

December 18, 2017 KGMS Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:, Dave Haas, President, called the meeting to order at the Great Lakes Bee Shop, Galesburg, MI. There was quorum.

Treasurer and Secretary Reports: Read and approved.

Committee Reports:

A. 2018 Annual Show:

1. Al Holden, Pro-Stock Metal Detectors, will not be available.
2. The Cranbrook Institute of Science has not provided exhibit details. Dave will contact another individual for assistance.
3. Anne Marie will send a contract to Larry Adkins, Cosmic Connection.
4. By the first week of January 2018, Anne Marie will send Dave Bosler and Jerry VanNocker a list of vendors, who have not submitted signed contracts. Jerry or Dave will contact those vendors to find out status and if necessary pursue additional vendors to replace them.
5. The "Meteorite Men" have not confirmed their availability for the 2019 Annual Show. Dave will talk to them in Tucson. If they are unavailable, there are other meteorite dealers that Dave will contact.
6. The Expo Center rules were sent to Jim Traill to provide to the Consumers Energy focal point. There was no discussion relating to their request to attend or become a sponsor.
7. The club discussed methods of reserving a hotel room for Dr. Stefano, A.E. Seaman Museum presenter.
8. The Board authorized a budget of \$200.00 be allowed to hire a publicist to write articles about the club and our show to use in magazines and/or newspapers.

B. Advertising:

1. Types, costs, locations, and effectiveness of previous billboards, was discussed. Wrifton will provide data to allow a vote by the board at the next meeting to decide billboard options for the 2018 show.
2. Included in this discussion, was the issue of sponsorship and how to expand, expose, and protect the KGMS image. Sponsorship guidelines are being developed by Allison VanNocker and will be sent to the board before the January board meeting.

3. Additionally, advertising pros and cons provided by placing yard signs or advertisements on vehicles was discussed.

C. GEMS, Past Newsletters:

1. Jack Fuller provided all the past GEMS newsletters on a Flash drive to Wrifton for addition to the club webpage.

D. Sponsored Field Trips:

1. Wrifton owns a mineral claim in Colorado. He would like to officially offer a KGMS club sponsored Field Trip to his location, however, he was unsure of requirements. Insurance coverage and necessary permission or permit slips was discussed.
2. Kim Strawbridge offered to research permit or permission slips which could be used by Wrifton, to allow individuals onto his claim.
3. It was also discussed that since so many club members will be in Tucson, AZ in late January and early February that a “club sanctioned” trip might be offered. Dave stated he usually does offer to take anyone out to locations for impromptu field trips, however, there will not be a club sanctioned field trip prepared for 2018.

E. Elizabethe Schau Scholarship:

1. The treasurer reported donations have been received for the Elizabethe Schau scholarship.

F. Board Position Replacements:

1. Voting occurred at the December General meeting for the following positions:
 - a. The Board Member At Large position will be held by Donna Siebert.
 - b. Secretary position will be filled by Cynthia Gauthier.
 - c. One of the replacements for the non-board position, Field Trip Coordinator will be filled by Kim Strawbridge.
2. All were in attendance for the December Board meeting.

G. Donation:

1. The Elizabethe Schau heirs are donating Elizabethe’s geology collections to the club. They stipulated they would like the material to be sold and the funds used to support a scholarship fund in her name over the coming years. Dave Haas will pick the material up when estate is finalized.

H. Kitty Starbuck Publications:

1. The Starbuck family authorized publication to any club desiring to publish any of Kitty's word puzzles, quizzes, etc.

I. Email Addresses - Access to and Working Status:

1. Jack Fuller asked for confirmation that email addresses are working. Jack and Wrifton will work together to ensure addresses are usable.
2. When a member wants to pass on information to the membership, they should let Wrifton know and he will do the actual forwarding to our membership using the club's distribution list through the website. Our most accurate mailing list is located there.

J. Lapidary Equipment Maintenance and Training costs:

1. The following three proposals were presented and approved:
 - a. The board authorized Dave Haas to repair one of the grinders at an expense not to exceed \$300.00.
 - b. The board authorized increasing the lapidary training cost from \$5.00 for 4 hours of training to \$20.00 for 4 hours of training. This will cover heating costs and repairs of equipment. Only members may attend these classes. If necessary, membership may be acquired on the first day of training.
 - c. The board authorized charging members a fee of \$10.00 for 4 hours of use on the lapidary equipment. This is not for "production use" but it is for a member to finish up a project that does not require "training or extreme supervision."

K. Future KGMS Clubhouse:

1. Keith Agdanowski met with our Fullerton Street landlords to discuss the pros and cons of expanding this storage location to fulfill more of the club's needs. The initial estimated costs, square footage, and functions the area could provide were discussed. It was agreed many concerns needed to be addressed and that no final decision could be reached without more specific details.

L. Credit Card usage at the Annual Show:

1. After much discussion it was agreed to conduct a trial run usage of credit cards at the two club sponsored activities, Geode Cracking and the Silent Auction. If there are problems, it will be stopped. Credit card usage may increase sales.

M. Education Committee:

1. Donna Siebert is looking to add additional games to the Children's area. These games will add variety and also will have increased difficulty levels.
2. Starting in January/February the education committee will begin meeting.

Meeting Was Adjourned.

Allison VanNocker
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: January 15, 2018
(corrected)

Board Title	Elected Person	Attended
President	Dave Haas	Y
Vice-President	Keith Agdanowski	Y
Treasurers	Kate Dutrow	Y
	Chet Parrow	N
	Anna-Marie Parthun	Y
Secretary	Allison VanNocker	Y
Liaison	Bill Mitchell	N
Members at Large	Jack Fuller	Y
	Tony Payne	Y
	Jim Traill	N
Media Editor	Wrifton Graham	Y

QUORUM (need 5) Y

Additional Attendees

Jerry VanNocker, 2017 Show Chairman

Sue Haas, Silent Auction Lead

Mike Reese

Donna Siebert, Future Member at Large Board member

Kim Strawbridge, Future Field Trip Coordinator Team Member

Hannah, Kim's daughter

Cynthia Gauthier, Future Secretary