounds does our celebration in February. We were lucky that Robert and Linda Lundquist secured dinner at Briarwood Country Club on Valentine's Day, 4pm. Dinner will be your choice of short ribs or chicken marsala. This is a full dinner with soup, salad, entrée, and dessert. There will be a cash bar. The cost will be \$20 per person for members with membership paid up by January 31, 2023. You may bring one non-member, cost hasn't been determined will be in the \$40-50 range. More information will be coming in December from Linda Lundquist and Kathy Zeman.

H Goering has been updating our website and welcomes feedback. If you have any pictures from our field trips that you'd like to share, please send them to him at cgeygoer@sbcglobal.net

If you're at RH Johnson main courtyard, look at the Rockhounds display between Lapidary and Silver clubs. Lapidary club graciously gave us a window to use. There are samples of rocks from our field trips.

Furman O'Neill was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Guest speaker was Paul Marsh, newly re-elected AZ State Mine Inspector. Paul gave a very informative talk about mining in AZ and hazards awaiting the unprepared rockhound. Be careful out there!

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, secretary