

KGMS Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order via ZOOM
There was a quorum. There were 6 participants -5 Board members and 1 non-board member.

Treasurer Report: No report due to absence of treasurer

Secretary Report: read and accepted with corrections

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 151 tables sold
5. Kalamazoo Expo Center contract has been paid and sent in
6. Trademark paperwork is complete and waiting on Ron

Vendors

1. Dave to send reminder to vendors for contracts
2. Kim to send Dave information on Rainbow Obsidian vendor from South Bend Show

Advertising

1. Chris Cooper of PBS Show Rockhounding in Michigan to advertise show and have Dave appear in an episode
2. Suggestion to have KGMS Show information in Michigan Welcome Center magazine and fliers put in all 8 Michigan Welcome Centers

Hospitality

1. No Report

Security

1. No Report

Displays

1. Dave suggested a winter workbee to fix display cases before show

Demonstrators

1. No report

Silent Auction

1. No report

Kids Games/Crafts

1. Dave donated bags of Sodalite and Unakite for prizes/crafts
2. Area still needs shells, sharks teeth, driftwood for gen tree bases and rock chips for gem trees

Gold Panning

- *No report

Gold Mine

1. No report

Volunteers

1. No Report

Admission and Tickets

1. No Report

School Kids/Kids Day

1. Suggestion was made to possible provide a grant to teachers who bring students to the show

Speakers/Presentations

1. Dave continues to work with Chris Cooper of PBS Show, Rockhounding in Michigan to be a speaker

B. Fieldtrip Committee

1. 22 people attended the KGMS dinner on Thursday during UP fieldtrip
2. Next KGMS sponsored fieldtrip...Cheney Quarry for Pyrite, Marcasite, Fossils and Dogtooth Calcite

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
2. Chaiman for this area is still needed

D. Education/Outreach Committee

1. Dave continues to work with Kalamazoo Valley Community College Earth Science Department for possible scholarship program. It was suggested that scholarship winners would have a free 1-year membership to the club.
2. Olivet College does not currently have any scholarships available for Earth Science/Geology related fields of study. Dave to check on possibility of KGMS scholarship for Olivet as well.
3. Dave reported Emily was paid and suggested KGMS give her a raise in September. Dave also to check with Emily on her availability to continue with Kids Club
4. Discussion on getting a new trailer for Lapidary classroom/workshop. Budget to be \$8,000 to \$10,000
5. WMU Scholarship winner speakers are set for September meeting

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. Dave found tailgate banner template and will send to the printer next week

G. Miscellaneous

1. Approximately 500 egg cartons were completed during July Workbee. More material will be needed for these for 2026. Kalamazoo Landscape Supply could be source for Quartzite, Limestone, Marble and Slate. Dave to work with Bill to identify material needs
2. Tony and Bill collected Kona Dolomite for club while in UP.
3. Next General Meeting, September 3. Program: Scholarship winners presentations

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Cynthia Gauthier
Recording Secretary

Date Approved with corrections:
September 16, 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	N
Members at Large	Kim Strawbridge	Y
	Rick Berner	Y
	Sheri Crum	N
Media Editor	Kyle Vickery	
QUORUM (need 5)		Y

Additional Attendees

Sue Haas—Silent Auction Lead