

OGMS Board Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2021

Location: Olathe Public Library, (Room F); 16100 W. 135th St.; Olathe, KS

Attendees: Norman Onnen

Barbara Crompton

Dan McDaniel

Leslie Hartman

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

It was noted that Alison Betts, (Secretary) would not be attending this meeting subsequent to scheduled eye surgery this date. Also, four invited member/guests did not attend. (David Krug, Gary Monroe, Trevor Huston, and Ann Thompson).

It was reported that the Hope Chapels (where our monthly club meeting presently occurs, have not imposed masking requirements for attendees, leaving the determination to the individual.

The Treasurer's report was given, a copy of which will be submitted for the record as per agreed to procedure.

The current membership listing was discussed. As membership dues were due at the May club meeting, per Bylaws (and subsequently at the Sept. meeting as is the usual case) a discussion was held to determine if the membership list should be culled to drop those who have not paid. It was decided that the list would be sent to N. Onnen who will try to determine who and/or if delinquent members can be individually contacted to keep their membership in good standing. As such this issue was tabled for the present.

The situation regarding the raffle was discussed. Lisa Hulbert mistakenly missed the Sept. club meeting, however the raffle was held, led by Leslie, and collected \$21. Lisa indicates she will be at the Oct. meeting and will administrate the raffle.

The issue of having refreshments at the club meetings was discussed and the decision was made to continue having refreshments with attendees bringing their own drinks (other than water). Dan will clarify this information in the monthly bulletin.

For the Oct. club meeting, N. Onnen will be unable to attend and Barbara Crompton has agreed to chair this meeting. To date the Oct. program has not been determined and will be identified in time to be included in the next Bulletin.

The Nov. club meeting is being re-scheduled (from Thurs., Nov. 4) to Thursday, Nov. 18. This date has tentatively been discussed with the church and will be confirmed this week. This change is being made in recognition that Nov. 4 is the evening the club members will be setting up for the Nov. 5-7, 2021 gem and mineral show. A program for the Nov. club meeting has yet to be determined.

Potential future programs were discussed and include (but are not limited to)

Dave Burnham, KU paleontologist; update on the MT T-rex dig

Rolf Mandell, Director KS Geological Survey on paleo Indians

Rhett Peterson, on fluorescent lamps

Jeannie Feimster, on foreign travels

Rebecca Francis, on plate tectonics and geological history

The status of the Bulletin naming contest was discussed. It is intended that a vote by attending members on submitted potential names will be held during the Oct. club meeting. Currently submitted are —

Onward From Olathe

Three Trails Crossing

Kaw River Cobble

The Conglomerate

The Sedimentologist

The discussion concerning the update of the club directory was effectively tabled pending obtaining a member to lead that effort. D. McDaniel has sent a format example of the directory to the Board members for comment and awaits replies.

The future status of the club website ownership was discussed. At present the website is paid into next year. Consideration is being given to change ownership and authority at that time with the new address being olathegemclub.org (which is presently available).

A discussion was held concerning the status of the Mini-Miners document, which the club subscribes to. D. McDaniel will investigate the status as it is felt the last issue to be distributed was May 2021.

The status of the OGMS, Inc. Federal tax exemption submittal was discussed. B. Crompton and N. Onnen will try check online to determine the status this coming week. Once established, a tax exemption to the state of KS will need to be submitted.

B. Crompton and N. Onnen will meet this week to submit online the KS annual report for the club non-profit status. This annual report is due Oct. 1, 2021.

S. Daum has sent a package of specimens to N. Onnen (received Fri., Sept. 10) which are to be used in the silent and live auctions at the March 2022 gem and mineral show. She indicates she will be sending more.

The rock, mineral and fossil collection (including books) belonging to a couple of lifetime educators has been given to N. Onnen this past month. The donors have expressed interest in much of the relative collection being distributed to youth for educational purposes. To that end the items are being sorted and a procedure will be established to execute that desire. Permission has been given to credit the donors, and consideration will be considered regarding the issuance of tax credit if desired at that time. At present it is anticipated that books not presently in the club library will be placed in that collection, and duplicates will be distributed.

A wellness report was given concerning club members Julie Robinson, Rebecca Francis and Jane McLaughlin.

Vicki Ritter has resigned as Alternate Representative to the Association. Since OGMS currently has N. Onnen (as VP), Chet McLaughlin (as primary Rep.) and Mandy Lorenz (as primary Rep.), as well as Leslie Hartman (representing the paleo club) attending the Association meetings it was agreed we would not need to fill the vacant position at this time.

For the March 2022 gem and mineral show, at the last Association Board meeting it was discussed possibly having a tribute to members of participating clubs who have passed away since the last show. This will be discussed further at the next Association meeting. (At the present time a tribute to the passing of Tom Lorenz is likely from the OGMS).

At the Nov. 5-7, 2021 gem and mineral show participating clubs will be given a number of tables from which to sell items with the understanding that 10% of the sales will go to the clubs. Individuals will also be permitted to bring tables for their own use provided footprint and space limitations permit. An electrical drop charge is in effect. A list of those intending to sell will be developed and further information will be in the Bulletin.

The Rocky Mountain Federation KS state representative has been invited to our club meetings and functions.

The Board has decided to pursue continuing our club meetings at Hope Chapel through May 2022. The present agreement expires with the Nov. 2021 meeting.

The club will participate in Mozarkite collecting at the Harm's property near Cole Camp, MO on Sat., Sept. 18, 2021. Attendees will meet at the Commuter Parking lot at 10 am and follow the host to his site. This will be the last opportunity for the club to collect at this site.

A discussion was held concerning access to various quarries, including the local Hamilton quarry. Further information TBD.

Upcoming (through Dec. 2021)

Mozarkite Field trip to Cole Camp, MO Sat., Sept. 18, 2021

Mozarkite Society of Lincoln, Inc. annual show; Sept. 17-19, 2021

OGMS CLUB meeting; Thur., Oct. 7, 2021

Topeka Gem & Mineral Society annual show; Oct. 9-10, 2021

Association Board meeting; Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021

Des Moines Lapidary Society annual show; Oct. 16-17, 2021

OGMS CLUB meeting; Thur., Nov. 18, 2021 (Note: Third Thur. rather than first Thur.)

KC Gem and Mineral Show; Nov. 5-7, 2021

Association Board meeting; Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021

OGMS Holiday party; Sat., Dec. 4 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

N. Onnen (for Alison Betts, Secretary)