

Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club Minutes
General Meeting, April 9, 2009,
(Submitted by B. Bayer, Secretary)

- The meeting was called to order by the President at 7 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The minutes of the March 2009 General Meeting were read and approved.
- John Frary reported the outcomes of the 2009 Rock Show and had recommendations for the next show as follows: 1. The purpose of the Rock Show is to provide scholarships for students with a college major in the earth sciences, 2. \$4000 was donated as scholarships and \$1000 was donated to the high school band, 3. the vendors were pleased with the 2009 show, 4. volunteers are the key to the show's success, 5. the School District forwards the club rental fee for show space toward scholarships, 6. parking was adequate, 7. more signs with printing on both sides are needed for parking, 8. more banners for the show are needed, 9. the club should consider purchasing 8 foot tables for the show over a period of 5 years to avoid costly table rental fees. Mr. Frary welcomes your suggestions for the show and can be contacted at 480-452-4870 prior to 7:30 pm.
- Mr. Frary also reported that the trailer needs repairs with the roof, seals, and paint. There are new keys on the trailer with keys distributed to the President, Treasurer, and Mr. Frary. Mr. Frary is responsible for the club property.
- There is one vacant club position: Trustee. An election for this position will be held in October of 2009. Mr. Iverson has volunteered to be the Website Master and Newsletter Editor.
- Professor Raymond Grant, retired from the Mesa Community College, had a presentation entitled "Basalt to Wulfenite or How Arizona Got So Many Minerals".
- The President requested an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate a permanent building and property for the club. Mr. DeWitt Wright volunteered to chair the committee. Materials regarding manufactured buildings were given to Mr. Wright. It is desired to have an area of 700 sq. feet for the lapidary shop and adequate room for the silversmith shop, plus a meeting hall (with a bathroom).
- A "Brain Storming" session requesting members' suggestions for the club focused on the following topics" Lapidary Shop, Programs, Outreach, Rock Show, Finances, and Other. A summary report will be prepared using these recommendations and suggestions.
- Wally Frlich had two recommendations for publicity regarding the 2009 Rock Show which included a Val Pack coupon and a show program with advertisements. He requests volunteers to assist with publicity.
- Butch Brooker reported that approximately 29 persons used the shop in the last month with 11 persons one day at the shop.
- Harry Warren announced the next field trip will be April 11th for fossils in the Payson area. The area for onyx near Mayer will be investigated for access. Please check your email for other trips.
- There were fines imposed on the club members who went on a recent trip to the National Forest to collect petrified wood. A collection was taken to help pay the fines.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.