

Rockhounds West General Meeting

March 13, 2023

The general meeting was called to order by Wendy McCormick at 2:30pm at the Lecture Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Wendy McCormick, Joy Woodward and Judi Ziebart. Wendy McCormick ran the meeting in lieu of Joe Toce who was excused. Judi Ziebart, took minutes in lieu of Judy Davis who was also excused.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved and seconded.

The treasurer's report was approved and seconded. After expenses for the Valentines Day party our balance is \$2,360.54.

Membership report is 71 previous renewals and 12 new members for a total club membership for 2023 of 83 members.

Wendy stated we need things to attract new members. Harold Goering is updating the website and the display between Lapidary and Silver Club is being updated as well.

The field trip this Friday, March 17th is going to be to Eagle Eye for Barite and Fluorite. Joy and Ed Woodward will be leading the group. Wendy reminded members that is you carpool, the suggested amount to the driver is 10 cents per mile for gas. This month's trip is 70 miles one way. Joy suggested that those attending might want to bring a black light and something to put over your head to check out the stones before carrying them to your car.

The campfire is on for next week Monday, March 20th unless the weather is bad then it's on to Dillion's on Hwy 60.

April 10th is the next General Meeting which is also a picnic at Ramada 2 at Beardsley Park. Members were asked to bring a donation for the auction and also reminded that if the item isn't sold, members need to take it back home with them. A list of members interested in the picnic were asked to sign up so the planning group knew how much chicken to order. Members are also asked to bring a dish to pass and check with Linda Lundquist so there is a variety of food and not all one type of food like deserts.

The April field trip is still to be determined.

Wendy asked members to consider running for an office next year and maybe get with a current officer to see what's all involved in the position. Volunteers are also needed for the Valentine's Day party next year.

When the club resumes in the Fall, the field trip will be October 20 – 21 to Snowflake for petrified wood and agate. Since it's a 3 ½ hr. drive it was decided that two days were better than squeezing the trip into one day. More information to be announced.

The 50/50 raffle was \$35. There were two raffle drawings, and the winners got a plastic handle for their rockhounding buckets. Highly coveted.

This month's speaker is Jay Wonderly from the BLM. Jay brought two geologists with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Ziebart, Membership Chairperson/Secretary