

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order at the Mitchell Residence, 10361 West Main St, Kalamazoo. There was a quorum. There were 9 participants -5 Board members and 4 non-board members.

Treasurer Report: Dave provided a summary from Ron. Checking account: \$105, 503

Secretary Report: not read

Committee Reports:

**1. 2025 Annual Show:**

1. Show Theme: TBD
2. Next show committee meeting: TBD
3. 2025 show dates will be May 2-4, 2025
4. Dave reported just under half of tables sold
5. Dave to provide Ron with one-year Kalamazoo Expo Center contract
6. Discussion on Kalamazoo Rock Show trademark. There was some concern over other entities using the terms “Kalamazoo Rock Show”, “Kalamazoo Rock Club” and “Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society” and variations to promote business. A Motion was made for KGMS to spend \$250-\$300 each up to a total of \$1500 to apply for a national trademark for the “Kalamazoo Rock Club”, “Kalamazoo Rock Show”, “Kalamazoo Gem and Mineral Show” and “Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society” and variations. Motion was seconded and passed. Timeline to trademark approval is 6-8 months.

**Vendors**

1. Discussion on having more community involvement at show. Dave is looking to include an area of 5-6 tables for local artists within a 50 mile radius of Kalamazoo to sell rock/lapidary related items. Suggestion to have Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and Battle Creek Art Center involved.

## **Advertising**

1. No Report

## **Hospitality**

1. No Report

## **Security**

1. No Report

## **Displays**

1. No Report

## **Demonstrators**

1. No report

## **Silent Auction**

1. No report

## **Kids Games/Crafts**

1. Better signs are needed for area

## **Gold Panning**

- \*No report

## **Gold Mine**

1. No report

## **Volunteers**

1. No Report

## **Admission and Tickets**

1. No Report

## **School Kids/Kids Day**

1. No Report

## **Speakers/Presentations**

1. Discussion to have only one main speaker instead of a variety of speakers at show. Suggestion to have Chris Cooper of PBS Show as speaker
2. Eric to do presentations in his room

### **B. Fieldtrip Committee**

1. no report...Next KGMS sponsored fieldtrip...Sylvania Minerals for Celestine and other minerals

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

1. Material is needed for egg cartons, mine bags and kids game prizes. A variety of color is preferred. Some suggestions are: Limestone, Geodes, Fossils, Fluorite, Selenite, Granite and Hematite

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

1. Dave reported Kalamazoo Valley Community College Earth Science Department is eager to participate in scholarship program. Dave to work with Bill to rewrite the scholarship application to accommodate KVCC student applicants.
2. Kalamazoo Valley Museum is interested in a semi-permanent display and speakers
3. Dave to reach out to Kalamazoo Nature Center

### **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

### **G. Miscellaneous**

1. No report

2. Next General Meeting, September 3. Program: Scholarship winners presentations

Meeting adjourned.

Cynthia Gauthier  
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:  
August 19, 2024

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

**Additional Attendees**

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead  
 Sheila Atherton--Show Volunteer Coordinator  
 Bruce Atherton—Tailgate Lead  
 Jack Fuller—KGMS Member