

Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club

General Membership Meeting

March 24, 2026

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:31p.

12 people were in attendance.

President's Report - Bruce

The club had board meetings in December and again in March. The primary outcome of these meetings was to finalize the text for the bylaws stipulating the requirements for members to qualify for a free table at the gem show.

The board also discussed field trips. The board approved \$200 for quiz prizes at monthly general member meetings.

Bruce distributed the monthly membership quiz.

Vice President's Report - Kim

Asked the membership for a program chairperson and a field trip chairperson.

Proposed field trips for 2026:

- A. Saxon Harbor / Little Girl's Point in late April - proposed date Thursday, April 30.
- B. Iron Mountain Mine - proposed date in June
- C. Adventure Mine tour - proposed date in August
- D. Moonstone site in Wausau - proposed date in October

Proposed programs for 2026

- a. Today is show and tell (all members)
- b. Silversmithing - April (Mary)
- c. What are agates composed of - May (Elliott)
- d. How to identify rocks using the hardness scale - June (Bruce)

We have additional potential remote speakers through a member (Jenna) on geology who could fill July, August, September and October.

Kim reiterated he would like a member to volunteer to be program chairperson and another to be field trip chairperson.

Copies of the bylaws are on every table, including the latest approved from 2025 and a revision dated March 2026. There are a lot of small revisions such as spacing and punctuation. There

was a revision to the requirement to review the bylaws annually on page 11, rather than “at the beginning of every year.”

References to “Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club LLC” were replaced by reference to “The Club” on page 2.

Kim asked the attendees for suggestions for field trips.

Bruce circulated an attendance sheet for the April field trip.

Secretary’s Report - Ross

Ross read the October meeting minutes. Motion to accept as read made by Dan, seconded by Katherine. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report - by Bruce on behalf of Mary

Club is financially strong. School requested \$500 for this year’s scholarship but never cashed last year’s scholarship check. Mary paid \$200 to the church for use of our monthly meeting space. Mary also paid approximately \$240 on preparation for the annual gem show.

Bruce circulated a volunteer sheet for the gem show.

Bruce’s name is being added to the club bank account, along with Mary’s.

Gem and mineral show - Bruce

Dan has fliers for members to distribute. Bruce encouraged the members to visit gem shows before our event in July and bring fliers for distribution at those shows.

We have a volunteer for the rock painting and \$1 bags. We need more volunteers for the rock painting.

Club will purchase soda and water for Thursday and Friday evenings. The club has a cooler and could use a second cooler, and a volunteer to fill the cooler with soda, water and ice. Thursday is the potluck with the vendors. Friday will be a chicken or vegetarian dinner at \$17 per person, supplied by Trig’s. The club will have the wildlife display again.

Kim moved to purchase club vests with “event staff” for up to \$300, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Kim moved to change this to “volunteer”, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Membership Report - by Bruce on behalf of Mary

Please pay your annual dues.

Publicity - Bruce

We need somebody to publicize meetings and annual gem show. We also need to establish a Facebook presence.

Website Report - Ross

Gem show flier is scanned and on the website.

Winner of the monthly quiz was Kim.

Kim moved to adjourn, Marshall seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49p.