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Hi All,

Diane Petterson is unable to do a GEMS for November due to her son, Dustin, being in the hospital with a serious illness. Please keep Diane and Dustin in your thoughts during the coming days.

Please do look over this GEM's e-mail, it includes some important info, like the change in the KGMS general meeting location for November 4th.

I have also attached the rough drafts of minutes from recent KGMS general and board meetings. The October General Meeting minutes includes a list of KGMS board nominations that we will be voting on soon.

### **KGMS President Message**

Hello Rockhounds,

October was field trip month. We had trips to Alpena, the ByHolt gravel pit, and the gypsum mine in Grand Rapids. Now we go through a stretch where it is hard to get out and collect, particularly locally. When you are collecting, please remember the Club, we can always use specimens for egg carton collections, mine bags, game prizes, and silent auction.

If anyone has any anything they would like to donate for prizes for the Christmas party, please let me know.

I hope members attended the Holland and Lansing shows in September and October, respectively. They do a very nice job. Additionally, members with these clubs take time to help us with our show by displaying and demonstrating. So please remember to support our neighboring clubs.

***Please remember that our November Club meeting will not be at the Portage Senior Center. We will be meeting on the usual first Tuesday, but the meeting will be at the WMU MGRRE facility located at 5272 W. Michigan Ave. See you there.***

Rock On!

**Bill Mitchell**

KGMS President

## Important Dates

**November 1st & 2nd -- MIDLAND, MI., MID-MICHIGAN ROCK CLUB, ANNUAL SHOW**, Midland Resort & Convention Cntr, 1500 W. Wackerly St., Sat 10am - 6pm, Sun 10am - 4pm. Contact: Deb Acord, (989) 689-4840, email: [jackdanred2@aol.com](mailto:jackdanred2@aol.com)

**November 1st --- TAYLOR, MI; Annual Auction**, Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society, Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Sat 7pm, sales tables open from 6-7pm, <http://www.mmls.us/upcoming-events.html>

### November 4<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

The November 4<sup>th</sup> KGMS meeting will be held at the **WMU-Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education (MGRRE)** at 5272 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Directions can be found at <http://wsh060.westhills.wmich.edu/MGRRE/maps.shtml>. It is located at the NE intersection of 131 and Michigan Ave. This will be a fun and interesting event. Please plan on attending.

**November 10th --- BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI Michigan Mineralogical Society's annual Auction & Sales Event**, Cranbrook Institute of Science Auditorium (lower level), 39221 N. Woodward Ave., 7:00 PM Auction, Contact: Mildred Hurt, (248) 398-6693, [hurtmillie@gmail.com](mailto:hurtmillie@gmail.com), [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

### December 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Meeting

Our December meeting is always our **Holiday Pot Luck**. It is the social event of the season. The Club will provide the main course for dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and a big appetite.

### The KGMS Show Chair will not always be the Show Chair

The Show Chair's role is primarily a coordination role; I am to make certain every aspect of the show has an assigned lead and that the lead gets the support he or she needs to be successful. I have been learning the job over the last two years and in the process I have taken on a number of roles that are not necessarily required of a Show Chair.

I hope to be the KGMS Show Chair for at least a couple of more years but I know if I want the KGMS Show to continue to be successful I need to both, guide, and empower other members to take on many of my duties.

The KGMS Show can be divided into three areas: Operations, Education&Outreach and Marketing. Show Operations covers the three days of putting on the show. By necessity, much of our effort in past years has been in physically making the show happen with the other areas not receiving the same attention.

**To continue to have a successful show we need more people involved in the Show Marketing and Outreach.**

**How would you like to contribute to the 2015 KGMS and the Show?**

Below are activities that need to be done for the show. Look for an area you have an interest in and volunteer to help. Or, maybe there is something you would like to do not listed below, just e-mail me (reply to this e-mail) and I can add your activity to the list. marketing of the show, community outreach, and education go hand in hand. We need help in all these areas.

### **Marketing:**

*Event listing manager* - search out the outlets (websites, magazines, etc.) and do the submittals to on-line and Print event Calendars. Depending on the outlet this job starts the 1st of July (10 months before the 2015 show) but can be spread over several months, only taking a few minutes during a week.

*Article writers* - There are a number of magazines in the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo area that we can submit articles to about the club, our members, our activities and the upcoming show. Diane Peterson has done this for us repeatedly with the Shopper but we need more help. The more writers the better.

*Radio and TV outlets* - Need someone to search out the free and the not so free opportunities in this area.

*Mailing list manager* - As a non-profit we now have enough addresses in our mailing list to get a discount on our mailings. Someone needs to find out how we can meet the requirements to mail at a discount and then coordinate the KGMS show mailing each year.

*Show Attractions Solicitation* - Looking for items for loan or rental that will entice the general community and those with a geological interest to come to the show. An attraction could also be a person (example: Paleo Joe) or special activity (Fossil preparation).

### **Community Outreach and Education:**

*Community Booth Manning and Coordination* - Whether it is a Fair booth, a downtown event, museum activity or a festival, this is an opportunity to educate families in geology, recruit members, hand out flyers and add people to our mailing list.

*Educational videos* - One of our members does voice overs professionally and has offered his skill to KGMS. Do you have the photo or video skills to put together a series of short educational videos? Or, is there a subject you have expertise on you would like taught, to adults or kids?

*Library displays, Liaison and display creator* - School and public libraries are often open for temporary geology display. Done before the May show this can be a good way to advertise.

### **Show Operations:**

*Gold Mine lead - position is open.* I would like to fill as soon as possible. The Gold Mine leader's job is to insure volunteers have been recruited to operate the Gold Mine during the show.

*Vendor Liaison* - The vendor liaison takes the lead in vendor relations. They are responsible for keeping the Dealers informed before and after the show. During the KGMS Show the Liaison makes certain the needs of the dealers are addressed.

The list above is a starting point, how ever you would like to contribute to the annual KGMS show please e-mail me (jervannocker@comcast.net) and become an **active** KGMS member.

**DRAFT GENERAL MINUTES KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL  
SOCIETY (KGMS)  
OCTOBER 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bill Mitchell, President, opened the meeting at the Portage Senior Center.

1. Door Prize winners:

- i. Children: Miah, Mathew Crum, and Jonas Agdanowski
- ii. Adults: Bill Mitchell, Linda Spraezter, and Gaby Dj

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Field Trips:**

1. October 11<sup>th</sup> Byholdt Quarry and Gravel Pit Vicksburg, MI
2. Directions, time, safety equipment reminders, and cost information were provided.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Dues are due.
2. November's general meeting will be at the WMU Core Repository.
3. Please save clean, 1 dozen Styrofoam, not cardboard, egg cartons.
4. The December meeting will be the Christmas Party. Volunteer/s needed to provide table centerpieces. Elizabeth volunteered.
5. Nominated officers were announced:
  - i. President - Dave Haas
  - ii. Vice President - Keith Agdomawski
  - iii. Secretary - Allison VanNocker
  - iv. Treasurers – Kate Dutrow/Chet Parrow
  - v. At large Board member – Jack Fuller
  - vi. Liason – Marve Starbuck
  - vii. Gems Editor – Diane Peterson
6. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tailgate at St. Michael's Lutheran Church was even more successful than last year. We had 13 vendors. \$352.00 was donated to the club.

7. Please sign up to bring food treats for 2015 general meetings.
8. Starbucks sale will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
9. On October 25<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. KGMS will be at the Kingman Museum Spooky Science event.

**PRESENTATION:**

Club members showed their special collecting specimen.

**September 15, 2014 Draft KGMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Elizabeth Schau, Vice President, at her home.

**Although there was not a quorum several announcements and topics were discussed.**

**Announcements:**

1. Third Annual Tailgate will be September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
2. Next general club meeting, October 7<sup>th</sup>, will be Membership Show and Tell.
3. November general meeting will be at the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education (MGRRE) Western Michigan University.
4. Starbucks sale will be October 25-26<sup>th</sup> at their Vicksburg, MI home.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Tailgate:**

- a. Facebook and Craig's list postings for marketing.

**2. 2015 Annual Show:**

- a. Decisions need to be made concerning space requirements, how many and which new vendors to invite.
- b. Recent payments were received from Kevin and the Jewelry Shoppe.
- c. Members, in attendance, authorized Show Chairman to contract with Expo Center for use of all of South Expo Hall in 2015 at 75% of regular cost.

**3. Old Business**

- a. Site for Lapidary Trailer:
  - i. Dave Haas may be able to set up the lapidary trailer on his property once a new location is required
  - ii. Tony reported that Starbucks indicated the trailer may stay a while longer.
- b. New Officers:
  - i. During the next general meeting, candidates will be identified and during the elections will be held at the November general meeting.

**Allison VanNocker, Secretary**

**Approval date:**

**DRAFT GENERAL MINUTES KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SOCIETY (KGMS)**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bill Mitchell, President, opened the meeting at the Portage Senior Center.

1. Door Prize winners:

- i. Children: Dimetri and Jonas Agdanowski and John Vater
- ii. Adults: Dennis Guy, David Vater and Sam Adams

**Committee Reports:**

**Field Trips:**

1. October 4<sup>th</sup> Alpena Cement Quarry/Rockport

**2015 Annual Show:**

1. Theme will be "The World of Agates".

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> KGMS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tailgate at St. Michael's Lutheran Church
2. Please sign up to bring food treats for October's general meeting.
3. November general meeting will be at the WMU Core Repository.
4. October 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Midwest Federation meeting in Iowa. Bill has information packet.
5. Please save clean, Styrofoam, 1 dozen egg cartons. Our source has run out.
6. Dues are due.
7. October's meeting will introduce club officer nominees. At the November meeting we will vote. Officer's terms will begin in January.
8. Starbuck's sale will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
9. KGMS will be at the Kingman Museum Spooky Science event October 25<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
10. October's presentation will be "Club Members Show and Tell".

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. The Western Michigan 2014 scholarship winners; Neil Turlock, Lamees Mohamed, and Abotalib Faraq provided us updates on their research.

No Business Meeting was held.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Allison VanNocker, Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

**August 17, 2014 Draft KGMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Bill Mitchell, President, at Bill Mitchell's workshop.

**Treasurer and Secretary Reports:** Read and approved.

## **Announcements:**

1. MGAGS thanked us for providing refreshments and personnel for their Hospitality room.
2. The Midwest Federation has indicated they would like to consolidate the micro-mount committee with an additional committee. Our club has no objections to this consolidation.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual swap meet will be September 27, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
4. Marve and Kitty Starbuck mineral sale has been moved to the end of October 25-26th.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **1. 2015 Annual Show:**

- a. Jerry VanNocker provided a copy of a show layout if we expanded to the entire South building footage. We could add 5 additional dealers and increase the footage for both the craft and gold panning areas. If we do not expand we would not be able to increase the size of one of the dealers as they requested. The board agreed to pursue this option. Additionally, the board asked Jerry to contact the Expo Center to see if they would be willing to offer a discount on rental.
- b. Bill will contact Adams Outdoor to request 4 billboards in Kalamazoo at the \$150.00 price. He will also ask if there are 2 billboards available in the Grand Rapids area and what price they would charge for those.
- c. "A World of Agates" will be the theme for the 2015 show.
- d. To address safety issues relating to the children's games, we should look for larger sized prizes to avoid choking hazards, children should not be encouraged to stand upon folding chairs, and there will be Signs warning that prizes are not appropriate for children under 3 years of age.
- e. Members need to continue to provide items for the Silent Auction.
- f. Reliable assistants are needed to help Kate and Chet with the money during the show.

### **2. Old Business**

- a. The club is aware that there is a request that the club storage trailers located at the Starbuck home be removed before winter, discussion continued regarding possible lapidary workshop, general meeting and storage of equipment locations. Liability concerns, maintenance costs and personnel availability are still the primary issues of concern.

**Allison VanNocker, Secretary**

**Approval date: August 17, 2014**