



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club
Next Meeting: March 10, 2016

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- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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Minutes of the Feb 2016 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

General Meeting minutes for 2/11/16

Chuck Larson, President

- Meeting called to order at 6:35
- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced Board of Directors
- Welcomed new members and guests
- Announced 50/50, door prizes and silent auction
- Announced that Terry Smith is now Shop Manager and Karen Moschinger is now Class Coordinator
- Announced equipment auction to be held at next General Meeting on 3/10/16. Details on auction will be sent in an email to the general membership after the Skyline show

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- Apologized that he was unable to find a speaker for the evening - everyone at Tucson show or busy elsewhere

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Minutes accepted for previous General Meeting
- Sent out two sympathy cards and one get well card

Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

- Provided financial report

Phil & Mattie Gadd, show Co-Chairs

- Skyline show on 2/20 & 2/21 still needs volunteers and raffle items
- Friday, 2/19 for setup. Meet at Skyline at 3:00
- Reminder that the Skyline show is what keeps this club operating
- Need a couple of large cones for directing traffic

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- Trustees and Treasurer completed annual audit on 2/4/16 – read the report
- Read proposed change to club By-laws – to be voted on by general membership at the next General Meeting on 3/10/16
- Rules regarding Silent Auction at the Skyline show – members may bid as long as they are not working the Silent Auction booth at the same time. If working the booth, fix a price on the item and purchase before it's put out on the table. Several pieces of equipment will be sold at the Silent Auction, including the 24" saw

Terry Smith, Shop Manager

- Thanks to all the monitors for all their hard work – they keep the shop going

Karen Moschinger, Class Coordinator

- Put out a survey regarding classes that have been offered – received positive feedback
- Looking for a volunteer to teach an identification class
- Thanks to Dan Jarvis for his metal detecting classes – great turnout

- Looking for volunteers willing to teach evening & weekend classes for our members who still work full time
- Thanks to Mattie for her wire wrapping classes – everyone enjoyed them
- Deb Vincelletta will be doing some basic wire wrapping classes
- Cheryl Kontor's copper bracelet and Kumihimo classes were well attended
- If interested in teaching a class or have any suggestions for classes, please contact Karen

Connie Smith, Membership

- Membership stands at 299, with 8 junior members
- Read an email from a member regarding volunteer time. Connie's response made it clear that members SHOULD be volunteering – it's YOUR club
- Read an email from a member regarding the recent peridot trip – the member was delighted with the trip and thankful to Terry Smith for leading the trip and for helping to change a tire

Chuck Larson, President

- Mentioned that Greg Sather is Field Trip Coordinator. Greg monitors on Tuesday mornings – talk to Greg if you're interested in leading any field trips or have any suggestions for field trips

Ed Lindsey, Youth Chair

- Need School Events Coordinator to work with teachers at the local schools
- Planning a field trip on 2/13/16 for the youth. Trip to be near Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Meeting at 9:00 at the Burger King on Crismon and Southern

Nicole Fry, Hospitality

- Requested donations for hospitality so the club can continue to provide cookies, coffee, etc. at club meetings. Explained that the hospitality budget is very limited and everyone needs to chip in. Passed the donation bucket around.
- The club will be hosting a "Goodbye, see you again soon" potluck for our winter visitors on Sunday, 3/13/16 at 1:00 at the club. All members are encouraged to attend this strictly social event. No alcohol is allowed. A reminder email will go out in early March

Wally Frlich, Advertising

- Has been with the club and handling the advertising for the shows since 2006 – looking for a replacement
- Thanks to Susan Colby and family for their help stuffing envelopes
- All coupons, even those expired, will be accepted at the Skyline show
- Please take flyers and coupons and pass them out to everyone you meet. However, do not pass them out at the Skyline show itself
- Made a request that everyone volunteer to help with the Skyline show

Paul Stearns, Field Trip Leader

- Next field trip will be to Diamond Point

Chuck Larson, President

- Ron Ginn still looking for help with Google advertising – please contact Ron if you can offer some assistance
- Drawings held for 50/50 and door prizes

Proposed By-Laws Changes

By Tom Sundling, Trustee

Verbiage for proposed change to Club By-laws – to be voted on by the general membership at the General Meeting on 3/10/16

To be added to Article 8, Section 2:

“No money may be spent for the club by any member unless it is in the current budget or has the prior approval of the Board of Directors.”

Trustees Yearly Audit Report

By Phil Gadd, Tom Sundling, and Linn Mistrot

On February 4, 2016, an audit of the Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club books was completed by the Trustees of the club as required by the club By-laws. This audit was conducted by taking several transactions and following them from the creation documentation and ensuring that they were on the banking documentation and on the electronic documentation utilized by the Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club.

The Treasurer also led discussions on the club's bank charge system and steps that are being taken to make our system better and more economical.

All transactions audited were found to be accurate and professionally maintained. The bookkeeping system in place is following generally accepted accounting practices and it is the opinion of the auditors that the books reflect the financial activities of the club accurately.

Signed by Phil Gadd and Tom Sundling, Trustees and by Linn Mistrot, Treasurer

SB1400 Introduced

State Senator Griffin introduced Senate Bill 1440 (Mining and Mineral Museum Transfer). It is a reintroduction of SB1200 from 2015, and will transfer mineral museum responsibilities from the Arizona Historical Society to the Arizona Geological Survey. For more information, see <http://cammaz.net/2016/02/03/sb1400-introduced/>.

Cave Creek Museum

The Cave Creek Museum has on display the pre-history and history of the north desert foothills. It was opened in 1970, but actually started as a Historical Society in 1968. The Museum took form when land was donated by Frank and Hazel Wright, and the old Episcopal Church was relocated to the present museum site. For more information about the museum, see <http://cammaz.net/2016/01/20/rocks-between-two-hard-spots/>.

Compass for Your Cause Program

By Linn Mistrot

Are you considering changing banks? Are you thinking about opening a new checking account? If you are please consider BBVA Compass Bank. Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc., uses Compass Bank and we've been very happy with them.

The Club just signed up for the *Compass For Your Cause Program*. Every time any of our members (or any other supporter) opens a new BBVA Compass Bank Checking Account the Club receives a \$50 royalty. There is **no** cost or charge to you. All you have to do is give Compass Bank the Club's code when you open the account. And if you use the Visa Check card that comes with many of the accounts, the Club will get 0.25% of the purchase amount. Still no cost to you!

The Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club code number is 114303.

Compass has several checking account options available. One that is particularly attractive is the Clear Choice Free Checking account. Features include:

- Minimum opening amount of only \$25.00
- No monthly service charge
- One complimentary Visa Check Card
- Unlimited check writing

There are other benefits and other accounts. Ask your bank representative to explain them to you.

They have several locations but the one closest to the Club is on Baseline near Crismon Road. Be sure to give them **the Club's code: 114303.**

Newsletter Information

By Laurie Jonas

You can place ads in our newsletter for free. The ad does not necessarily need to be about rocks or rock-related items. It can be anything. Please send your ads to me at jonas.laurie@yahoo.com.