

JOHNSON LAPIDARY  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Board Members Present: Mark Briggs, President, Don Wright Vice President, Jack Cuddie, Treasurer, Linda Rusch Secretary.

A quorum of 31 members was established.

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Briggs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers report: Income YTD \$14,305, Expenses YTD \$17,187 making a loss of \$3,502. Balance in the checking account and Reserve account is \$35,000, and the CD is \$20,000+. The club also provides grinding wheels for the members' use. This loss of income may require the dues to be raised \$5.00 starting January 1, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED: To raise the dues by \$5.00 starting January 1, 2024.  
MOTION PASSED

The President reminded us that when we are closing, make sure the coffee pot is off, the water is off, the lights are off, and the doors are locked. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are unsure.

Remember safety first, if you want to use a machine you are not familiar with, please read the instructions or ask for someone to show you. There are also instruction books available for the new tumblers.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion about how our meeting times and places keep changing. We must make our reservations one year in advance, but the Governing Board can always preempt us, sometimes with no notice. The President encourages members to become more involved by going to Governing Board meetings and informing themselves about the current Local Government issues.

Don Wright shared information about the Hard Wheels. By pushing too hard the diamond finish is damaged.

Pat Marshall made a motion to allow Rockhounds to use our club for their meetings. There was not a second. We have also offered, if feasible, to make a space for Silvercraft West members to

do some work in the Lapidary club while they are closed for remodeling. MOTION TO TABLE THIS MOTION. MOTION TABLED.

After discussion, MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to form a committee to investigate the use of the club by other clubs. MOTION CARRIED.

Mark asks how the members would feel about removing some of the polishing wheels that are not being used. We could sell the extras for about \$100.00 each. There were no negative comments.

Mark also shared the Saw Room drainage system will be improved soon. We would provide the materials and the Rec Center would provide the labor. It should help with the smell.

Mark also asked the members how they would feel about getting another Cab King next year. Comment from Pat Marshall about how the monitor should inspect the machine before the Cab king is used and after use. We will add that to the task list for monitors.

Mark asks if there was any interest in obtaining a gem tester. We have a prospective new member that was a Geology professor with Pepperdine who could possibly guide us. To be discussed at a later meeting.

Mark reminds us:

We have a stabilizer for member's use. Can be used on anything porous and turquoise. Please be familiar with the equipment before use.

In addition, we have an ultrasonic drill. Great for drilling without damaging the back of the rock. Don Wright can help or will drill for you. It has been difficult to get tips to be used on the machine.

We have flat lap polishers, make sure you know how to use them.

Linda remarks some members are not receiving the emails, possibly because we have an incorrect address. She read the list of those whose emails were being rejected. There will be a list of those who we need to be clarified by the cash register in the club. If you are here, please check so we can pursue this further. Also, if someone did not receive the last 2 emails, please let her know.

Mark shared an invitation from Silvercraft West to participate in their Christmas Event on December 2nd. The cost would be \$40 per person, unless you are a Silvercraft Member, then the cost would be \$15.00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the club. The last day to sign up is November 24th.

Report from the nominating committee:

All the current Board members have agreed to one more term. There were no other applicants.

After asking for further nominations from the floor for each position, MOTION MADE; to accept nominating committee's recommendation for Board Members. MOTION SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANAMIOUSLY.

Board Members for the 2024 year:

President: Mark Biggs

Vice President: Don Wright

Treasurer: Jack Cuddie

Secretary: Linda Rusch

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Rusch, Secretary