



Smoke Signals

Next Meeting: March 12, 2015

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The Club meets on the second Thursday of every month October thru April at 7:00 pm at the Lapidary Shop, at the corner of Superstition & Ocotillo, Apache Junction, AZ

Club Dues - \$24 a year per member prorated to first of month of joining.

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President's Message

By Bill Jonas

As I write this, our Spring Rock and Gem Show is scheduled to begin this coming Saturday at Skyline High School. This will be our 49th annual show and has always been a very important event for our club. Revenue from this show has been critical in our support of local school scholarships, operating funds to cover expenses, and much more. We now have two shows to allow us to cover the increased costs associated with building and property ownership. The planning and advertising for our shows actually begins months before each event. This weekend is the culmination of lots of previous hard work by many club volunteers. So, it becomes very important for the rest of us to bring it to its final conclusion by helping in any way we can to make our show be the best that it can be. Helping with set-up on Friday starting at 4 p.m., participating in the fun atmosphere of the show itself through the weekend, and finally helping to tear-down and clean up starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday. For those of you who have not participated in these weekend events, it may appear that things are moving fast and tend to look unorganized, but the opposite is true. We need over 100 tables in place, according to our layout plan, in about 45 minutes to allow dealers to set up. In the past, some of our club members have helped some dealers move their goods into the school as well. There are a couple of them who need our help and they very much appreciate it. However, we also have to set up all our club activities and get prepared for our opening at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Some have called it controlled pandemonium, but once you understand it—it truly is fun. Many members arrive and find not much to do, but then someone needs something and there is always someone to call on. Please come and join our team as we pull off another great Rock and Gem Show.

Our club is growing in leaps and bounds. Thank you, all of you recent and new members, for choosing our club to pursue your lapidary interests.

We are trying hard to accommodate the increased growth. One of those accommodations will be to have a larger meeting place for our general meeting beginning with the one scheduled for March 12, 2015. Please watch for further information about the new meeting location. This will allow for more members to participate in our meetings and activities without being too crowded.

Thanks to all of our members and volunteers who make this club be so successful and fun to belong to.

Thanks,

Bill Jonas
President

Minutes of the February 2015 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Bill Jonas, President

- Announced that the club will be finding a new meeting place that is larger to accommodate membership
- 10 Guests acknowledged
- 7 New members acknowledged
- Spoke on trip to chrysocolla/azurite/malachite mine – hoping to arrange field trip

Brian Fermoye, Silent Auction

- Auction will end 15 minutes after meeting
- Charge cards accepted for charges over \$10

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- Purchased new storage containers for \$1200
- Explanation of why storage containers were necessary – to make room for silversmith area and to protect tables, etc. from the weather
- Thanks to all who participated in flagpole setup

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Minutes of the January general meeting were published in the January newsletters. Asked to accept these minutes as published. Ted Montague made the motion to accept, Laurie Jonas seconded. Motion was passed
- Announced that one get well card was sent out

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Gave figures for earnings and expenses for year
- Discussed amount deposited to building fund

Laurie Jonas, Membership

- Total membership at 431
- 64 new members since 12/8/14
- Membership must be renewed by the end of February or member will be dropped from the rolls

Kelly Iverson, Show Chairman

- All set for show except a few minor details
- Passed out signup sheet for help with setup and teardown
- Loading tables at shop at 1:00 on 2/20/15 – will need 6 or 8 people to help

Tom Sundling, Silent Auction

- Passed out signup sheet for help needed Sunday afternoon
- Will need 3 or 4 people to help load rock on 2/20/15

Jean Sipes, Raffle

- Jean was not at the meeting. Katy Tunnicliff is helping and is working on getting door prizes

Cheryl Sterns, Wheel

- All set, has all the help she needs

Dorrie Kapki, Admissions

- Needs help Sunday afternoon and would like a couple of floaters as well

Laurie Jonas, Membership

- All set, has all the help she needs

Nancy Suthann, Egg Cartons

- Needs some floaters to help
- Requesting people to help crush chryscolla on 2/13/15 – wear gloves and safety glasses

Lois Perkins, Ming Trees

- Needs more help – passed out signup sheet
- Needs more slabs for the Ming Trees by 2/17/15

Chuck Narveson, Security

- Needs help at all doors – passed out signup sheet

Bill Jonas, President, Signage

- Signs will be handled by Phil Gadd – setup and teardown
- Will talk with police department to make sure signs are in a legal spot

Hoolie DeClaire, Announcer

- Ready to go, just needs help with setup

Wally Frlich, Publicity

- Passed out flyers for members to hand out
- Discussed ads in the Arizona Republic – 2 zones, 6 times and 1 zone, 3 times
- Ads also in local Queen Creek paper

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- Discussed the yearly audit of the books
- Read the comments and recommendations
- Recommended that the club purchase a fire safe to protect documents, that all documents be backed up and the backup to be kept off site

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- Read the recommended changes to the By-Laws
- Next General Meeting those changes will be discussed and voted on
- Copy of Current By-Laws and a copy of the Revised By-Laws will be included in the newsletter. Copies of both will also be available at the shop for those who do not have email
- If any member has any comments or suggestions on the By-Laws, current or revised, please email them to Ruth Flynn, Secretary, by 2/25/15. Email is reflynn@cox.net

Cindy Koontz would like an Ethics and Grievance Committee to be established. Bill Jonas, President, told her it will be discussed before the next meeting and the voting on the By-Laws.

Laurie Jonas will ask Ron Ginn if a discussion page can be created for the website.

Bill Jonas, President, thanked Larry Eller for the beautiful clock he made and donated to the club.

Congratulations to Chuck Larson! Chuck won the cab contest and won a club t-shirt. Thank you to all who participated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

By-Law Revisions

By AJRGC Trustees

Every two years, our Trustees are tasked with revising our club By-Laws to meet the current needs of the club. You can find a copy of the current By-Laws on our website (<http://ajrockclub.com>) under About, Club Documents, Constitution By-Laws. The proposed changes to the by-laws are as follows:

APACHE JUNCTION ROCK and GEM CLUB, INC.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Revised February 12, 2015

Draft

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1: The name of this corporation shall be Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc., (AJR&GC).

Section 2: Its principal office shall be located at P.O. Box 712, Apache Junction, AZ, 85117. Our Club House is located at: 2151 W. Superstition Blvd., Apache Junction, AZ, 85120 (no Mail here).

Section 3: Other locations for the transaction of business, if any, shall be located at such places, as the Board of Directors deems necessary.

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Section 1: The objectives of this Club shall be to promote and further interest in archeology, paleontology, mineralogy, geology and the lapidary arts.

Section 2: This Corporation is formed as a Not-for-Profit corporation, and none of its assets shall be used for the monetary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

Section 3: All assets, properties and funds of the Corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objectives and purposes of the Corporation. Its works, purposes and objectives are purely scientific, educational, social, and recreational and are solely in the interest of the advancement of its member societies, of their members and of the public.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1: The Corporation shall have only one class of members. Those members who were previously approved as Honorary or Lifetime members will continue to be so recognized.

Section 2: Applicants for membership will fill out and sign the official application form. Family applicants under the age of 18 are free and are considered Junior Members. Junior Members are not eligible to vote and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian whenever participating in any club event.

Section 3: The signed application is to be presented to the Membership Chairperson, with the current annual dues payment. Applicants may be rejected for just cause by agreement of the Board of Directors. If rejected, the dues payment will be refunded to the applicant.

Section 4: In order for any new member to participate in certain activities it may be necessary for that member to attend 'qualification classes', and/or sign waivers for those activities.

Section 5: A member can, for just cause, may be suspended or expelled immediately from the premises (activity) by the President or by a Board of Directors member. These actions shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting or at a special meeting of Board of Directors called to address the issue. Action taken by the Board of Directors under this section may be appealed by the member, to the Board of Directors, at the next regular Board of Directors meeting.

Section 6: Each adult member shall be entitled to one vote, on each matter that is submitted to a vote of the general membership.

Section 7: Any member who desires to resign shall notify, any elected Officer of the club, either orally or in writing, who in turn shall then promptly notify the Membership Chairperson to remove the member's name from the Club's roster. No member resigning shall be entitled to a refund of dues.

Section 8: Dues for new members will be set by the Board of Directors, and shall be prorated from the first day of the month in which that new member is applying to join the club, for the remainder of that fiscal year. However, a new member applying near the end of the fiscal year may, if so desired, pay for the next year as well.

Section 9: Membership dues must be paid each year on or before January 1. Members who have not paid dues by January 1 are no longer eligible to use club facilities, attend club activities or have voting privileges until such dues are brought current from the first of the year. There will be no proration for reapplying members who were in arrears.

ARTICLE IV – Officers and Elections

Section 1: The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) trustees, elected from the membership at large.

Section 2: The term of office for all Board of Directors, (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) positions shall be one year, except that of the Trustees who shall be elected to three (3) year terms, with one Trustee being elected each year.

Section 3: Members must be in the Club for at least six (6) months before holding an elected office. This requirement can be waived by the Board of Directors for qualified candidates.

Section 4: Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee appointed in May by the President.

Section 5: The nominations of officers shall be presented at the September General Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor can be made by the members at large at the September general meeting. Any active member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing for any office. Elections shall be held during the October general meeting and new officers will assume office at the November General Meeting. The Elections of officers at the October General Meeting shall be by secret ballot, unless there is only one nominee for an office, in which case a floor vote shall take place. A majority of the votes cast for an office shall constitute an election to that position.

Section 6: A vacancy in any office, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE V – Duties of Officers

Section 1: President: The duties of this office shall be to assign the work of the Club, to preside at all meetings: to be Chairperson of the Executive Board and to appoint all Standing Committee Chairpersons and any other such committee as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Club, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Vice-president: The duties of the Vice-president shall be assign and direct the Field Trip Chairperson, to assist the President in all duties assigned and to assume all Presidential duties during the absence of the President.

Section 3: Secretary: The duties of the Secretary shall be to notify all members when board and regular meetings are to be held, keep an accurate record of all Regular Board, General Meetings and special meetings. To conduct the correspondence of the Club by means of e-mail and/or USPS: keep hard copies of all correspondence, act as Sunshine Coordinator and to provide the Newsletter Editor with a copy of the General Meeting minutes in a timely fashion. The Secretary will also create and maintain an Action Item list and have said list available at all meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 4: Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain an accurate accounting of all receipts and expenditures and other financial activities of the Club; to serve as Club bank liaison, making all deposits and paying all bills authorized by the Board of Directors or associated with approved budgets. The Treasurer shall present a report monthly to the Executive Board and at the General Meeting of budget accountability, and balances on hand. The Treasurer shall participate in an annual audit review of Club accounts and shall file applicable tax forms and reports.

The Treasurer shall maintain an investment account known as the Building Fund. Funds to the Building Fund shall be added to at an amount of no less than \$6000 per year. Additions to this sum can be made in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. Monies from the Building Fund shall NOT be removed for any reason other than: Payment of the note due, and/or an Emergency, as set forth by the Board of Directors. This Fund should be set up in such a manner that it REQUIRES the approval by the Board of Directors and the signatures of three (3) officers of the Board of Directors to remove any of these funds.

Section 5: Trustee: The duties of the Trustees shall be to conduct an annual audit of Club accounts of the Treasurer, after the January General Meeting, and present the audit findings to the membership at the February General Meeting. The Trustees shall also review and recommend updates to the Club By-Laws at a minimum of every two (2) years from the last revision date. The Trustees shall also perform such other duties as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: If any officer who is absent from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled Board of Directors or General Meetings, unless the absence is considered unavoidable by the Board of Directors, may consider that office vacant. Failure to perform the duties of the office held or assigned duties shall result in removal and replacement in accordance with Section 6 of Article IV of the club Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - Board of Directors / Executive Board

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers. Their duties are to approve all decisions necessary to conduct the business of the Club.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall consist of the Board of Directors, the immediate past President, and the Chairpersons of Standing Committee. All standing committee Chairpersons are responsible for the maintenance and condition of all Club property and assets under their control.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 1: The General Meeting shall be held once each month at the time and place as mutually agreed upon by the Board of Directors and membership, except that meetings may be suspended during the months of June, July, and August.

The Board of Directors and/or Executive Board shall meet prior to the next scheduled General Meeting and at any other time they deem necessary to conduct the business of the Club. All meetings must have a quorum participating, whether electronically or in person. Board of Directors meetings are open meetings and are open to all members, unless said meeting or special meeting is held to discuss personnel, at which time the Board of Directors will go into a closed session.

Section 2: Special Meetings of the members of the Club may be called at any time by the President, upon resolution of the Board of Directors, or upon written petition signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the members of the Club. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be stated in the notice thereof, and no other business shall be transacted except such as is specified in the notice.

Section 3: The members and officers present at any scheduled General Meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Club for the transaction of Club business. The voting powers of the members of this Club shall be equal, with each member having one vote only for all purposes.

Section 4: The order of business at all meetings will be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – Finances

Section 1: The fiscal year shall be the same as the calendar year.

Section 2: Each Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the Treasurer to submit to the Board of Directors for approval at the January Executive Board Meeting. The Final budget will be presented to the general membership for approval at the January General Meeting.

Section 3: The finances of the Club shall be derived from dues, income from the Annual Rock Shows, sale of property, gains from investments and other such means as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Membership dues (per member) shall be reviewed yearly by the Board of Directors and any necessary changes must be presented to the membership for their approval.

Section 5: The Building Fund (Investment Account) is solely for the purchase of the club building and property. See Article V, Section 4, Paragraph 2, Duties of the Treasurer, for more detail.

ARTICLE IX – Standing Committees

The following chairpersons will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. They are ex-officio members (non-voting) members of the Board of Directors and are expected to attend board meetings where they will report on the status of their committee to the Board of Directors.

Section 1: Field Trip Chairperson: Responsible for planning field trips, appointing assistant field trip leaders and guides, assuring compliance with the Field Trip Rules, and reporting to the Vice President.

Section 2: Membership Chairperson: Receives and processes new member applications and dues. Provides monthly updates of the Club roster to the Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Shop Manager, Field Trip Chairperson, and Board of Directors.

Section 3: Publicity Chairperson: Publicizes Club activities through the news media, radio, TV stations, and periodicals. Works with the Show Committee to assist in publicizing the Annual Rock Shows.

Section 4: Hospitality Chairperson: Greets all members and guests who attend meetings. Supervises the serving of refreshments at Club meetings.

Section 5: Events Chairperson: Co-ordinates with the Executive Board on any social activities the Club may engage in during the year.

Section 6: Jewelry and Arts Chairperson: Responsible for the wire wrapping, beading, and other lapidary arts classes. Maintains all equipment owned by the Club that is used in these classes.

Section 7: Silversmith Chairperson: Responsible for the silver smithing equipment and maintain all equipment owned by the Club that is used in this area.

Section 8: Shop Manager: Responsible for all equipment and to maintain this equipment in the shop. To make sure that the equipment is being used properly by Club members who have attended the orientation class and are familiar with the workings of that equipment.

Section 9: Newsletter Editor Chairperson: Writes, publishes, and distributes the monthly Club newsletter, including meeting minutes, field trip information, new members, and other subjects of Club interest.

Section 10: Show Chairperson: To work with Club members to attract vendors that are suited to the shows, to organize facilities and coordinate running of all events at those shows.

Section 11: Web Master: Updates the Club web site monthly to include all relevant Club status and events.

Section 12: Scholarship Chairperson: Each year the Club will conduct one or more Rock and Gem shows. Some of the proceeds shall be for a scholarship(s). The Board will appoint a member to contact the recipient organization and set up a procedure that will be used for selection and presentation to the person winning that scholarship.

Section 13: Parade/Float Chairperson: This person shall be responsible for working with members of the club to organize ideas for our Parade Float and obtaining permits for that float.

ARTICLE X - Authority

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order that the Club might adopt.

ARTICLE XI - Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered or amended and may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular General Meeting of the Club, except that the members shall not have the power to change the objectives of the Club so as to decrease its rights and powers under the laws of the State of Arizona, or to waive any requirements of bond or other provisions for the safety and security of the property, funds of the association or its members or to deprive any member of rights and privileges then existing, or so to amend the By-Laws as to affect a fundamental change in the policies of the Club. Notice of any amendment to be made at a Special Meeting of the members must be given at least ten (10) days before such meeting and must set forth the amendments to be considered.

Section 1: The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the members present. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing. Each voting member should have said copy of the proposed changes, prior to the meeting where they will be discussed. Notification to members may be by newsletter, email, and/or USPS or a combination thereof. The proposed changes will be read at the General Meeting following their submission, and voted on at the next General Meeting.

Section 2: All By-Laws amendments shall be determined to be in agreement with the Articles of Incorporation in the State of Arizona and within the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 3: All future approved amendments and revisions shall be incorporated and published in the Club newsletter and the new revision date added to the By-Laws heading.

Club Orientation Dates

By Nancy Suthann

The following are the current dates for our club orientation. As a reminder, if you want to go on field trips or use the lapidary shop, you must attend the first available orientation. Club orientation is held at our shop (2151 W Superstition Blvd, Apache Junction).

February

- February 28, Saturday, 10:00AM

March 2015

- March 3, Tuesday, 1:00PM
- March 12, Thursday, 10:00AM
- March 28, Saturday, 10:00AM

April 2015

- To be announced

Field Trips

By Laurie Jonas

Our field trip calendar is posted on our website. You can find it at <http://ajrockclub.com>, under Members, Field Trips. This section also lists our field trip rules and the coalition field trips.

Rock Shows

By Laurie Jonas

The following is a list of rock shows being held for the next few months. If you have a show you would like to add to this list, contact me at jonas.laurie@yahoo.com. You can find more information about these shows at <http://flaggmineralfoundation.org/home/about-the-fmf/shows/>:

- AJR&GC Spring Show, Mesa, AZ, February 21 thru 22, 2015
- The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc, 50th Annual Rockhound Roundup Gem & Mineral Show, March 12-15, 2015, SWNM State Fairgrounds, Deming, New Mexico, <http://www.thedgms.com>
- Daisy Mountain Rock and Gem Club 2nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show, March 28, 2015 @ 9:00 am – March 29, 2015 @ 4:00 pm, Diamond Canyon School, 40004 North Liberty Bell Way Anthem, AZ
- Contin-tail, Colorado's Largest Outdoor Gem & Mineral Show, August 13-16, 2015, Buena Vista, Colorado rodeo grounds, contin-tail@gmail.com

Classified Ads

Did you know that if you are a club member, you can place an ad in this newsletter for free? The ad doesn't have to be rock related, just something you want to sell or information you want to provide about an event. You can put your ad here and you can ask your Membership Chairperson to send out an email club-wide about the ad, again for free! We will not send out email or put ads in our newsletter for non-club members, however.

FOR SALE

A Diamond Laser 5000 Band Saw with new blade. \$750.00

Ron Ginn wginn3@gmail.com or 480-294-0731



band saw machine