



KETTLE KRIER

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

Our next meeting will be on November 15th, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library. NOTE: This is the annual election of officers

A Message From the President

I would like to welcome new members Brian & Cherie Zahn and Cate Comdohr to the ranks of the KMGS membership.

The November meeting is, as always, the one during which the election of officers occurs. This is the group that hopefully keeps KMGS running smoothly and guides it through the year. But this group needs the help of members in the form of committee involvement. I was gratified to hear that we now have a "Sunshine Committee", as Mary Rettler, Carol Ward, Marlene Ilecki and Nyssa Unger have volunteered to steer the committee. There are other opportunities out there, such as field trip committee (help to set up and lead club field trips), program committee (help to come up with after meeting programs of interest to members), show committee (help to set up our annual rock show). We also are in need of a historian to keep the records of the past up to date. If you can help in any of these or other ways, your club needs you. Remember that KMGS is only as strong and good as its members.

A reminder that club dues need to be paid by the end of December. Talk to Treasurer Carol Ward to take care of this matter or send your dues to:

KMGS
P. O. BOX 44306
West Allis, WI 43214

Tony Ilecki - President KMGS

Recap of October Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:41 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 23 Members and Guests in attendance.

Three Guests in Attendance: Brian & Cherie Zahn & Cate Comdohr.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the September Meeting. Jeannie Lyons made motion to accept as read. Second by Russ Fuher. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Carol Ward. Motion by Marlene Ilecki to accept as read. Second by Russ Fuher. Motion Carried.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. He will be putting together a "New" Roster, any changes should be made to him or Carol as 2018 dues are being paid.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that 74% of the Vendors have returned contracts and deposits for the show. The "Early Bird Discount has expired. We will mail a final reminder and those not responding, and on December 1st, will be replaced and lose their reservation. Flyers are available and have been sent to Vendors.

Sunshine Committee: Carol Ward, Marlene Ilecki, Mary Rettler & Nyssa Unger have volunteered to accept the duties revolving around the Sunshine Committee. We thank them for their assistance.

Nominating Committee of Peter Graetz & Garret Schumacher reported that all the current Officers have agreed to run for their positions again. At the November Meeting; nominations will be entertained from the floor for anyone wishing to serve as an Officer.

Old Business:

The Community Resource Committee: Richard Hamman reported on the condensed version of the ideas submitted by Winnie Mading, for consideration. Copies were made available for the general membership. A short discussion ensued and the idea was tabled until next month, to allow more input from members and to refine the wording to reflect the ideas from the floor.

Tim & Gail Perrin reported on the Washington County 4-H "Program scheduled for January 27, 2018. Anyone interested should contact them for scheduling their topic to be presented.

President Tony Ilecki announced again (as required by the Bylaws) proposed changes to the By-laws that need some adjustment. The Board will convene before the November Meeting make a final review before a vote at the November meeting by the general membership.

New Business:

Tim Perrin mentioned that he may have some suitable cases for the Fluorescent Display for the club. He and Tony Ilecki will investigate and decide upon the potential.

Motion By John Rettler for the Treasurer to establish either a “Separate” Savings or Checking Account (Whichever is more feasible) to establish an “Amazon Smile” account to accommodate a collection of revenues for the KMGS. Second by Larry Christopherson. Motion Carried.

Tony Ilecki & Mike Andrysczyk put on a presentation to about 25 UW Washington County STEM Students. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Tony stated that Mike did a terrific job, and some of the students may be interested in KMGS.

Mike also mentioned if anybody is interested in “RSVP” (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) to assist in promoting the KMGS.

The 2018 Dues are due, and Debbie Elftman noted that the cost of mailing is \$6 annually per address. John Rettler made the motion that if you wish to receive the mailed Cards to remind of the meeting, there will be an additional \$5 fee per address. Seconded by Marlene Ilecki. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Rock River Club will hold the final excursion for 2017 to the Silha Quarry in Janesville, on October 28th.

Racine Club holding their annual “Pre-Christmas Show” on November 4th & 5th in Sturtevant.

Madison Gem & Mineral Club will hold its Show at the Alliant Energy Arena on November 18 & 19th. \$3 admission, and \$7 parking fee.

November Program will be either Peter Graets on his travels or a DVD The National Parks.

Debbie Elftman reported the “Goodie Detail” for November is Debbie Elftman and Peter Graetz.

The election of KMGS Officers is November 15th, at 6:30 pm.

The numerous Door Prized were raffled off by drawing, were donated by Larry Christopherson.

Motion to adjourn by Russ Fuhrer, Second by Debbie Elftman. Motion Carried at 7:55 pm.

John M Rettler - Secretary

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The refreshments will be provided by Debbie Elftman and Peter Graetz. Program by Peter Graetz, or a continuation of the National Parks DVD.

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KMGS Traveling Show

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 Mike Andrysczyk and Tony Ilecki took the “KMGS Traveling Education Show” to the University of Wisconsin campus in West Bend, WI. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Club had invited KMGS to make a presentation about the geology and chemistry of rocks in Wisconsin. With short notice, Mike agreed to make the presentation and Tony went along as president to represent KMGS.

The club advisor, Dr. Mohamed Ayoub, greeted us and told us that both he and the group were looking forward to the presentation then introduced us to the students. Mike started the talk and the next hour flew by. The students were attentive and asked a few questions, which Mike fielded with ease. The presentation could have gone on much longer, but the room was booked and we needed to vacate. I don't know about the students, But I came away with more knowledge than I came in with.

Many thanks to Mike for his effort in putting together that presentation and putting KMGS out there as a source of knowledge and a group that welcomes new members with geological interests.

October trip to Silha Quarry

On Saturday October 28, the Rock River Valley Geological Society sponsored trip to the Silha Quarry near Janesville. Since this was the last outing to the quarry for the year, I decided to make the trip. I got there about 11:30AM and began wandering around the rock piles, hunting for interesting specimens along with about 10 other hardy souls who braved the weather. With the temperature at 38 degrees and a fair breeze blowing, the conditions were not quite optimal for a long search, and since I am more or less a fair weather rockhound, I limited my time out on the rocks to about 45 minutes. In that time I managed to pick up 5 rocks that looked promising out in the cold. It remains to be seen what they turn out to be when I get around to working with them.

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee (yes, we now have a sunshine committee!!) would like to start recognizing members' birthdays. We would like to post them in the Krier each month. To this end would everyone please email Richard Rosenberger with your birthday so he can add it to the roster. We only need month and day. If you would like to include the year that is up to you.

The other thing that we would like to start is sending get well cards to members and condolences to family members at the passing of members.

We need your help to accomplish these goals. We are not all seeing or knowing, so please let us know when a member is in the hospital or having surgery or has passed away.

Thank you for your help.

Members of the Sunshine Committee

Marlene Ilecki (email: ileckimm.wi@gmail.com) (Phone: 414-543-5708)

Carol Ward (email: carol4159@sbcglobal.net) (Phone: 414-771-6744), Mary Rettlerand Nyssa Unger

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 4-5: STURTEVANT, WI Racine Geological Society Annual Show, Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Fountain Hall, 8505 Durand Ave (Hwy 11), Sturtevant. Contact John Lowman, (262) 989-9193; lowman.john@sbcglobal.net

NOV 18-19: Madison, WI Madison Gem and Mineral Club annual show, Sat 9:30AM-5:00PM, Sun 10AM-5:00PM at the Alliant Energy Center. Admission \$3, (under 12 free). Parking: \$7

THE LAST WORD

By the time you read this, the kids will all be recuperating from the sugar high they got as a result of all the Halloween candy, the trees and houses will be cleared of the TP and, unfortunately, the warm weather that October brought will be gone. This means that you will need to rake the leaves to uncover any rocks on your trips. However, one should be thankful that the great white sheet has yet cover the ground, postponing all rock hunts in this area until the spring thaw.

November is the month to look back over the past year, harvest all that we have learned, and use that knowledge to get us through the next year. As we head toward Thanksgiving, a time for family and friends to gather and recall the things that we are grateful for, let us not forget those who work and sacrifice so that we may enjoy this day.

Until next time, happy rockhounding!!

TONY ILECKI

Editor