

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM
There was a quorum. There were 7 participants - 6 Board members and 1 non-board member

Treasurer Report: Ron provided a summary of accounts which totaled around \$106,000.00. Motion was made to accept report, was seconded and passed.

Secretary Report: read and accepted

Committee Reports:

1. 2025 Annual Show:

1. Show Theme: Kaleidoscope of Rocks
2. Next show committee meeting: TBD at 6:30pm Main St Pub on Gull Rd.
3. 2025 show dates will be May 2-4, 2025

Vendors

1. Dave reported that 172 tables have been sold. Dave to send out reminders to vendors who have not yet submitted a contract for 2025 that they are due December 1

Advertising

1. Rick to reach out to Eric at Geoscape for show advertising ideas
2. Dave and Rick to follow up with Michigan Welcome Centers and find out limit on number of postcards KGMS can provide to distribute
3. Rick to work with Sheri on getting Kids Day at show advertised on Peachjar

Hospitality

1. No Report

Security

1. No Report

Displays

1. Ron suggested there be a UV display box brought to general meetings and asked who could help design a box. This could also be used for Silent Auction area at 2025 show. Dave suggested Tony would be a good resource and Dave could assist with wiring the box.

Demonstrators

1. George talked to two demonstrators at Mason Show who are willing to demonstrate at the KGMS show

Silent Auction

1. No report

Kids Games/Crafts

1. Discussion on increasing the wristbands cost to \$5 per person and gem trees cost to \$3 each (2024 cost was \$2 each) due to increase in cost of supplies. All other crafts would remain at \$2 each. Game prizes will remain at 50 cents each

Gold Panning

- 1.No report

Gold Mine

1. No report

Volunteers

1. Discussion of promotions to get members to volunteer at the show. Promotional items could include a hat and scoop. Sheri suggested promotion is clearly stated at the show where volunteers sign in
2. Some criteria ideas were a ticket for the grand prize for every 4 hours worked. Smaller prizes would be available based on number of hours worked. The more hours worked the bigger the choice of prizes. Only one prize would be allowed per person

Admission and Tickets

1. No Report

School Kids/Kids Day

1. Motion was made at October show committee meeting to allow public school teachers to request up to \$100 per class for a KGMS approved geology/earth science item(s) for their classroom if they bring a class to kids day for 2025 show. Teacher would submit the request to KGMS before 2025 show prior to purchase and if approved, KGMS will reimburse when teacher brings a class to the show. Motion was seconded and passed. KGMS to use this promotion to encourage teachers to bring students to kids day.
2. Sheri and Dave discussed information needed on the grant form for the teachers. Discussion on providing a check to the teacher for an approved item before the show if the item is urgently needed for the classroom. This would have to be requested by the teacher and at the discretion of KGMS approving authority.

Speakers/Presentations

1. No Report

B. Fieldtrip Committee

1. No Report

C. Kids Area Committee

1. No Report

D. Education/Outreach Committee

1. WMU is still waiting on grounds crew to finalize Dinosaur exhibit before unveiling ceremony
2. Dave continues to work with KVCC for KGMS to provide scholarship opportunities to students
3. Dave still working on finding a suitable trailer. Grand Rapids dealer did not have the size needed
4. Emily approves of KGMS proposal to pay her directly and will work with the Battle Creek Community Foundation Board for a better payment process.

E. Membership

1. Suggestion made to amend bilaws to state that a member who works at the show can get a one-time free 1-year membership to the club. This is to eliminate the idea that members who work at the show yearly do not have to pay dues.
2. Discussion on increasing the liability insurance to \$2 million which would be an insurance cost increase of \$22 per year for the club.
3. Bid Sheets and silent auction forms to be emailed to membership prior to December General meeting

F. KGMS 2025 Tailgate

1. 2025 tailgate is scheduled for September 6

G. Miscellaneous

1. Janice to cook the Christmas dinner for the December General Meeting. Suggestion to have a sign-up sheet starting in October for Christmas Party potluck
2. Next General Meeting, December 3. Program: Christmas Party

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Cynthia Gauthier
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:
January 20, 2025

| Board Title | Elected Person | Attended |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|
| President | Dave Haas | Y |
| Vice-President | George Read | N |
| Treasurer | Ron Grenadier | Y |
| Secretary | Cynthia Gauthier | Y |
| Liaison | Bill Mitchell | N |
| Members at Large | Kim Strawbridge | Y |
| | Rick Berner | Y |
| | Sheri Crum | Y |
| Media Editor | Kyle Vickery | |
| QUORUM (need 5) | | Y |

Additional Attendees

Sally Berner—KGMS Club member