

Rockhounds West General Meeting

December 13, 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 November general meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance as of 11/30/2022 was \$223.06

Judi Ziebart reported there are 106 members with 3 new ones.

The club started accepting membership dues at this meeting. Checks will be held until January. You can download the membership form on our website and mail it along with your check to Judi. Visit our website <https://rockhounds.scwclubs.com/membership-information/> Info about upcoming events, etc, is also there. Feel free to explore the website. A big shout out to H and Cynthia for keeping it up. If you have any suggestions, please let H know.

This year's club officers were re-elected for 2023. It was noted that officers can only serve 2 years – so we will be needing new faces in 2024. You can step in now.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Dec 16 is our field trip to Hewitt Canyon for marble. 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 Bashas' in Gold Canyon. Terry will bring his generator and tools to split any big rocks we find.
- Campfire will be Dec 19, 3:30 pm at the Hassayampa river bed. Driving directions – head north on Grand Ave. Just before the Morristown Post Office (look for flag on right side of road) is the left turn for Gates Rd. Follow the pavement about 2 miles. Park on the right side of the road. Henry and Betty Osswald are back and are sure to have a great bonfire going by time the rest of us show up. Remember to bring chairs, beverage, eating utensils and a jacket (it gets cold fast as the sun sets). This is a fun, low-key time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the desert. If you haven't been before, please join us – make some new friends.
- January field trip will be to Quartzsite, AZ. February will be a drive up north for lizardstone. March and April field trips are still to be planned.
- April will be the picnic and last campfire until the fall.
- Bob gave an update on the Valentine's Dinner. Unfortunately, restaurant managers at Briarwood Country Club keep changing. Hopefully, Bob can get the latest manager to agree to the terms the 4th manager ago proposed. We should have the patio room overlooking the golf course.

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.

And a BIG thank you to all those of you who volunteer to help.

- Cynthia and H Goering – website, rockhounds display at Lapidary Club
- Mary Hagy – 50/50 drawing and door prizes
- Judi Ziebart – membership
- Bob Provan, Linda Lundquist, and Kathy Zeman – social committee
- Henry and Betty Osswald – campfires
- Mike Kindle and Terry Davis – trip scouting

New member Mark Briggs was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. See? It's worth joining the club!!

Meeting adjourned at 2pm

Guest speaker was Stan Celestian, geology instructor at Arizona State Univ. Stan talked about mineral identification and showed pictures of minute inclusions in rocks that give color, and examples of rock cleavage and fractures. He showed how to do an easy streak test to help with the identification.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, secretary