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**BOARD MEETING**  
Mt. Olive Parish Center  
5:00 P.M. Sept. 13, 2013  
Havasupai Blvd.

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

**Friday, September 13, 2013**

**Mt. Olive Parish Center**

**2170 Havasupai Blvd.**

**Lake Havasu City, AZ**

Meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m.

Visiting @ 6:30 p.m.

### **Early Edition** **September 2013** **Rocky Tales**

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#### **From Liz Porter Show Chairman:**

### **"Showcase Planning time is here"**

Our showcases are the highlight of our gem show. Visitors are always amazed at the wonders of nature and at the talents in Lake Havasu. A showcase theme could be anything related to rocks and gems from jewelry, to rough rock, collections of a specific type of rock or from a specific area or anything else that strikes your fancy. Have fun with it. Showcase dimensions are about 46" W, 23' H, and 23" D. We will have handouts about showcases at our upcoming meetings. Showcases are a great and easy way to share what you like and what you enjoy.

# 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 this Society shall be to;

- A. Increase our appreciation of the beauty and value of the land in which we live.
- B. Foster good fellowship among its members.
- C. Host an annual Gem and Mineral Show for the community
- D. Foster awareness of the earth sciences by:
  - 1. Increasing knowledge pertaining to minerals, gems, and rocks.
  - 2. Disseminating knowledge of collecting and classification of minerals, fossils and rock through collection and classification.
  - 3. Improving the practical knowledge of cutting, grinding and polishing materials to use in the design and creation of jewelry and other useful objects.
- E. Provide educational scholarships in the scientific fields.
- F. Procure and improve the Society's property.

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: February 1 – January 31.

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—

As our Society begins a new season of activities, I look forward to the return of our members. The Society held a meeting in July. We had some discussions regarding the Gem Show, field trips, the lapidary shop and the swap meet. We have set the groundwork for a new year. At the same time, there is plenty of flexibility in the agenda for new and creative ideas.

The Gem show is moving along as the vendors have been sending in their registrations. The board agreed to advertise, the show, in several ways. We will again be on McCulloch during the October Fright Night, passing out candy and advertisements. We will use the marquise, at Wal-Mart, to highlight the show. Also, we will maintain a booth at the swap meet during the month of October to promote our club and the Gem Show. There is plenty of participation waiting for members! Please contact Liz Porter and Kathy McCauliff for volunteering.

Also, we do have guest speakers set for September and October General Membership meeting. At the November meeting, we will focus solely on the Gem Show. In December, the meeting will concentrate on next year's Executive Board Election.

With regards to the lapidary shop, we will hold our first class starting Wednesday, September 25. We need twelve members to sign up. Please have checks payable to LHGMS for \$40 at the General Membership meeting scheduled for September 13. If there are enough members we can have a second class on Thursday nights. Again, times are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Society is looking for a new person to lead the field trip committee. Howard Wicks, who has been our main man, is stepping down to spend some time around the house. His guidance will be missed. Basically, there is an organizational meeting, every two months, to plan some locations to visit.

## President's Message, cont.

Barry Bandaruk

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Sheila and I have spent some extensive time wander'n the locations around Flagstaff this summer. On one of my outings, I wandered into an area looking for some collectable rocks and was awarded with a find of Petroglyphs, that I have been assured are not documented. I met with a man, Brad, a member of the Coconino Gem Club and he showed me some petrified wood collection sites, (along with an alien circular fire pit). These locations I want to share with the membership. More details will be given at our General Membership meeting.

On another positive note, Sheila and I are proud to announce the birth of our second grandchild, MacKenna Brynn Bandaruk. She joined the world, July 17.

Please send me your emails for ideas and thoughts for new activities that might improve our society at [baresden@gmail.com](mailto:baresden@gmail.com).

Finally I have a last thought, paraphrased from Plato: "I do not know how I may seem to others, but to myself I am only a small child wandering upon the vast 'deserts', every now and then finding a small bright pebble to be contented with."

## Presidents Message, cont.

Looking forward to the next season!

Barry Bandaruk

### Proposed Amendment (still pending)

Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws states:

"Special Executive Board Meetings: The president or two members of the Executive Board may call a special Executive Board Meeting."

#### The Amendment will read:

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A. A meeting may be designated as a "Special Meeting," where business of the Society will be facilitated and minutes will be published and/or read.

B. A meeting may be designated as an "Executive Session," wherein business of a private nature is acted upon."

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society

General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2013

Submitted by

Barbara Wiggins

President Barry Bandaruk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 25 members but no guests present. Board members in attendance were President Bandaruk, Vice President Gayle Gilpin, Secretary Barbara Wiggins, Treasurer Larry Brown, Sergeant-At-Arms Jack Fritchey, and Directors Vereen White, Sharlene Hellberg and Ron Murphy. Sergeant-At-Arms Fritchey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 2013 meeting were published in the Rocky Tales, dated May 2013. President Bandaruk asked the membership if any corrections to minutes were required. There being none, the minutes were approved as printed in the Rocky Tales.

Treasurer Brown reported the current finances of the Society. C. Russell stated in the past there was a professional audit of the Society's financial books. He made a motion to have a professional review of the Society's books. After discussion, Linda Gromov made a motion to table the motion until the September meeting. Jack Fritchey seconded the motion and it was approved by vote.

President Bandaruk discussed the Lapidary Shop at Mohave Community College (MCC), including the amounts paid by the Society and each attending member as it is different from past classes. Mark Payne stated that MCC is giving the Society special rates for these classes and their insurance absolves the Society of any liability during attendance at these classes.

President Bandaruk announced members' names and congratulated those having birthdays and anniversaries during May.

Under Old Business, President Bandaruk gave a presentation explaining his research of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 2011 11<sup>th</sup> Edition (RONR), to clarify specific topics recently discussed and to explain the reason for a proposed amendment to the LHG&MS By-Laws.

## THE GEM SHOW by Liz Porter

The gem show is off to a great start. Kathy McCauliff has lined up lots of vendors, the kitchen has already planned a delicious menu and at our spring meeting lots of people came forward to help with the details. Right now, please set aside the weekend of Nov. 7-10 for the club. We will need as many helpers as possible. I have a long list of people who have told me they will be available to help. If you are willing and able to help in any way just send me an email or give me a call if you haven't done so already. There are lots of easy jobs like greeters and door prizes which don't require a lot of movement. Other jobs like set up and tear down will require strength, but when everyone works together it isn't too bad. There will be sign-up sheets for scheduling at the Sept. and Oct. meeting. Hopefully someone will step forward and call those who aren't on the schedules to ask when and where you want to help. I am hoping to have a show organizational meeting during the last week in Sept. after the field trip, but I haven't confirmed the date with the library yet. I am really looking forward to working with everyone. It is a great way to get to know the club.

**General Meeting Minutes, cont. (May 2013)**

According to RONR, in cases of a great emergency when it is not reasonable to vote, the chair has the right and the duty to adjourn the assembly to some other time or place. RONR states a quorum of an assembly is the number that must be present in order for business to be legally transacted. LHG&MS By-Laws stipulate in Article VIII, Section 3 that 20% of members in good standing is our quorum. He explained that the quorum for the LHG&MS' 9 member Board of Directors is 5 Board members and it takes no less than 4 Board members to move business. RONR states that in meetings with no more than about a dozen members, some formalities that are necessary for large assemblies would hinder business. Thus in LHG&MS Board meetings it is not necessary for Board members to rise in order to make a motion, wait for recognition by the chair before speaking or making a motion, to second a motion, nor is there any limit to the number of speeches. In small board or committee meetings, the presiding officer may, without leaving the chair, make motions, speak in informal discussions and debates, and vote on all questions the same as any other member. These foregoing voting rights of the chair are restricted to small committee or Board meetings and do not apply to LHG&MS General Membership meetings, which are typical of large assembly meetings. Although it is a general rule that no one can vote on a question in which he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest, this does not prevent a member from voting for himself for any office or other position or from voting when other members are included with him in the motion, even though he has a personal or pecuniary interest in the result. Thus RONR concludes all the members are entitled to vote regardless of their personal interest. As explanation of the recently proposed amendment to our By-Laws, RONR defines a meeting as a single official gathering of its members in one place to transact business. And unless specifically authorized in its By-Laws, the business of an organization or board can only be validly transacted at a regular or properly called meeting. The only reference to meetings other than regular meetings in the LHG&MS By-Laws is in Article 6, Section 2: "The President or two members of the Executive Board may call a special Executive Board Meeting." In accordance with RONR, a Special meeting is a separate session of a society authorized by its By-Laws that is held at a different time from any regular meetings only to consider items of business specified in the call of the meeting. In general parliamentary usage, the term Executive Session has come to mean any meeting of a deliberative assembly or a portion of a meeting, at which the proceedings are secret. In any Society, certain matters relating to discipline must be handled in Executive Session. There is currently no reference to Executive Session in the LHG&MS By-Laws. The purpose of the following proposed By-Law change is to clarify the difference between the 2 types of meetings as follows:

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President Bandaruk stated the Society still has bottle stoppers available. Linda Gromov reported the Saturday wire wrapping classes went well. However, she recommends they should last for 4 hours instead of the present 3 hours. President Bandaruk suggested getting the wire wrapping group together to discuss how they want to proceed. Nan Russell suggested starting a beading group to get younger members involved.

President Bandaruk said meetings were held with Trent Szabo and Fred Bunge of the Mohave County Gemstoners, Kingman, AZ, and with the Kingman Field Office of the U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to discuss options for our joint Pick n' Shovel claim north of Kingman. The Gemstoners want to keep the claim and work it as it is. They would also like to have a joint field trip with us next fall. President Bandaruk suggested our Society has 3 options: (1) keep it as it is, (2) post a bond and use machinery to expose the material or (3) let the claim go.

President Bandaruk stated that Ed Huskinson is willing to give a presentation in September. Also a meteorite expert may be available in October to give a talk on that subject.

President Bandaruk said that Liz Porter and Kathy McCauliff organized the storage unit and it is now in good shape. He said that 2 storage shelving units were purchased for the Society's storage unit. He said that to buy 6 feet tables for the Gem Show would cost \$59 each and rental of same is \$7.

President Bandaruk said he would like to put display cases in locations around Lake Havasu City to educate the public about what the Society is doing. He suggested we have a table at the swap meet on the first Sunday of each month to promote the Society, but we would not invite nonmembers to join us on field trips.



**General Meeting Minutes, cont. (May 2013)**

President Bandaruk provided the approximate costs of chartering a bus and booking motel rooms to go to the Tucson Show in February 2014 as a club. He noted that the cost is too pricey so we will let this idea go

President Bandaruk said Howard Wicks plans to step down as Field Trip leader and we will need someone to step up to lead field trips.

C. Russell suggested planning a field trip to look for Arizona Petrified Wood in the fall. He also stated that a quarry owner in the Music Mountains is willing to give a tour to us in October.

The door prize drawing winners were Patricia Haefner, Mary Brown, Helen Reyes, Kathy Clark and Rick Gilpin. The 50/50 drawing winners were \$16 to Jack Fritchey and \$10 to Shirley Greel. Helen Milne won the free oil change.

The September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Mt. Olive Parish Center. There being no further business, President Bandaruk adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barbara Wiggins, Secretary

**Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2013  
Submitted by  
Barbara Wiggins**

President Barry Bandaruk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 20 members but no guests present. Board members in attendance were President Bandaruk, Vice President Gayle Gilpin, Secretary Barbara Wiggins, Treasurer Larry Brown, Sergeant-At-Arms Jack Fritchey and Past President Lou Porter.

Treasurer Brown reported the current financial activities of the Society.

President Bandaruk reported he presented the scholarships to Cassidy Rose Doyle and Alex Wilson at Lake Havasu High School during their "Evening of Excellence" Community Scholarship Program in May 2013.

Show Chair, Liz Porter, discussed the status of

**General Meeting Minutes, cont. (July, 2013)**

planning for the Gem Show in November. The flyers are printed and all members are encouraged to take some and distribute them, especially when they travel.

President Bandaruk announced several upcoming Gem Shows that might be of interest to the members. He encouraged participation by all members at the Show and Winterfest.

President Bandaruk again requested someone step up to serve as the Field Trip Chair. He suggested there can be a committee so the Chair person does not have to plan or lead all of the trips. C. Russell volunteered to serve on the Field Trip Committee. President Bandaruk mentioned the possibility of a field trip September 19 – 22 to the area of Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument. We can stay at either the US Forest Service's O'Leary Campground or Bonito Campground; both are located just outside of the Monument. We will discuss it further during the September meeting.

President Bandaruk encouraged the members to take advantage of the Lapidary Shop at Mohave Community College (MCC.)

President Bandaruk stated Steve Greel volunteered to perform the annual audit of our financial books this year.

President Bandaruk stated that the 2012 buffet for Christmas party was too expensive for the club since we had to pay \$2500 for it. The Board wants to look for another venue so we will call some restaurants to learn if we can find a better place to hold our Christmas Party.

At the end of the meeting, President Bandaruk showed slides of one of his recent trips.

The September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Mt. Olive Parish Center. There being no further business, President Bandaruk adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barbara Wiggins, Secretary

**Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!**

**Fall is right around the corner!**



Mary Brown – Petrified Wood  
Found by Side of Road on way to Bullhead



Barry Bandaruck



Barry Bandaruck



Sheila Bandaruck



*Nancy Metcalf  
Kathy Sporre  
Annette Maroney  
Robert Wysocky  
Roger Armitage  
Debbie Kramer  
Marlene Henderson*



*Ken and Barbara Carpenter  
Randy and Joanne Perin  
Bruce and Kimberly Wilhelm  
Bob and Jammie Pate*



**Liz & Lou Porter**  
August 8, 2013

Nice surprise to have Liz and Lou stop by Wiederrick's home in Salmon, Idaho on their way to Canada! Hope the smoke from all the fires didn't chase them away!  
Happy Birthday Lou!



**Please send exchange bulletins to**

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