



KETTLE KRIER

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

Our next meeting will be on October 25th, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library. NOTE: This is the fourth Wednesday

A Message From the President

During the September meeting it was decided that for the second year KMGS will be hosting a project/informational seminar for the Washington County 4H. Last year's event was a success with many KMGS members showing and explaining the many facets of the geological field, from rock identification and specimen collecting to geological formations and mining in Wisconsin. I hope that this year will be as good or better and that we can get some of the 4Hers and their parents interested enough to join our little group.

Just a reminder that the election of KMGS officers will be held at the November meeting. Anyone interested in running for any of the offices is encouraged to contact the nominating committee (Peter Graetz and Garrett Schumacher) before that meeting.

Tony Ilecki - President KMGS

Recap of August Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 7:30 PM., after the group enjoying the one hour social and Potluck.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by 32 members in attendance.

Dick Grybush a long-time former member was a guest attendee.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the August Meeting. Dave Elftman made motion to accept as read. Second by Milt Wilson. Motion Carried.

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

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that 71% 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 will be replaced and lose their reservation. Flyers are available and have been sent to Vendors.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberg. He reported that the KMGS Blog is underused, and available for any member who wants to use it, to keep the club informed of activities, and exchange information. Also there are articles from members and their excursions posted for those interested. He also noted that when you post on Facebook, be sure to go to “settings” and make it “Public” so it can be reposted and shared.

Old Business:

President Tony Ilecki once again asked for volunteers to fill open committee positions, and received no response, as nobody wanted to participate.

The Community Resource Committee: Richard Hamman brought up the idea and a draft for a Community Resource Committee, to make the KMGS more accessible and available for the community to use us as a resource when faced with disposing or selling Geological Materials from estates and collections. This “service” would be on our website and could enhance the image, profile and usefulness of the organization. After a Spirited discussion, a motion was made by John Rettler and seconded by Milt Wilson to table the decision, until next month’s meeting, while Winnie would combine the two drafts into a more conducive program to be decided on. The Motion Carried.

President Tony Ilecki announced proposed changes to the By-laws that need some adjustment.

Winnie suggested we write a “Constitution” and have the By-laws fall under the dictates of the Constitution, so adjustments and changes can be made with less formal protocol. This would be a Board of Directors imitative, and will be reviewed after the current By-laws fix is complete.

New Business:

2017 Nominating Committee for Club Officers will be Peter Graetz and Garret Schumacher.

Debbie Elftman reported on the “Goodie Detail” Committee. Larry Christopherson and Garret Schumacher will be supplying for the October Meeting. November – will be Debbie Elftman and Peter Graetz.

Tim & Gail Perrin made the motion that the Washington County 4-H will be holding their project seminar in mid-January of 2018, and asked that the KMGS once again be a part of the event. Second by Mike Andrysczyk. Motion carried. Those will willing to exhibit, should contact Tim and Gail as the details become available.

The October Program will be a continuation of the Series on the National parks by Winnie, or Janet has procured a DVD on the Gem and Mineral show from France, which may be viewed as well.

Announcements:

Larry Christopherson is holding a “Rock Rummage Sale” at his home a N493 Erin Road, Oconomowoc, on September 23 & 24th. From 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. each day.

Oshkosh Earth Science Show at the Sunny View Expo Center on September 23 & 24th.

Jefferson Club Show October 7 & 8th, at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Dirty Kettles “Indian Summer” at Ashippun Town Hall Park on October 6th, 7th & 8th.

The October Meeting will be held on the FOURTH Wednesday of October, the 25TH, instead of the third, due to a scheduling conflict.

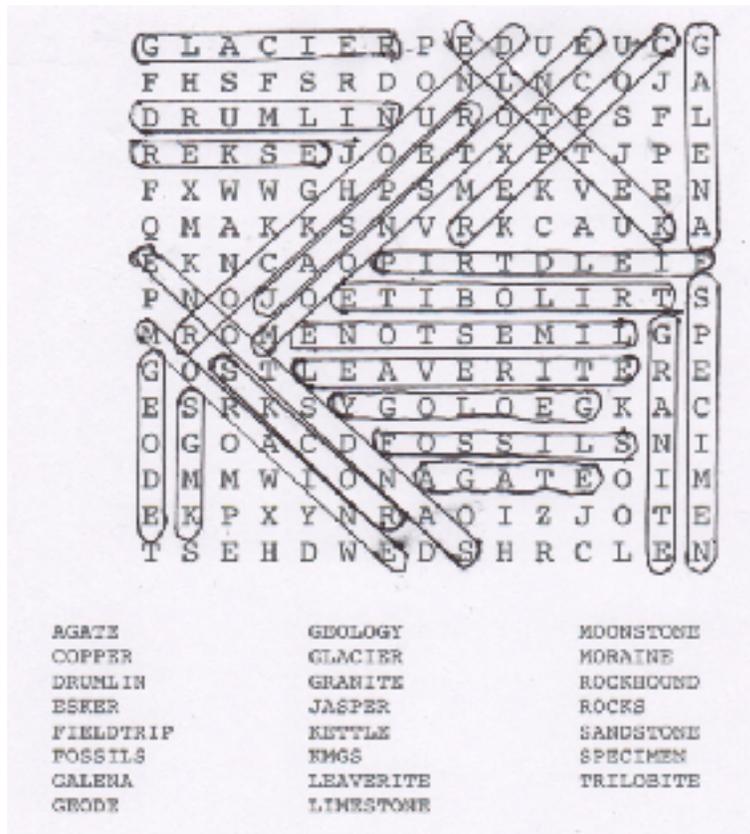
Motion to adjourn by Russ Fuhrer, Second by Winnie Mading. Motion Carried at 8:32 pm.

John M Rettler - Secretary

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Here are the answers to last month’s Game of Stones



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 7-8—JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN: Annual show; Rock River Valley Geological Society, Jefferson County Fair Park; Jackson & Peurner Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Will Offering; Rock River Valley Geological Society 45th Annual Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show. Demonstrations of faceting, wire wrapping and lapidary. Dealers of minerals, fossils, gems stones and jewelry. Children's activity area.; contact Steven Streich, Steven's Rocks & Gift, 134 E. Main Street, Marshall, WI 53559, (608)-655-1011; Web site: stevensrockshop.com

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

THE LAST WORD

October is the month of Halloween. During the Trick or Treat session this year, instead of giving the kids candy, maybe we should all give the kids rocks. What better way to introduce them to the science of geology and rockhounding than with a specimen and a card explaining what it is and where it was found? On second thought, it might not be a great idea as some of them may end up getting returned on a high speed trajectory. Oh well, HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all.

We are always looking for content to make this publication interesting and informative. Tips about how to display collections, fossil extraction, lapidary techniques etc. can be shared with members. This is a request for you to put these together into short (or long) articles which can be put into the Kettle Krier. Please send your articles for submission to me at tilecki@ymail.com. Any comments or suggestions about the Kettle Krier should also be addressed to tilecki@ymail.com.

Until next time, happy rockhounding!!

TONY ILECKI

Editor