



KETTLE KRIER

President: Tony Ilecki Vice President: Levi Sherman
Secretary: John Rettler Treasurer: Carol Ward

Recap of June Meeting

13 members made it to the June meeting. After the usual business of minutes and financials, the tech committee reported and asked for submissions for the blog part of the web site and the show committee reported that we are at 50% of our goal for the 2017 show.

Under old business: the agate show was discussed, no new information is available, but we are looking for a person to head up a committee to put together a club display for the show. The Ice Age Trail marker was put on the table until the August meeting. The Picnic was discussed and a tentative date August 6th was set. We are still looking to find what assets the club has and where they are kept for an inventory list. It was noted that with the passing of Johanna Allison, the position of Historian is unfilled and we are looking for someone who can fill the post and be the keeper of the records for the club.

On the new business side: Tony Ilecki agreed to set up a field trip to the Earthhaven Museum in Gillette, Wisconsin for July 23rd. Tony Ilecki will contact the people about the "art class" email.

There were no takers to attend the Midwest Federation meeting in August.

The program for the July meeting will be part 2 of the Yellowstone History.

Meeting adjourned for goodies and program part 1 of the History of Yellowstone which was extremely interesting, thanks to Winnie Mading for making it possible, it will be a hard long wait to see part 2.

The next meeting will be on July 20, 2016, 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library. See you all there!!!!

PICNIC UPDATE

The KMGS picnic has been set. **The Date:** August 13, 2016; **The Place:** Nixon Park in Hartland (at the shelter); **The Time:** Noon till 4:00PM

Bring your own food and maybe a dish to pass around. Also bring your stories about the rock that got away and your sense of humor. If you can come a little early or stay a little later to help set up and tear down, it will be appreciated.

Many thanks to Janet Schmitt for all her work setting this up.

JULY 4TH IN GERMANTOWN

Kettle Moraine Geological Society was invited to set up a display at the Germantown 4th of July picnic and fireworks at Fireman's Park for the 2nd year. Many thanks to John and Mary Rettler for providing the shelter and a fine display of specimens, including the famed Mastodon tooth.

As part of the display, Mike Andrysczyk was a hit with all visitors as he explained how many of the rocks were formed by events such as the Ice Age and volcanic activity of the past, leaving them a finer appreciation of rocks in general. His presentation was very entertaining and informative, and hopefully created a few new rockhounds.

The sifter was present and was a great hit with the children as they discovered many fine specimens while sifting through the buckets of sand. Many thanks to Mary Rettler, Suzanne Andrysczyk, and Marlene Ilecki for manning the sifter causing a lot of kids to leave with smiles on their faces.

The "Match the Name with the Rock Box" was set up by Tony Ilecki and many visitors had a fun time trying to guess the names of the rock samples on display. A surprising amount of visitors had a very good grasp of the names of the rocks.

Many new contacts were made and hopefully we can gain some new members for our group. From set up at 9:00AM till teardown at the end of the fireworks, it was a great experience talking to the visitors and promoting both our organization and geology in general. Thank you Germantown Kiwanis for inviting us again this year.



AGATE SHOW UPDATE

The Agate show fast approaching. I hope that all who have volunteered have gotten updates and assignments and been informed of where to go and when to be there. If not, please go to the web site (www.agateexpos.com) to check your assignments and/or volunteer. Remember, we are still looking for people to man the club table during the show and maybe come up with a display idea.

EVENTS

Lakeland Gem Club's annual show will be held at the Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, Wisconsin Friday July 15 and Saturday July 16. The show theme this year is "The Amazing World of Jaspers". There will be demonstrations, presentations and displays, as well as vendors selling specimens, slabs, jewelry, etc.

THE LAST WORD

July, the month of red, white and blue, days at the beach, camping and all the other things we look forward to all winter. Just remember to look down wherever you are. The great find may be laying anywhere in your path. Happy Rockhounding