



KETTLE KRIER

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

A Message From the President

It's March, and our members are working hard to put the finishing touches on their displays and exhibits for the big show on March 11th and 12th. This year's show will mark the return of Chuck Howland's rotating fluorescent sphere tree in the fluorescent display area. The display was donated by the estate of Chuck Howland and is a welcome addition to our show.

I wish to thank our show chairman John Rettler and his committee for setting up this show. It is a tremendous amount of work and I am sure it is appreciated by all our members. Let's hope that the weather will co-operate.

Recap of February Meeting

Meeting was Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:38 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by 23 members in attendance.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the December Meeting. Debbie Elftman indicated a correction that the "pin on" KMGS Name Badges were now \$9 and the Magnet ones were still \$10. Motion by Milt Wilson to accept with correction. Second by Dave Elftman. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Carol Ward. Motion by Debbie Elftman to accept as read. Second by Milt Wilson. Motion Carried.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler gave an update on the 2017 Show progress. It was pointed out that more volunteers will be needed and appreciated, but all was on track. A few questions were fielded from the group, but all was on track for the March 11th & 12th. Event.

The new KMGS Plastic Photo "Cut-Outs" were introduced and on display. These are to attract children and encourage an introduction to KMGS. Before the night was over; a couple of children were "recruited" from the library and had their photo taken with them, and will be used to promote the Show on Facebook.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberg. A new Membership Roster was available, and a few copies were available at the meeting. It will also be e-mailed out to all members

Announcements:

Tim & Gail Perrin reported on the 4-H “Seed Project” Event on January 28th. There were 18 4-H members in attendance. It went well and we are looking forward to more events and involvement from the 4-H.

Tony Ilecki made note that the “Fluorescent Tree” has now been retrieved, completed and working and is available and steps are being taken as to how to have it available at the show. But room and placement is being researched; as well as how to transport and protect it, and still have it on display.

There was no Old Business brought up.

New Business:

KMGS was invited to the “Green Alliance Sustainability Fair in Delafield on Saturday August 26th from 9 am to 3 pm. Interested Volunteers were solicited. Bernice McClosky, John Rettler & Tony Ilecki will try to be available. More are asked to be available if possible.

Debbie Elftman noted that the Domain Name (kmg rocks.com - \$30.34 for two years) is up for renewal and it’s in her name and on her Charge-card. The club agreed to reimburse her as we MUST keep the Domain name. But there are questions as to why the ownership and billing are not to the club itself. Tony and Debbie will investigate.

March Meeting program will be Janet reporting back on the Tucson Show if she is available. If not Winnie will be continuing the series on The Nature and Geology of the National Parks

March Goodie Detail is Mary Rettler & Mary Nettsheim.

Mary Nettesheim reported that Jim Boyd – “Dino Jim” from the [Millard Dinosaur Store](#) in Elkhorn has been ill and will be closing his Museum store. Mary is looking into a Field Trip to his museum before it closes. Jim is considering options as to what to do with his collections at this time.

Upcoming Shows were announced:

Fox Rocks in Appleton on March 4 & 5.

KMGS March 11 & 12.

Waukesha County Expo Show (Damon Essig) March 18 & 19.

Badger Lapidary Show in Janesville March 25 & 26.

Cedar Rapids IA Show March 25 & 26.

Motion to adjourn by Winnie Mading. Second by Milt Wilson. Motion Carried at 7:17 pm.

John M Rettler - Secretary

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2017, 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4 & 5: Appleton, Wi. “FOX ROCKS” at Grand Meridian 2621 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI. Saturday, March 4, 10AM-5PM Sunday, March 5, 10AM-4PM. Admission \$2, under 12 free.

March 11 & 12: West Bend, WI 55th annual Kettle Moraine Geological Society rock, Mineral, Gem and Earth Sciences Show Saturday March 11 10AM-5PM, Sunday March 12 10AM-4PM, Admission: Adults \$3.00, under 12, scouts and 4H members in uniform free

25-26: JANESVILLE, WI Badger Lapidary & Geological Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 9 am - 4 pm. Rock County Fairgrounds -Craig Center Bldg., 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville. Contact (608) 897-2608; jdrules3@gmail.com



**Fox Rocks 2017
Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show**
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“In The Heart of the Kettle Moraine”!
**Washington County Fair Park &
Convention Center Pavilion**

Exit 65 off Hwy 45 - 3000 Hwy PV West Bend WI (Just 25 minutes north of Milwaukee)
Just 1/2 Block East of Hwy 45 / 2.5 Miles North of Hwy 60 / 6 Miles South of Hwy 33
Just \$3.00 Admission - Kids under 12, Scouts & 4-H Members in Uniform Free!

Come See, Learn and Experience: Agates, Minerals, Gem Stones, Fossils, Jewelry, Lapidary, Wire Wrapping, Cabochons & “Cabbing”, Fluorescent Minerals, Native American Artifacts, Flint Knapping, Geological and Earth History Displays, Educational Speakers, Demonstrations, Club Sales, Mineral, Jewelry and Gem Dealers and More! Fun & Education for the entire Family!
We give back to local Community Groups - HELP SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS!
For more information go to our website: kmsrocks.com

THE LAST WORD

The season of spring will be soon upon us. A time for new beginnings. Trees will grow new leaves, flowers will bloom in vibrant colors, and the grass will grow and need cutting again. Travel plans for the upcoming summer months will begin to take shape. And of course, the collection of new rocks will again be part of most trips. If that last part describes you, I request that you take photos and write up a short description of your travels for publication in this newsletter. Other members may find it interesting and learn about new areas to explore.

See you all at the show and at the meeting on March 15, 2017.

Until next time, happy rockhounding!!

TONY ILECKI

Editor