

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM. There was a quorum. There were 10 participants.

Treasurer Report: read and accepted.

Secretary Report: read and accepted with corrections

Committee Reports:

**1. 2024 Annual Show:**

- 1 Show Theme: Let Us Rock your World
- 2 Next show committee meeting: end of May or beginning of June
- 3 Dave to post photos of daily door prizes and Show Grand Prize on website and pass photos to Kyle Vickery to post on Facebook
- 4 Signage for the following KGMS areas was received:
  - a. Specimen Table
  - b. Silent Auction
  - c. Craft area
  - d. Gold Mine
  - e. Gold Panning

Dave is flattening out the signs for the show. Table hooks were ready.

**Vendors**

1. 48 Vendors have been confirmed to attend. Dave to pick up checks from 2 vendors on Thursday before show. Rick to send photos to Fox 17 News
2. Most vendors to arrive at 11am or after on Thursday. Large vendors can arrive at 10am
3. Motion was made to increase the booth cost by \$10 per table to \$75 per table for 2025 show. Motion was seconded and passed

**Advertising**

1. Rick continues to connect with local businesses on displaying show postcards
2. Rick reports Facebook is showing 6500 persons engaged, 175K views. Rick reported Show information also posted on Facebook Groups related to rocks

### **Hospitality**

1. Cynthia shared meal plans for show weekend.
  - a. Thursday Lunch—Little Ceasars pizza
  - b. Friday Lunch—EMA Catering—Taco Bar
  - c. Friday Dinner—Chick-fil-A
  - d. Saturday Lunch—Grand Traverse Pie Company boxed lunches
  - e. Saturday Dinner—Janis Catering
  - f. Sunday Lunch—Pulled Pork
2. Cynthia to drop off meal tickets to Dave on Friday afternoon before the show for vendor packets. Leftover tickets to volunteers and demonstrators

### **Security**

1. Mark Gossler will be security at the show. He apologized for missing the April General Meeting. KGMS may be able to get support from Kalamazoo Sheriff for free. More discussion after the show.

### **Displays**

1. 22 display cases have been reserved. KGMS to have a fieldtrip case at information booth.
2. Dave to pick up display cases at 1pm on Wednesday prior to show. Would like help loading cases

### **Demonstrators**

1. There will be 3 demonstrators at the show. Each will receive \$50 to cover travel costs

### **Silent Auction**

1. Sue reports area is ready. Testing for square receipts to be done prior to show.
2. Ron to donate 100-200 Fluorescent minerals to silent auction

3. Rick has a Fluorescent box for Silent Auction

### **Specimen Table**

\*Jim Trail to help setup Specimen Table on Thursday but will not be able to work entire show due to personal health limitations

### **Arts/Crafts and Kids Games**

\*Volunteers are needed

### **Gold Panning**

\*No report

### **Gold Mine**

\*Volunteers are needed

### **Volunteers**

1. Sheila will not be at the show.
2. Copies of sign up sheets for each KGMS area will be at the information booth and the respective areas each day.. 2 WMU scholarship winners will be volunteering at the show on Friday and 2 on Sunday. Kyle Vickery also plans to volunteer at the show
3. Volunteers to check in at information booth each day to receive meal tickets
4. Volunteer t-shirts will be at the Kids Games area
5. Rod Piper suggested reaching out to area businesses that sponsor Employee volunteering and grant employees time off for volunteering.

### **Admission and Tickets**

1. Ron to have 3 runners for cash boxes each day during the show. Susan Schewe, Vicki Read and Linda Burgeon to help. Rachel and Nate may also be available. Ron has purchased a lock safe for room. Ron to order money for the booths.
2. Bruce to get hand stamp for admission area

3. Rick proposed raising entrance donation from \$5 to \$7 or \$8 for 2025 Show. More discussion after show.

### **School Kids/Kids Day**

1. Bus Subsidies to be \$150 per bus

### **Speakers/Presentations**

1. Current speaker list includes:
  - a. Eric-Yooperlites. Main Speaker with 2 presentations on Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday
  - b. Chris Cooper to give 2 presentations on Saturday
  - c. Eric from Geoscape
  - d. No Paleo Joe, Daughter to man booth
  - e. Emily from Kids Club to do 2 presentations on Friday, 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
  - f. Don Gardner from Fossil Hut possible substitute for Paleo Joe

### **B. Fieldtrip Committee**

1. Sheri provided proposal for fieldtrip stipend: Maximum requested \$1700.

This would cover:

- a. First Aid kit--\$50
- b. Incidentals--\$50
- c. Long Distance trips--\$900
- d. Regional trips (1-2 days)--\$200
- d. Local day trips--\$100
- e. Special events/group dinner--\$400

Dave checked with Kate and reviewed the bilaws. A fieldtrip stipend would not affect 501C3 status or conflict with anything in the bilaws. The prior approval of motion for \$1700 stands.

### **C. Kids Area Committee**

1. KGMS to talk to Emily about continuing to work in 2024-2025 year.

## **D. Education/Outreach Committee**

1. WMU has uncrated the Dinosaurs. The tails still need to be attached and some assembly required for the head piece. Rod Gillespie has reached out to KGMS on what to put on the plaque. Board suggested Club name and logo as space permits. Dave to discuss future promotions with WMU
2. Five WMU scholarship applicants were awarded \$1200 each
3. Michelle Frank who is on the Kingman Museum Collection Advisor Committee Co-Chair has asked KGMS to sponsor a package to support a Chromatic Geology Exhibit (Tues-Thurs) at the Battle Creek Art Center. A sponsorship package would include:
  - a. Thank you letter
  - b. Club logo on website with a link to KGMS webpage
  - c. Advertising for Junior Rockhound, Kids Club and KGMS Tailgate
  - d. Complimentary admission to the exhibit
  - e. Invitation to present at meetings

Ron made a motion to give \$1500 to Kingman Museum for exhibit.

Motion was seconded and passed.

4. Sheila to update website with new treasurer

## **E. Membership**

1. \*no report

## **F. KGMS 2024 Tailgate**

1. Tailgate will be September 14, 2024, but will move to first weekend after Labor Day in 2025—September 6, 2025
2. Bruce to follow up with Lori Loomis of Rock and Mineral Shows website on tailgate advertising. Motion that was made to accept proposal is still open until after the show on whether to use this venue to advertise tailgate.

## **G. Miscellaneous**

1. KGMS received a donation of rock and mineral specimens that will be used for Door prizes and silent/live auction items
2. Discussion on KGMS purchasing a trailer. Dave to talk to Tony Payne on options and procedure for acquisition before November 2024

3. Rod Piper suggested KGMS look into a grant from Kellogg Foundation to offset some of the costs of the show
4. Bill set 20 July at 10am for KGMS summer workbee to work on 2025 show prep.
5. Next General Meeting, May 7. Program: 2024 Show recap

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Cynthia Gauthier  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:  
May 21, 2024

Board Title	Elected Person	Attended

President	Dave Haas	Y
Vice-President	Bruce Atherton	Y
Treasurer	Ron Grenadier	Y
Secretary	Cynthia Gauthier	Y
Liaison	Bill Mitchell	N
Members at Large	Kim Strawbridge	N
	Rick Berner	Y
	Sheri Crum	N
Media Editor	vacant	
<b>QUORUM (need 5)</b>		Y

**Additional Attendees**

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead  
 Sheila Atherton—Volunteer Coordinator  
 Sally Berner—KGMS member  
 Susan Schewe—KGMS Member  
 Rod Piper—KGMS Member