

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2025

Bruce Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

There were 14 people in attendance.

President's Report - Bruce

The new moonstone mine in Wausau is not currently operating. The rock shop in Wakefield, MI is open by appointment.

The club was involved with a rock swap at the Mercer rock shop. Bruce handed out about 25 fliers about the club. Bruce indicated good attendance at the rock swap.

Bruce had a "meteorite" tested by a company in the northeast and it turned out to be iron slag.

Club elections are next month. The club can take nominations now. The vice president position is open. Bruce read out the expectations of the club vice president, which includes programs and field trips. Field trips will be a club priority in 2026.

Bruce was unable to secure a table for testing for use in future shows as Walmart was out of stock.

Secretary's Report - Ross

Ross read the meeting minutes from the prior meeting. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Mary. Seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mary

Club income was \$230, including a residual payment from the 2025 show and membership. Expenses totaled \$21.13.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Kim, seconded by Elliot. Motion carried.

Membership - Mary

Current roster is 50 people on the email list; approximately 30 people are true members.

2026 show - Bruce

The club needs to land on a show theme, ideally in October. Ellie proposed a theme on Lake Superior agates.

Programs - Bruce

Publicity - Bruce

We're not certain whether club meeting announcements are appearing in the newspapers or not.

Website - Ross

Still have photos from the 2025 show to upload to the gallery.

Old business:

Ellie asked if we have a social media presence. Ellie volunteered to create a club Facebook presence. Bruce will coordinate an introduction to the last person attempting to do this.

New business:

The Oshkosh Earth Science club has their gem & mineral show this weekend (September 27 and 28).

The business meeting adjourned at 7:37.

The program was scheduled to be a presentation on Fossils, but due to a last minute cancellation the program was a show and tell of fossils brought by many of the members in attendance..