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The Kettle Moraine Geological Society (**KMGS**) was organized in 1960 for the purpose of gathering and disseminating knowledge of geology and the earth sciences

Our meetings are held at the Pewaukee Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Guests are always welcome. Persons interested in becoming members can obtain an application form from any of the officers.

Visit our website at www.kmgsrocks.com and like us on facebook.

The Kettle Krier is the official publication of **KMGS** and is published each month. Articles for publication must be submitted no later than the second weekend of the month prior to publication.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The end of summer is coming fast and the schools will soon be opening to educate our youngsters. It brings an opportunity to accept invitations to do a program on geology and/or earth science in classrooms throughout the area. While reading the minutes of the last meeting (sorry I was not there) I noticed the part where Mike Andrysczyk asked if anyone would be willing to attend a presentation with him to get an idea of what he does. I hope someone took him up on that offer, as we need a few more people who can get out and help to fulfill our education mission. As part of that, maybe a few of us can help to update the the "slideshow" from the '60s about the Kettle Moraine area. After all we are the "**KETTLE-MORAINES GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**" Give it some thought and see Mike if you are interested.

See you all at the picnic on Saturday August 4th at Noon.

Tony Ilecki, President KMGS

AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS BORN IN THIS MONTH

Tony Ilecki, August 3 Donna Cook, August 4
Gerald Adams, August 19 Dale Gross, August 30

Our next meeting is on August 15, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Public Library

NOTICE OF MEETING NIGHT CHANGES

Due to conflicts with Pewaukee Library scheduling, the meeting dates for October and November have been changed to the fourth Wednesday of those months.

October 2018 meeting will be held on October 24th at 6:30 PM
November 2018 meeting will be held on November 28th at 6:30 PM

Please make a note of these changes.

KMGS PICNIC IS FAST APPROACHING

Hopefully you will read this as soon as it hits your email box. It is the final reminder of the KMGS picnic which will be held Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at Nixon Park in Hartland, WI. We have reserved the shelter near the playground from Noon to 4:00 PM, so rain will not be problem. As always, it is a bring your own entree (brats, burghers, steaks, etc.) with an optional dish to pass (salads, fruit, chips, etc.). **Please note that we do not have a beer permit for this event.**

Along with the foodstuffs and beverages, bring along a few of the rocks and/or specimens that you have picked up recently for show and tell, as well as stories of recent or past excursions into the wild to pick up those rocks.

Hope to see you all there!!

AUGUST MEETING PREVIEW

The meeting to held on August 15, 2018 should prove to be good one. Along with all the regular interesting club business, our resident dinosaur expert Joe Woger will be giving a presentation about dinosaurs and fossils for our program.

The goodies will be provided by Tony & Marlene llecki and Jeanne Lyons.

A REMINDER ABOUT SEPTEMBER

A reminder for the old hands and a heads-up for newer members.

The September 19th meeting will be the annual pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to pass around to the other members. The business part of the meeting will take place after we have all had our fill.

KMGS BUYS A TRAILER

As those who attended the July meeting know, KMGS is in the process of purchasing a trailer for storage and transportation of club equipment and displays. Final purchase and delivery will be about mid October of 2018. After some modifications like adding shelving and tie-downs, a loading "party" will be set up to put our goodies in it. This will make transport of KMGS equipment such as the sifter, rock match game and the various signage to our show and other outings much easier. It will also place all of it one location, making it easier to keep an inventory of our "stuff".

July 18, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by Vice-President Richard Hamann at 6:37 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 20 Members in attendance.

There were no new Guests in attendance.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the June Meeting. Larry Christopherson made motion to accept as read. Second by Russ Fuher . Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treas. Carol Ward. Motion by Garret Schumacher to accept as read. Second by Milt Wilson. Motion Carried. Carol also noted that the 2017 audit of the Club Financial Records has been completed by the Board of Directors, and all was found to be in order.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that the show committee met and a few adjustments are being made to protect the integrity of the Club through the “balance and diversity” of the show.

(A) While all current Vendors are “Grandfathered” in, new Club Member Vendors must be a paid member for six months, and have attended 50% of Club meetings or events before they will be allowed to sell at the show.

(B) All New Vendors will be required to submit a color photo of each table to be representative of their display and materials.

(C) These will be kept on file, so “if” the array of materials or displays changes “substantially” and no longer reflects the original presentation of the show variety, actions can be taken to protect the diversity, or the Vendor will be dis-invited.

(D) It was discussed and decided that this is not a policy of the club to be included in Bylaws or Charter, but rather a Show Committee Policy, and perhaps a “Show Guide” can be drafted to list the actions required to produce the annual show. These changes will also be incorporated into the 2020 Contract, as the 2019 contracts are already being honored.

The Sunshine Committee circulated a Birthday Card for Bernice McCloskey to celebrate her 96th Birthday. Other Birthdays will be posted in the Kettle Krier

The “Program Committee” report was given by Carol Ward. Milt Wilson will provide the program for the evening, and Joe Woger is set to provide the August Program. There will be no September Program as it will be replaced with the end of summer Pot Luck after the meeting.

The “Education Committee” Mike Andrysczyk reported that no progress yet on assembling Display Boxes for Teachers, but it will progress as time allows. Mike will also be meeting with children and adults at the West Bend Public Library on Friday the 20th at 1:00 pm. He suggests some other may wish to attend with

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him when he gives his “talks” to learn how, to become somewhat of a “protégé” or “apprentice” to continue and expand upon the programs of bringing the education of geology and mineralogy and continue the club’s Mission Statement to provide education and teach geology and mineralogy. Anyone willing is invited to attend with Mike.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. The Meeting Dates at the Pewaukee Library have been reserved and a few adjustments are needed. These will be posted in the Kettle Krier.

The schedule is as follows:

- (September 19th. – The third Wednesday)
- (October 24th, – **The Fourth Wednesday**)
- (November 28th, - **The Fourth Wednesday**)
- (December 19th, – The third Wednesday)
- (January 16th, 2019 – The third Wednesday)

(Old Business)

Vice President Hamman noted that the expected inspection of the donated lapidary equipment from Nick Smith, is still pending.

(New Business)

The Board of Directors met in Monday the 16th, to discuss and conduct business of the Club.

The Board purchased a Trailer from B& B Trailer in Hartford for the storage and transportation of Club materials, equipment, supplies and various uses as the club determines.

- (A) It is a Lightning Brand Trailer made in Elkhart Indiana.
- (B) 6’x14’x 6.5’, with side access door and rear ramp door.
- (C) Single axle with 15” wheels, with no auxiliary braked needed.
- (C) White in color with all aluminum frame and walls, with jack stand, and all required lighting.
- (D) It has plywood interior and two interior lights, and flow through venting.

There was some discussion on the use for advertising, lettering etc and those decisions will be determined in the future as the delivery of the trailer is at least two months away yet.

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The Board of Directors advised and accepted the revised language for the Community Resource Policy, for the disposition of collections and displays from the public, and it will be posted in the Kettle Krier, and be posted on the Website.

The Board also established a policy for members who will be acting as Club Delegates for the Mid-West Federation Convention. Whereas all members are allowed to attend as non-voting guests and attendees, the Club is limited to two (2) Voting Delegates, and to encourage Club Members to attend as Delegates, the Club will pay expenses to a limited amount for scheduled events and housing. All other expenses are the responsibility of the Delegates.

Goodie Detail for August was unavailable, and Debbie will need to remind us as to who will provide the August Goodies.

(Announcements)

July 20 & 21, The Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club annual show is in Minocqua at the High School

Door prizes were donated by Larry Christopherson.

The KMGS Summer Picnic will be on Saturday August 4th at Nixon Park in Hartland from Noon until 4 p.m. The event will be announced the Kettle Krier.

Motion to adjourn by Milt Wilson. Second by Garrett Schumacher. Motion Carried at 7:17 pm.

John M Rettler - Secretary

HOW I GOT STARTED

How I Got Started will return for the September issue of the Kettle Krier

THE TREE GOES ON THE ROAD

Marlene and I were scheduled to be vendors at the Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club annual show being held in Minocqua, WI on July 20th and 21st. A couple of their members had seen the fluorescent tree at our show in March and commented that it would be a nice thing to display at their show. Since we are also members of the Miocqua club, and I felt that the tree was made to be seen, not sit in a basement or storage facility, I made a rash decision and told them that I would try to bring it up with us for the show. After much packing and repacking, we managed to fit all the parts into our van along with the goodies we were bringing to sell, so the tree made it to the show. It took a lot of work and the question I asked myself was: Is it worth the effort?

The answer to that question came early on during the show when people started to come through the darkened room. The reactions went from **WOW!!** to **OMG!!**, and that was just the adults. The kids were fascinated with it and most had to be pulled out by parents to see the rest of the show. There were many repeat visitors with some coming back three or more times.

Was it worth it? **YES.** Not only did more people get to see what I think is a unique and beautiful fluorescent display, but KMGS is now known up in the Northland of Wisconsin.

Tony Ilecki

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 4th: Hartland, WI KMGS Annual Picnic at Nixon Park in Hartland. Picnic starts at NOON rain or shine.

August 25: MT PLEASANT, WI Racine Geological Society Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm. Bartlett Youth Foundation, 1120 N. Stuart Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Contact: John Lowman, 3223 Spruce St., Racine 53403; (262) 989-9193; lowman.john@sbcglobal.net

September 15: ROCKFORD, IL Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society Rock Swap. 9:30 am - 4 pm. Odd Fellows Lodge, 6219 Forest Hills Rd., Rockford. Contact: Duane Cushing, 11717 Waidi Ave, Machesney Park 61115; (815) 218-5011; tdc78@comcast.net

September 29-30: OSHKOSH, WI Oshkosh Earth Science Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh. Contact: Ann Voges, 615 Monroe St., Neenah 54956; (920) 725-1640; hankemps@milwpc.com

THE LAST WORD

The BSA has the motto of be prepared. It is one that I have never been able too follow. One example is the trip my wife and I made to Minocqua for the Lakeland Gem and Mineral Club show. We talked to many members of the Minocqa group during the weekend and were invited to come along on an impromptu field trip to an old copper mine in Rockland MI. Of course we accepted. Were we prepared? NO! No gloves, no rock hammer, no metal detector, no hiking boots. The only thing we had along to help us with this excursion were some cloth bags to carry anything we found.

The moral of the story: Have bucket with some rock hunting gear stowed right next to the fishing gear and emergency kit in your vehicle.

As an aside, we did not find any copper bearing rocks on this trip, but most of the party were able to locate some good specimens with metal detectors and probably much better eyesight. It was, if nothing else, a very enjoyable learning experience.

Finally, a thought for the month: **August is still the only month without a holiday. Hallmark has been around since 1910. Why haven't they come up with a holiday for August?**

Happy rockhounding!!!

Tony Ilecki
Editor