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BOARD MEETING

5:30 P.M. September 14,
2012
Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mt. Olive Parish Center

2170 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

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PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
FOR THE 43RD ANNUAL
GEM & MINERAL SHOW
INFORMATION FOUND**

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Contact

Kathy McCauliff

928-566-7767

"Special Alert, Plea"

Jewelery

Sharlene Hellzerg is making jewelery for the show. She needs old Beads, findings and things. She is using old to make new. They are beautiful.

Ron Murphy is making belt buckles. Please contact Ron and Shar if you have "stuff" they can use. They both have been working all summer on this project.

Winter Visitors. If you have "stuff" we can use please mail it to the club.

Thank you all. Kathy McCauliff

CLUB INFORMATION

The Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society is a member of The Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS) and associated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

The purpose of the Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society is:

1. To increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
2. To foster good fellowship among the members while pursuing the Club's activities.
3. To foster knowledge of the earth sciences.
4. To provide educational scholarships in scientific fields.
5. To procure and improve club equipment.

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society meets the second Friday of each month from September through May at Mt. Olive Parish Center 2170 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ. The membership typically votes to eliminate the June, July, and August meetings.

Fiscal Year: January 1st– December 31st

Name badges are required for all members.
 One time or replacement badge cost - \$8.00
 Single membership cost - \$16.00
 Family sponsored Junior membership cost - \$8.00
 Family membership cost - \$16.00 for the first member and \$8.00 for each member thereafter with a maximum of \$25.00.

Annual Membership dues are payable on January 1 and shall be delinquent after the February meeting.

Please remit payment to:

Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society
Attn: Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405-0990

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President's Message—

Greetings fellow victims of the dreaded **Rox Pox**. I hope this message finds you well and ready for another year with our club. Our last formal meeting in May was quite successful despite the relatively small turnout. We met at the Aquatic center where we sat at round tables and focused on good fellowship and the direction the club should take in the future. See the article later in the newsletter for more details. One glaring need evident at this meeting was for a decent public address (p.a.) system. So the Board authorized the purchase of such a system and it should be ready for use at our September meeting.

The program for the September meeting will be a DVD program provided to us by the RMFMS library. I have ordered two of them for the first two meetings this fall. I have not yet received confirmation of which two we will get. I believe they will be both entertaining and educational. Barry Bandaruk has also prepared a short program of the club's trip to Burro Creek which we will have at a later date.

In addition to our normal activities, the major agenda item for future meetings will be the **revision of our by-laws and standing rules**. Under the leadership of Harry Kilb and Barry Bandaruk, a committee met several times to create a proposal for the club to evaluate. As Harry put it, this proposed revision amounts to major surgery. This will take much time and scrutiny before the process is finalized. We will be careful to follow the guidelines in our current rules. Stay tuned for future developments.

Our most important "normal" activity is **our annual show in November**. Kathy McCauliff has been busy all summer working on show preparations. We are fortunate to have someone willing to work this hard on our behalf. Now each of us needs to decide how we are going to participate. At each meeting you will have the opportunity to volunteer for one of the committees. The biggest reason for the past successes has been the active participation of the membership. In May there was a very strong, clear voice in support of the show. Now we need to make that voice heard through our participation.

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President's Message— cont.

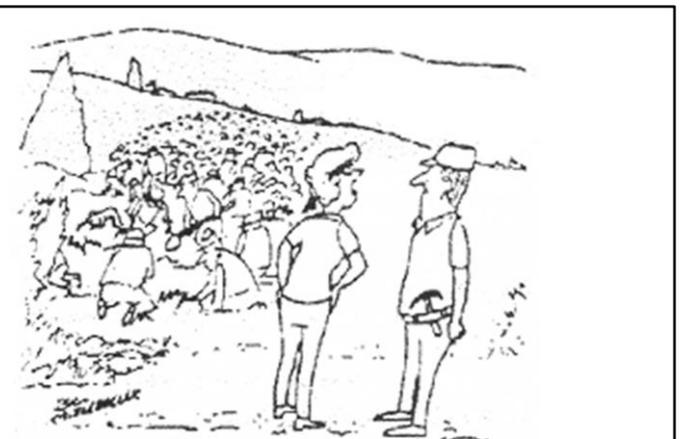
The **workshop at MCC** has been on summer vacation. Mark, Barry, and I will continue to work on the necessary steps to reopen this facility. One significant issue still to be dealt with is the college's liability concerns. Once open, members will probably be expected to pay for the use of the facility.

Show & Tell. It was suggested at the May meeting that we start doing this during our regular general meetings. Many of you have interesting specimens to show and share or rock related trips you have taken. Bring them to meetings to share with others.

Lastly remember that the national presidential election this year is not the only such **election** on our horizon. Each December the LHGMS members choose our leadership for the following year. At the very least, we will need a new president and a new treasurer as neither Liz nor I will remain in office. First I will ask for volunteers to be on our nominating committee. Then we will seek people willing to serve as one of the officers. Serving as an officer is a wonderful way to be involved and have a voice in choosing club activities. Each year this is a difficult task. I hope this year is an exception.

See you on September 14th at Mount Olive Lutheran church.

Lou



"This the nice isolated spot that no other rockhounds know about?"

via Golden Spike News 8/00

General Meeting Minutes

**Mt. Olive Parish Center
2170 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City Az. 86403
Submitted by Acting Secretary
Kit Salwav**

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
Board Meeting
Aquatic Center
May 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Lou Porter at 5:04.

Those in attendance were President Lou Porter, Vice President Kathy McCauliff, Secretary Carol Rhodaback and assisting secretary Kit Salwav, Treasurer Liz Porter, Three year director Ron Murphy, One Year Director Homer Rhodaback, Jack Fritch Sgt of Arms and past President C. Russell. Two year director Sharlene Hellberg arrived later.

The minutes of April 13, 2012 were read by Carol Rhodaback and amended to state unless we make 25,000 gross sales in revenue for federal taxes. Jack motioned for correction and C 2nd for approval.

President's remarks by Lou-He will not be writing any checks or dealing with any receipts. He strongly believes that running any organization praise should be public and criticism private while problems are handled appropriately. And third, meetings need to have an agenda to avoid unchartered waters and to keep them organized and timely.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Treasurer's report was read by Liz Porter. We have \$2400.00 in scholarship fund as she will be transferring \$1000.00 into the account. She used the corporate credit card to pay a bill for \$10. Report attached.

There was no correspondence.

Membership by Gayle—we have 192 members. No new ones at this time.

By-Law revision committee—Barry stated they had a number of by-law drafts. Eight people had met twice for 4 hours each in the past month. No draft at this point but they are making headway. They are deciding what should be in by-laws vs. standing rules. They hope to have a draft available on the internet and the Sept meeting.

Lapidary Workshop Committee—Barry, Lou, Milt, Dusty and Mark met. They talked about guidelines and are working hard to create an acceptable set of standards to benefit the club and the school.

Scholarship Committee- Lou, Stan and Barry

Minutes cont.

scanned 20 applications. Best applications with strong candidates. They picked 2 high school students to receive \$500/ea.—at this time the names can't be told due to the high school asking for confidentiality until their award ceremony the upcoming Monday. They also awarded 1 \$500 scholarship to a returning student. Lou will be stepping down as committee head due to Presidency. Talked about next year advertising in the paper and including MCC in the loop in case of 4 year transfer. Scholarship needs to be for a science major.

Gem show report—Kathy Gave the report calling the show The Year of the Showcases. Need a showcase chair and a security chair. Kathy opted to spend \$256 for night security outside of the club members with the club doing the day security. Vendor applications are on line. We have 2 vendor registrations in now.

May program—Lou explained the program tonight. Each member when coming in will get a ticket with a rock name on it. Each one of the round tables has a rock on it corresponding to the name on the tickets. After break people will move to their tables. The idea is to split people into groups they may not know to increase fellowship. Each group will have a clipboard with questions on it and are to discuss what they want out of the club and ideas to better the club. Then the ideas will be presented to the group.

Summer meetings- Bring up for vote in the meeting to have social meetings during the summer to be at the library on 6/8, 7/13 and 8/10. No board meetings during the summer.

Other misc. items—Mark and Kathy had a private meeting with Lou to work out their conflict occurring at the last meeting. Kathy explained her side and has apologized to Mark and Mark has accepted the apology—both felt all is good. Homer moved to adjourn the meeting and Liz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:43

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Salwav Acting Secretary

From the Editor: My sincere apologies to C and Nan Russell, due to lack of space, I will publish your nice article in the October issue of the "Rocky Tales". Thank you for all your hard work and contributions to LHGMS!

ALERT ALERT ALERT!!!

Crown Jewelers donated a \$700.00 gift card for our Feature drawing prize. Several other nice prizes will be available and I will announce them next month.

This is a special plea to members not in town for the show and members not able to donate time for the show. You can make a contribution by sending in a donation or purchase raffle tickets.

The money from the raffle helps to support the members lapidary scholarships, the workshop at the college, the Christmas party, community education, scholarships and more.

Please help make those projects bigger and better this year.

Please send your contribution to:

**Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society
Attn. raffle or donation
P.O. Box 990
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405**

A three member team will fill your tickets out and secure them in the drawing.

**Tickets sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for
\$5.00.**

**2012 Rock and Gem Show
DELVERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Downey, California**

**Show Date Changed to September
15 - 16, 2012**



*Chip Brown
Stephanie Holmes
Nancy Metcalf
Kathy Sporre
Robert Wysocky
Pet Olson
Roger Armitage
Annette Maroney*



*Larry & Sally Buckholz
Ken & Barbara Carpenter
Harry Kilb
Randy & Joan Perin
Evelyn Thomas
Bruce & Kimberly Wilhelm*

STATE OF THE SHOW REPORT

43rd annual Gem and Mineral Show is in the preparation stages. We are excited to welcome back our returning vendors and look forward to meeting and seeing what our new vendors have to offer. Each year the show gets bigger and better than the last and we expect to continue this trend.

General Set up: Thursday, Nov. 8th - Time: TBA

Trailers are brought in, tables and show cases set up. General show preparation, kitchen set up and club booth set up.

Friday, Nov. 9th - Doors open for members at 7am. Dealers begin set up at 9am. Show case completed. Second annual pot luck for the dealers, time TBA. Club meeting starts at 7pm. Night security begins at 7pm.

Saturday, Nov. 10th – Doors open at 7am for dealers, members. Show begins at 9am to 5pm. Night security begin at 5pm.

Sunday, Nov. 11th- Doors open at 7am for dealers, members. Show begins at 9am to 4pm. Raffle drawing at 3:30pm. Tear down, pack up at close of show.

Producing this show takes a lot of time and energy. Last year there was a wonderful turn out of members helping with the production. This year there are more first time show organizers than in the past. We are looking forward to your new ideas and your energy to keep this show evolving.

Kathy McCauliff
Show Producer
928 566-7767

ROCK PAINTING

Thank you goes to **Jenny Anderson, Lee Mulligan and Linda Groman** for painting cute, pretty and whimsical designs on rocks for our spin and win wheel at our show. They will be on display at the meeting.

We have been invited to use a room with The Art Guild at The Senior Center Thursday mornings 8am to 11am. Stop at the front desk and ask for The Art Guild room. They ask a fee of \$1.00.

You don't have to be artistic to help with this project. I have stencils for those of us that can't draw. Rocks, paint and supplies will be there.

Plea Alert

Please come and help out. The only requirement is to have fun and paint rocks. We need a lot of rocks for The Family Fun Room.

Kathy McCauliff
Show Producer
928-566-7767

Wanted and Needed!
Heart Shaped Rocks.

SHOW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show Security: Mohave Security will be on duty for the night security. We will need staffers to walk the floor during the show to interact and assist dealers and our guests. Staffers will keep a watchful "eye" over the show and report any potential problems. You will have handouts to meet and greet people.

Professional Security is being hired to relieve the club and individual members of liability. If an incident of theft should occur and a member is designated security, the individual member or the club would have no recourse.



Please send exchange bulletins to

The address below

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