

Rockhounds West General Meeting

November 20, 2023

The general meeting was called to order by Joe Toce at 2:30pm at the Lecture Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Current balance in checking account is approximately \$2633. The April auction raised just over \$400. Joy Woodward has volunteered to extend her term as treasurer for another year.

Judi Ziebart reported current membership of 90. Judi has also volunteered to continue as Membership Chair for another year. Hats and baseball caps with the Rockhounds logo are available for purchase.

The election of 2024 officers will be at the December general meeting. We need people for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Auditing Committee, Safety Committee, Social Committee, and Trip Leader. The Rec Center will not allow clubs to continue without a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Because the Rec Center changed our general meeting date, the monthly field trip was before the meeting. Members brought in Apache tears that were collected. Joe will be tumbling them and will return the polished nuggets at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

1. First campfire of the season, right after the general meeting.
2. Board meeting, Dec 4, 1pm at the Men's Club Stampede Room to discuss the slate of officers for 2024.
3. Silver Club has invited Rockhounds members to join them at the Christmas dinner on Dec 2 at Palm Ridge. Cost is \$40 per person.
4. Dec. 11 General meeting. Lecture Hall at 2pm, meeting starts at 2:30pm. This is the last meeting in the Lecture Hall. Rec Center is moving our club meetings to the Social Hall in 2024.
5. Dec 14 field trip to Table Mesa. Joe has found a new spot for red and yellow banded jasper. We will leave from the RH Johnson parking lot at 8am on Friday. Donut stop will be the gas station exit just before the Table Mesa exit. By popular demand, everyone is welcome to visit over coffee, pie, and lunch at the Rock Springs Café in Black Canyon City after our club sponsored trip officially ends at Table Mesa.
6. Dec 18 campfire at the Hassayampa on Gates Rd. With the shortened days, campfire will start at 3pm
7. Jan 2, board meeting 1pm Stampede Room, Men's Club. New Years Day is Monday, so the meeting is moved to Tuesday.
8. Jan 8, General Meeting at the SOCIAL HALL. Doors open at 2pm, meeting starts at 2:30pm

9. Jan 10, Newcomers Meeting at the Social Hall. We will have a table displaying some of the rocks we have collected and a sign up sheet for potential new members. We need volunteers to greet new residents and talk about our club. It's a fun experience and lasts only a few hours. Consider volunteering.
10. Jan 12, Field Trip to Quartzsite.
11. Feb field trip – Bullard Mountain for chrysocolla
12. March field trip – Burro Creek for agate
13. Mar 28, Happy Camp. This will be the first Happy Camp since COVID. We will provide activities for visiting grandchildren, etc, and need volunteers. There will be 2 sessions – 8-10am and 10-12am. We will need about 12 people willing go help and there will be pizza afterwards.
14. April field trip – Cottonwood Copper Museum and a winery for lunch.

Bob Kline won the 50-50 raffle drawing.

Meeting adjourned 3:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Davis, Secretary