

ROCKHOUNDS WEST  
MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
DECEMBER 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Cline followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership Chairman Judi Zeibart confirmed a quorum was present. Judi reports we have 82 members and 4 new members who joined today.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Joy Woodward, Treasurer, reports we have \$2,580. 31 in our checking account. Our income was \$147.00 and our expenses were \$512.46. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Robert welcomed our new members and asked them to stand up and introduce themselves

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Robert expressed our need for a Field Coordinator and a Social Committee. He asked for volunteers so we could continue with our trips and social events. He remarked the members could think about it and if willing, talk to him after the meeting.

Joe Toce, Immediate Past President, went over the possible sites for Field Trips and again stressed how important it was to have each trip previewed just before the trip. Weather conditions play a big part, and accessibility needs to be determined. He also listed the items to be brought on a trip, depending on the location and rocks to be gathered. A bucket, rock pick, small rake, squirt bottle and water to drink are the basics. Donuts on the way are also essential.

He shared what to look for on our next trip for Apache Tears and informed us of 2 apps that could be helpful, Google Maps for GPS information and Compass to mark a GPS position.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers

Robert acknowledged Joy Woodward for her great service to the club as Treasurer and Judi Zeibart for her work as Membership Chairman.

After calling for nominations from the floor and there being none, the following were elected for the year 2026:

Robert Cline, President

Connie Rau – Vice President

Ron Smith – Treasurer

Linda Rusch – Secretary

Wendy McCormick will be taking over from Judi Ziebart as Membership Chairman

**EVENT UPDATE:**

Dec 12- Field Trip – Wickenburg area- Apache Tears- Meet at 7:45am at the Library Parking Lot – Leave at 8:00 am. Directions will be given out at that time.

Dec 15: Campfire at Hassayampa Riverbed, 3pm onward. Bring chairs, utensils, drinks, a dish to share and something to cook on the fire. If conditions are not favorable, we will meet at Dillons, 37839 W Grand Ave, Morristown, AZ.

January 5, 2026 – Board of Directors Meeting – Stampede Room in the Men’s Club – 1 pm

January 12, 2026 – Membership Meeting – Lecture Hall – Doors open at 2:00 pm – meeting starts at 2:30 pm

January 16, 2026 – Field Trip to Quartzite. – Tentative date

February 11, 2026 – Newcomers Event at Palm Ridge – We will have a table- need a volunteer.

February 28, 2026 – Social Event – Dinner at Palm Ridge 4 pm – 7pm

The 50/50 raffle was won by Robert Cline

After the meeting concluded, guest speaker Stan Celestian, retired geologist, astronomer, and physics professor, gave a presentation on "The Science and Aesthetics of Mineral Oddities."

Linda Rusch, Secretary