

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club

General Membership Meeting

July 28, 2026

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:32p. There were 14 people in attendance. We had two new members attend, Jack and Kurt.

President's Report: Bruce

Bruce thanked all who volunteered at the annual gem and mineral show. Bruce asked club members who were vendors at the show to report out results and impressions on traffic. The 2027 show will be held on July 16 and 17.

Elliot recommended offering free club membership in a raffle to encourage more local people to join.

The club discussed having a demonstration of rock cutting, sanding and polishing at next year's show. Bruce will investigate bylaws and insurance and will put this to a vote at the August meeting.

Vice President's Report: Kim

The next club outing is the Adventure Mine tour in August. There are two tour options, a 90 minute tour and a 3 hour tour. If we get as many as 12 attendees, there are price discounts for the tours. The membership agreed the field trip will be August 11. Kim circulated a sign-up sheet.

Tonight's presentation is on rock identification, a continuation of the program from last month.

Kim asked for suggestions for presentations for the final two months of the year, and we still have an opportunity for a field trip in September or October. Elliot suggested Little Girl's Point and Saxon Harbor for September and the Moonstone Mine in October. Tentative date is Tuesday, September 15. Kim will organize a visit to the Moonstone mine in October.

Secretary's Report: Ross

Ross read the minutes from the June meeting. Motion to approve made by Roger, seconded by Elliot. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary

We sold 45 rock bags at the gem show, plus we had income from donations, mine bags, silent auction, and we gained 7 new members. Expenses included labor for table setup and takedown, use of the school gym, food, advertising, show fliers, new tables, and vests.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Roger, seconded by Elliot. Motion carried.

Membership: Mary

Mary reported she is trying to stay in contact with members through email.

Other new business:

Bruce read off upcoming shows coming up in the area including Ishpeming, Houghton, Steven's Point, and Rice Lake.

The club still needs a publicity person, or a Facebook coordinator. Ron will hopefully be in a position to create a Facebook presence for the annual Gem and Mineral show. Elliott will try creating an Instagram or TikTok presence.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:45.