

Board Members Present:

- Steve Prather – President
- Elley Ringo – Vice President
- Linda Harley – Director
- Carrie Morkert – Sergeant at Arms

Attendance: 40 members and 1 guest

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Steve Prather.

Salute to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant at Arms, Carrie Morkert.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 14, 2025, meeting were posted in the *Rocky Tales Newsletter* and emailed to the membership.

Motion: Bruce Davies moved to approve the minutes as posted.

Second: Courtney Payton

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Harley presented the Treasurer's Report:

As of April 11, 2025, the club remains in good standing. The report was approved as submitted.

The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Rose Mann reported a current membership total of 285. One guest, Yogi, was welcomed.

Scholarship:

Steve Prather announced the recipients of this year's scholarships: Dakota Geary and Ava Gorden, both of Lake Havasu City.

Special Donation:

Steve Prather reported a generous donation of over 500 museum-quality specimens from member Frances Delach Jr., in honor of his father's collection.

- The collection will be preserved for educational purposes and displayed at the club.
- Select pieces will be used for raffles and limited club sales.
- The Board voted to honor Frances Delach Jr. with a lifetime membership.

Special thanks to Frances Delach Jr.

Meeting Location & Schedule Update:

Elley Ringo announced that the May meeting will be the final meeting before the summer break.

- The location and schedule for future meetings will be adjusted based on member feedback.
- Members will be notified via email regarding new meeting times and locations.

Club Facility Update:

Steve Prather shared that the gem club is now solely located at the Lake Havasu Avenue location.

- The site has undergone significant beautification.
- It will remain open throughout the summer, though hours will vary depending on volunteer availability.

Break

A 15-minute break was observed.

Announcements and Events

- Cab Cutting Contest Winner: #2, "Tall Paul"
- Tonopah Turquoise Trip: Elley Ringo reported that information is available at www.lakehavasugms.com. Members are asked to RSVP if planning to attend.
- Radio Ads: Steve Prather reported that club radio ads will be running on 95.7 River Rat Radio.
- New Events Coordinator: Courtney Payton has volunteered to serve as the club's Events Coordinator. Thank you, Courtney!
- Gem Show Update: Steve Prather and Elley Ringo announced the upcoming Gem Show will take place on November 8–9, 2025, with a new layout and new vendors.
- Meeting Culture: Elley Ringo encouraged members to snap instead of clap – a fun new tradition!

Raffle Winners

- Jack Norton – \$25
- Don Winniger – \$20

Door Prizes

At 7:56 PM, Elley Ringo introduced a new method for door prize distribution:

- Select, higher-quality specimens were numbered and awarded before the general prize drawing.
- The new system was well received and enjoyed by members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kelsey Friedrichsen, Member

Formatting by Joyce McCluskey, editor of Rocky Tales newsletter

CLUB INFORMATION

The Purpose of this Society shall be to:

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

STANDING COMMITTEES	
Events	Courtney Payton
Field Trips	Elley Ringo
Finance	Michele Trumbull