

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025

Bruce Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:40.

Bruce asked attendees to introduce themselves. There were 10 people in attendance.

President's Report: Bruce Bacon

Bruce commented the show was very successful. We had more people than last year, over 600 people each day. This is the last time that Dan Erickson will coordinate the show.

Several members met on Saturday afternoon of the show to discuss sharing responsibilities for the show. Ron Zimmer has agreed to be the show coordinator, and will look after vendor applications and will work with the high school. Ron will see if we can get the high school re-engaged to help with setup. Bruce will run the silent auction and coordinate volunteers. Carmen volunteered to coordinate food, both for vendors (the potluck on Thursday) and will investigate getting a food truck on site for the show dates. Ross agreed to coordinate advertising. Ken and Bill will do the sign setup again next year.

Next year, we will ask vendors to specify if they need heavy duty tables or can work with lighter duty tables. The club may have to consider price considerations to prevent every vendor from requesting.

Ross moved that the club be prepared to purchase a dozen heavy duty 8' tables for a minimum of a 500 lb rating for up to \$2,000 before the 2026 gem show. Mary seconded. After a discussion the motion carried.

Bruce reported that the current generation of UV lights sells them in different wavelengths which yields a different appearance of the stone.

Gwendolyn has been working on our Facebook presence but it seems we are unable to convince Facebook we are not a spam organization.

Back to the show, rock painting for the kids was a big hit. The contest for the best painted rocks was also effective at getting more people involved. Carmel donated the prize to the contest winner.

Vice-President's Report: Roger was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary presented the Gem Show income statement. Proceeds from the show were \$6,857.50, including \$4,550 from tables, and \$2,307.50 from day-of-show. Expenses for the show totaled \$3,901.73, with the largest single expense being \$1,150 for the high school rental.

Mary presented the treasurer's report. The starting balance was \$12,070.47. Tables, membership, and show-related income totaled \$3,794.50. Expenses totaled \$2,262.82 which were primarily show related expenses.

An additional item that was requested but not purchased will be fulfilled and collected by Bruce, which will increase the silent auction total by \$200.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kim, seconded by Ross. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Ross read the meetings of the last minute

Mary moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Kay. Motion carried.

Committees:

Gem Show: Bruce will try to create a monthly communication among the group who have volunteered. The 2026 show dates are Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18.

Membership: Per Mary, we had somewhere between 5 and 10 new members join at the show. This puts total membership near 50.

Field Trips: Bruce reported we have none planned and currently no chair.

Programs: no change since the last meeting.

Publicity: Scott Macdougall will continue to put the monthly meeting notices in the Lakeland Times.

Website: Ross reported receiving a number of photos from the gem show will be put into a gallery on the website.

Bruce presented the club's pop quiz.

The business meeting adjourned at: 7:32 pm.