



KETTLE KRIER

President: Tony Ilecki Vice President: Richard Hamman
Secretary: John Rettler Treasurer: Carol Ward

A Message From the President

2016 has passed and the hope of a new year is upon us. The resolutions have been made and it is now time to turn the page and look forward to 2017. I hope that this year will be a banner year for KMGS.

This year we have started what I hope will be successful partnership with the Washington County 4H organization. On January 28, 2017 KMGS will be holding a demonstration of the various areas of interest in geology and rockhounding for the 4H group in West Bend, WI. Maybe some of these youths will be interested enough to join our club. An article about the presentation will appear in next month's issue of the Krier.

There has been talk among the members of various field trips that sound very interesting and that I hope will happen when the weather permits. Anyone who would like to be part a field trip committee to help set these up, please contact Tony Ilecki.

Recap of December Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Tony Ilecki at 6:45PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 28 members and guests in attendance.

As secretary John was not in attendance the reading of the minutes was postponed until later in the meeting.

The treasurers report was read by treasurer Carol Ward

Motion to accept by Dewey Sherman and seconded by Toni Schumacher

Tim and Gail Perin updated us on the 4H project with dates (Jan 28) and times (set up for participants at Noon, program 1:00PM to 3:00PM, clean-up till 5:00PM). Maps to the building being used were distributed to the participants. Tim then requested that anyone else interested in helping contact him.

Tony Ilecki reported that a donation of a "florescent sphere tree" was made to KMGS by the Howland estate. It was picked up by Richard Rosenbeerg and Tony. It is now being stored at Tony's house, and hopefully will be in operation at the March show. We are looking for anyone with pictures and/or information about this item.

Debbie Elftman told the members that one of our members, (Larry Christopherson) had broken his foot and will be laid up for a while.

The minutes of the November were read by president Tony Ilecki in the absence of John Rettler.

A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Debbie Elftman and seconded by Winnie Mading. Motion approved by voice vote.

Next month's program time will be spent identifying and pricing rocks that will be sold at the club sales table this year.

Next month's goodie detail will be Debbie Elftman and Jeane Lyons

John Rettler arrived and gave a short account of how the show is going and will have more after the holidays

There being no further business a motion was entertained to adjourn. Motion made by Debbie Elftman and seconded by Russ Fuher. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned and social began.

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2017, 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

This month we meet our president, and editor of the Krier, Tony Ilecki.

Tony is a retired maintenance electrician and became interested in geology and rocks in general through a friend. His wife, Marlene, wire wraps cabochons and Tony has taken up the cutting and polishing of many of the cabs she uses. Both joined KMGS in 2012 as a way learn more about the formation and composition of the materials they work with. Since joining, both of them have made many new friends in the club and learned how to identify many of the rocks they have and how to work with them. Tony is also a railfan and has recently been combining his interests, with trips to ride and photograph trains and hunt for more rocks.



Tony was asked if he would run for president of the club in November of 2015 and is now in his second term.

THE LAST WORD

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all you rockhounds out there. This is the slow time of year with no geological events happening within easy driving distance. But just think, only about three more months to get the specimens collected last year organized and put on the display shelf before the snow melts enough to get out and get some more. It is the time to clean, cut, shape and polish all those rocks that have been sitting in the basement or garage and make room for more.

It is also time to start planning for any field trips you wish to take during the more temperate months of the spring, summer and fall. Should anyone out there have an idea for a trip that the club would like to take, please bring to the attention of the club members, and if you would be willing to help coordinate these trips please contact your club president.

TONY ILECKI

Editor