

# LHGMS General Membership Meeting

February 4th, 2026 / 6:00 PM / Yacht Club-631 London Bridge Rd.

## Officers Present

Steve Prather-President

Tara Houde-Secretary

Josh Bagwell-Sgt. At Arms

## Meeting called to order by Steve Prather at 6:00 PM

## Notes

1. Review and acceptance of previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes are available at Havasu Rocks, the Society website and in the Rocky Tales email.
1. Only 3 Board Members were present tonight due to injuries and medical procedures!
2. President's Report:
  - a. We are in need of more inventory at Havasu Rocks! Sending a couple people to Tucson shows to shop.
  - b. A vending Team is needed! It's important to put ourselves out in the community. Sales have been good at vending events.
  - c. Elley and Steve are not able to lead field trips due to injuries. Anyone in the club is welcome to lead field trips.
3. Treasurer's Report: Review and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's reports are available at Havasu Rocks.
  - a. Talked about our proposed budget.
4. Havasu Rock Shop/Lapidary Shop Report:
  - a. Havasu Rocks store is doing great!
  - b. The lapidary shop is doing well, seeing an increase in use this month.
  - c. Talked about purchasing equipment for the Lapidary Shop, such as a bead machine.
5. Josh Bagwell was sworn in as new Sgt. At Arms.
6. Membership Update-Rose Mann: We now have 294 Members! 15 new members last month.
  - a. Prices have been raised on badges from \$16 to \$20 due to rising costs and tax.
  - b. New Members and Guests: We welcomed 5 new members.
7. QIA Pow Wow: Thank you to all the volunteers! Only club info was passed out at our booth.
8. Winterfest: Thank you to all the volunteers! We had 2 booths.

- a. Last year we made \$231
- b. This year we made \$1,161

Are there any folks interested in the Annual Parker Tube Float? Member Keith Klingelsmith is the contact person. There is a signup and info sheet at Havasu Rocks.

- d. We are planning another chili cook-off and picnic. Check the website and your email for updates.
- 9. Steve McKay showed 2 educational videos.
  - a. The allure of Morganite
  - b. Mystique of Jasper
- 10. Having a club claim was brought up by a member.
  - a. Steve needs people to go out with him.
  - b. Need locations for possible club claims.
  
- c. BREAK AT 6:31pm
  
- 11. Michele Trumbull and Christine Evans are presenting the Rock Road Show to Jamaica Elementary 1st graders on February 20th.
- 12. 50/50:
  - a. First winner was Steve McKay, with \$54
  - b. Second winner was Byron, with \$27
  - c. The club received \$27
- 13. Fred, from the Yacht Club, welcomed the General Membership.
  - a. The Yacht Club appreciates us being there!
  - b. Please feel free to attend our meeting and consider joining.
- 14. **NO MORE OUTSIDE DRINK CONTAINERS ALLOWED IN THE YACHT CLUB BUILDING!!!** See through plastic water bottles are okay.
- 15. Scholarship:
  - a. 2 students were chosen this year. One is an astrophysics major, the other is going into environmental studies.
- 16. Gem Show Volunteers:
  - a. Luncheon at Mudsharks.
  - b. Those involved should have gotten an email with pertinent information.
  - c. If you can't make it, a gift certificate will be provided.
  - d. Thanks for an AWESOME show this year!
- 17. We have t-shirts and aprons available at Havasu Rocks!
- 18. Cab contest winner:
  - a. #10- Matthew Choate

**Next meeting is March 4th, 2026 at 6:00 PM, with a 5:30 PM social time at The Yacht Club**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM

Minutes taken by Society Secretary-Tara Houde