

Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club
General Membership Meeting
August 25, 2026

Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:32p.

There were 17 people in attendance, including first time attendees Jeff and Laura.

President's Report: Bruce

Bruce recovered club materials from 2009 to 2001, from previous club members who live in the UP. There are articles that had been published in the club newsletter. Bruce will choose one and bring copies to future club meetings.

The quiz tonight is to name the type of material and guess the number.

There is not yet a theme for the 2027 Gem Show. Members are encouraged to come up with ideas.

The club needs a communications plan.

The high school will allow us to set up a tent for exhibitors to demonstrate lapidary equipment. There will need to be additional security.

Bruce attended the Steven's Point Rock Swap and recommends that other people attend. The Rice Lake Gem & Mineral show was this past weekend.

Bruce circulated a 2027 calendar to elicit programs and field trips from members.

Potential trip for 2027 is to one of the amethyst mines in Thunder Bay. Ishpeming Mine Tour might be a destination event for 2027, as well as the rock show.

Vice-President's Report: Kim

Kim reported on the August field trip to the Adventure Mine. 7 club members took the tour.

The planned September field trip was to Little Girl's Point, and the Moonstone mine in Wausau in October. The Moonstone mine closes at the end of September, and our best club day will be a Wednesday. Admittance is \$40 for people under 65, \$35 for 65 and over. There are other exceptions. The mine website lists what to bring and what to wear. Tickets can be purchased online before the visit, and the mine accepts credit cards. The club chose Wednesday, September 16. The mine is open from 10a to 4p.

The October field trip will be at Little Girl's Point, date TBD.

Secretary's Report: Ross

Ross read the meetings from the August meeting. Motion to accept was made by Ellie, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary

We received deposits for membership, and had expenses for advertising this past month. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Dan, seconded by Kim. Motion carried.

Annual Gem and Mineral Show: Bruce, for Ron

Ron has agreed to be the show coordinator again in 2027. Marshall confirmed we can get a tent, and the high school agreed to allow us to set one up.

The club kicked around a few ideas. The club selected "We Like Fossils: No Bones About It" as the 2027 show theme.

Membership: Mary

We had four new members join in August.

Publicity: Bruce (position is vacant)

The primary objective is to publicize the monthly meetings.

Website: Ross

Photos from the last club field trip and the 2026 show are on the website.

Other New Business: Bruce

The nominating committee for 2027 officers will be the board.

Motion to adjourn made by Ellie, seconded by Kim. Motion carried.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:39p.