

**Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club**  
Minutes  
Tuesday, 23 May 2023  
6:30 p.m.  
Church of the Pines, Minocqua WI

**Welcome and Introductions**

Barbara Sironen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, reminding everyone to sign-in on the Club's Roster.

Sixteen people were in attendance.

Ross Pettit volunteered to take meeting minutes.

**Program**

Two long-standing Club members presented topics related to dating rocks & minerals:

Bill Reardon presented "Carbon 14 Dating of Copper Artifacts"

David Picard presented "Radiometric Dating Techniques of Rocks & Artifacts"

**Business meeting**

**President's Report**

Barbara Sironen reported that we need a Club Secretary due to the vacancy left by Jeanne Wolfe. She noted that the responsibility of the secretary largely involves archiving material and taking meeting minutes.

Many thanks to Jeanne for her continued support of Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club activities!

**Vice President's Report**

David Picard reported that we need a speaker for next month. Roger proposed a show and tell of the tools that Club members use in the field for collecting. This, it was agreed, will be our June program. The June meeting will also focus on final planning and decisions related to the Lakeland Gem & Mineral show in July.

**Secretary's Report**

The April meeting minutes were read by Ross Pettit.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Krueger, seconded by Bill Reardon. There was discussion to amend the minutes: Barbara proposed that they be amended with the text that a separate room is mandatory for the UV demonstration of florescent stones at the July show. With that amendment, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mary Krueger provided an update of Club finances.

Starting balance: \$9,025.45

Expenses:

Show Expenses: (\$71.23)

Raffle: (\$25.00)

Deposits:

Show & Dues: \$475.00

Current balance: \$9,404.22

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bruce Bacon; seconded by David Picard. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

**Standing Committees**

**Membership Committee**

Mary Krueger reported that we had a new member tonight, Roger.

**Field Trips Committee**

Barbara Sironen pointed out that we still need a chair for the Field Trips committee.

There was a discussion of possible field trips.

Dan Erikson reported that he got a call from Bill Schoenfuss, aka "Moonstone Bill." Evidently, Bill has opened a pit in the Wausau area where, for a fee, people can collect moonstone. There is a discount for a club attending.

Gregg Guthrie reported that Michigan Tech has a great museum that is well worth going to. The school will also look at specimens that people bring in.

Barbara Sironen noted that before we take on any Club-sponsored field trips the Club still needs to investigate insurance required for field trip and medical liability. She has a call in to the president of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies for clarification and guidance.

#### **Programs Committee**

Barbara pointed out that we still need a chair for the Programs committee.

#### **Publicity Committee**

There was an announcement about the May club meeting in the Lakeland Times today (the day of the meeting). These notices appear at the publisher's discretion.

Barbara Sironen clarified that Kay Guthrie is doing some publicity work without officially being on the Publicity committee and that we all appreciate her effort.

#### **Website Committee**

Ross Pettit reported that we can now add meeting minutes history to the website.

#### **Annual gem & Mineral club show**

Dan Erickson reported that we have yet to pay for the high school for the commons area. The fee is up \$500 from last year. Dan believes the total will be about \$2,800. Table prices will have to increase next year.

The discussion went back to needing a separate room for the UV lights. Dan said that UV longwave light is not harmful. The sun is more harmful than UV lights on rocks. Shortwave light is more harmful.

Dan noted that he needs a key to the Club's storage unit to take inventory of what we have, particularly tables. David Picard gave the key to Dan.

Dan had rented 30 tables and because he hasn't had access to the storage unit isn't sure if we have enough. Exhibitors have rented 97 tables for the show. Dan asked club members with 6' or 8' tables to please provide these for the show. The Club may also have to buy more 8' tables. Dan will count tables and figure out if we need more. Ron Zimmer and Dan will work on layout closer to the day.

The Lakeland High School will donate the room for a presenter. We need to confirm what time(s) we want to have a presentation (s). A discussion ensued in which Club members agreed that there should be a presentation at 10:30 on Friday and 10:30 on Saturday. It is unclear how long the presentation will run.

Dan reported that there is a four-sign limitation in Minocqua. He indicated where we will place them. In the past we've put up as many as thirteen. Dan confirmed the location of our signage in Minocqua.

Dan reported there are no volunteers to run the snack bar. The high school put out a call for volunteers but none of its clubs responded with volunteers. The space is available, but we have nobody to staff the snack bar. Club members proposed we scuttle it for this year.

There are also no high school volunteers to transport the tables from the storage shed to the high school as has been the case in past Shows.

Donations from Kingsley North and the Patzer's were noted.

Dan reported that we need Club members to volunteer to work the door and monitor the silent auction. Mary Krueger reported that the silent auction brought in about half of the Club proceeds at last year's show.

Dan then asked for a club decision on the raffle. There is one item, a metal detector, already purchased for the raffle. Gregg Guthrie made a motion to have Dan purchase a rock hammer (\$35) and tumbler (\$120) for the raffle, seconded by Kay Guthrie. Mary Krueger reported that the silent auction only brought in about \$400 in receipts last year, and with the metal detector at \$170 we're above that total. The motion failed.

Ross Pettit then moved that Dan buy a rock hammer, seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

A \$400.00 kit was donated by Fordham. The kit is too expensive for the raffle so Dan proposed that a blind box auction would likely work.

### **Adjournment**

Bill Reardon pointed out that the club used to have a program that ran an hour and a business meeting that ran for a much shorter duration of time. Bill made a motion that meetings start promptly at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Marshall Techner. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Reardon, seconded by Gregg Guthrie. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Pettit