

Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club General Meeting Minutes
1-08-10 Submitted by Barbara Bayer, secretary

Following a wonderful potluck dinner, the meeting was called to order by the President at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said by the membership.

- The President thanked all you participated in the potluck dinner. He especially thanked Natalie Kirmiel who organized the dinner.
- The minutes of the last general meeting was approved with one correction as the vote regarding Alan Jones was yes-59 and no- 1.
- Kelly Iverson presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General account \$9,453.16 (\$8,400 is part of the old CD), Show account \$4,570.67, and Shop account \$1,936.55.
- Wally Frlich discussed publicity for our February Rock and Gem show. He said that the coupons distributed at the Flagg show had been most successful in the past. The coupons will give an attendee 50 cents off the admission price to our show. He would like volunteers to distribute coupons at the Gold Canyon Art Festival on January 23rd, at the Renaissance Fair February 20th, and to our friends and family members. He is having small posters printed for the windows of local businesses. The idea of printed advertisements for businesses will be a project for the 2010 show. Mr. Frlich circulated sign up clip boards for volunteers to work at the rock and gem show.
- Laurie Jonas explained the silent auction. This fund raising activity will occur at each general meeting. Please donate objects as clocks, slabs, cabochons, jewelry. Funds will be used to support the lapidary shop. Please donate for February as we have used 90% of our donations for the auction.
- Harry Warren announced upcoming field trips: Coalition trip (fee \$15.00) for the Rowley Mine, 1-09-10 trip for geodes near Lake Pleasant, the Brenda site near Quartzsite on 1-13-10 for jasper. The Potato Patch trip for agates has been cancelled. For more details on the field trips, please email Mr. Warren at rockharry@netscape.com
- John Frary reminded up to sign up in 4 hour blocks of time at the rock and gem Show. He announced we have several new vendors this year. The profits over expenses will be used for scholarships for students in the earth sciences.
- Bill Jonas reported the following regarding the lapidary shop: (1) new saw blades are in place for the 10" and 24" saws, (2) the club will furnish grinding wheels up to 320 grit, after this level members would furnish their own sanding belts, (3) the solar water heater is being installed, (4) the recycling process for oil is quite successful and we only need only 10 additional gallons of oil, (5) the port-a-potty has been installed, (6) a wholesale privilege from Kinsley North has permitted us to save between 25% to 41% on parts, supplies, and equipment for the shop. Members can use this option if they order through the club.
- Mr. Jonas investigated the lapidary shop fees from clubs as follows: one in Florida, two in California, one in Quartzsite, and one in Canada. Based on his investigation, Mr. Jonas made the following motion: the lapidary shop fee will be \$70 per year, the fee for a couple will be \$100 per year, there will be a \$2.00 per

hour fee for shop use if an annual fee has not been paid (this can be counted toward the annual shop fee), and there will be a 35 cent fee per inch for use of the larger saws. These fees would take effect immediately. Fees paid for the lapidary shop in December of 2009 would count as 2010 fees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Jonas said these fees would be carefully reviewed annually for decrease or increase as needed.

- Mr. Jonas asked the lapidary shop monitors to stand and thanked them for their hard work. Mr. Jonas and the monitors are meeting to revise the shop rules and will focus on the length of time for use of the equipment. They are considering an open Saturday to permit persons with special projects to reserve saw time.
- Ron Ginn reported that we currently have 279 members with 17 life members and 1 honorary member. To date, 159 persons have renewed their memberships for 2010. The deadline for club membership renewal is the end of January 2010. Mr. Ginn would like to know if members prefer only their names or names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for the roster. He is developing a price for paper copies of the roster as email copies can be distributed free of charge.
- Natalie Kirmiel was thanked for her work during 2009 as Hospitality chair. We would like a volunteer to chair this committee for 2010.
- Gwen Fraser stated she would like the members to sign a list if they do not desire notification of illnesses or grief situations.

Annual Meeting

- The annual meeting was called to order by Gene Christiansen at 8 pm. Mr. Christiansen high lighted 2009 events for the club: the Quartzsite bus trip, the Rock and Gem Show, the ongoing revision of the By-Laws, excellent speakers invited by Sharon Louros, the Brain Storming session for the club, and sadly the loss of two of our members – Butch Brooker and Maynard Jones. The club came through some difficult times and has become stronger. Mr. Christiansen thanked the officers and Members of the Executive Board for their support and work for the club.
- Norma Norwood and the Nomination Committee have prepared a slate of potential officers and one trustee for the club.
John Frary was nominated for President. There were no further nominations from the floor. The motion to accept this nomination was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
Kathy Tunnicliff was nominated for Vice President. There were no further nominations from the floor. The motion to accept this nomination was made, seconded, and pass unanimously.
Kelly Iverson was nominated for Treasurer. There were no further nominations from the floor. The motion to accept this nomination was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
Barbara Bayer was nominated for Secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor. The motion to accept this nomination was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
Harry Warren and Bill Jonas were nominated for the position of one Trustee seat. The motion was made to accept these nominations, it was seconded. The vote

was 43 for Mr. Jonas and 8 for Harry Warren. Mr. Jonas was elected as the new trustee.

- Mr. Christiansen presented Mr. Frary with the temporary gavel for the club. Mr. Frary thanked Mr. Christiansen for all his work as club President.
- * The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.