

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2025

Bruce Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:35

There were 21 people in attendance.

President's Report: Bruce Bacon

If anybody wants to paint a rock to enter into the contest at the annual gem and mineral show, there is still time.

Bruce showed an initial version of a club flier with a membership form, and club information. We have 500 copies.

Gwendoline has the club on Facebook. We are called the Lakeland Gem (first name) Mineral (last name).

Bruce presented the club scholarship to graduating senior Russell Schoepke at Lakeland High School. Bruce read the thank you note sent by Russell to the club. The club discussed whether the scholarship should be awarded to somebody who is pursuing a non-science major.

Roger Pilsner moved that if we do not have a student pursuing an earth science degree, we do not award the scholarship for that year. This was seconded by Barbara Sironen. Motion carried.

Bruce passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers for the gem show.

Bruce mentioned there is a new rock shop open in Mercer.

Vice President's Report: Roger Pilsner

Roger reported that he and Gail posted gem and mineral club show fliers in a large geographic area. Bruce added that we have a lot of excess fliers to distribute.

Roger mentioned there is a press release for the gem show ready to release.

Secretary's Report: Ross Pettit.

Ross read the meeting minutes. Roger moved to accept the meeting minutes as read, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Krueger.

The starting balance was \$13,658.15.

There were deposits of \$20 for Tables and \$40 for membership.

There were expenses of \$27.68 for food, \$400 to reimburse Frank Lavin for tables, \$720 to A&P storage, and \$500 for the Lakeland High School scholarship.

The ending balance was \$12,070.47.

Roger moved to accept the treasurer's report. Barbara seconded. Motion carried.

Show Report: Dan Erickson

Kingsley North did send a donation. Roger also received two donations from them as well.

Kay Gurthrie will be at the show with her displays.

Dan secured permission to put up the sign for the show.

Bruce asked for any members with a trailer to attach the show banner to. There was a discussion about where and how to display the banner.

Membership: Mary Kruger

Mary thanked everybody who attended the meeting and for their volunteer work for the club.

Field trips: Bruce Bacon

Bruce referenced the book Rockhounding Wisconsin as a potential source of ideas for field trips. Bruce also made a call for members to suggest field trips.

Fifteen people expressed interest in doing a geologic field trip to the Apostle Islands. Roger will investigate availability.

Programs: Bruce Bacon

Upcoming programs include bring your favorite rock books (July), Fossils (August), and How old is it really (September).

Website: Ross Pettit

Ross will add a gallery page for club activities. He received photos from a recent trip Dan and Roger made.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:18p.

Bill Reardon led a presentation on metal detecting.

