

Note-this was sent to board members for comment when meeting for April was canceled

subject: Re: Draft agenda for canceled April 2022 Board meeting

April 7, 2022 meeting discussion

Equipment problems discussion

Dr. Rolfe Mandel situation/topic

Return of stipend

New members

Comment-

Meeting was well attended. 29 attending of which 6 were guests. Five of the guests became new members (one of which was a youth).

Dr. Mandel's presentation did not occur as we could not get the flash drive/equipment to work. He graciously volunteered to return later in the year and give his 1-hour presentation then. (Suspense: Schedule the presentation for in the fall).

Not related to the failure to present, Dr. Mandel indicated he did not expect and would not accept the stipend, and directed it to be used within the club.

Several attendees indicated they were very interested in this presentation topic and are eager to hear it in the fall.

Dan and I discussed a correction to the equipment problem. Solution seems agreed to replace the computer. (Suspense: Discuss purchase of a new club computer with necessary software). (POST SCRIPT: Dan has looked into this and has suggested solutions, one of which involves purchasing a computer he has that will fill our needs. We need to consider this). **Based on Dan's suggestion with the approval of Barbara, Leslie and Alison it is agreed that we consider purchasing the used computer Dan has offered to sell to the club.**

May 5, 2022 meeting

Gold panning

I have purchased a bag of gold concentrate from High Plains Prospectors in Olathe. I would entertain being reimbursed for this purchase, however since I did not obtain Board discussion/approval prior to the purchase I am prepared to stand the cost. (Suspense: Discussion pro/con for reimbursement).

The concentrate is reportedly “rich”, however in discussions with High Plains and Larry, for our club use it seems appropriate to cut the material considering the number of members that will be panning. (Suspense: If agreed, Larry and I will cut the material prior to our May meeting). **The discussion via email Barbara and Alison agrees that we should reimburse Norm for the concentrate. Alison agrees that we should cut the material.**

Dues collection (Drawing?)

Lesliee has volunteered to collect dues at the May meeting and so has Alison. Suggested we have a list to work from. Barbara said the new members would not be due until 5/2023 since they joined in February.

Per a previous discussion with Barbara, we should stress paying dues on time (rather than chasing them into the end of the year).. To that end I suggest having a drawing for a specimen(s) at the May meeting and those who pay then are eligible to be entered. (Suspense: Drawing consideration). **Both Alison and Barbara agree that we should do a drawing for a specimen.**

Election/continuation of present positions (?)

In the absence of a nominating committee, current availability of prospective officer candidates, and at the urging of multiple members, the existing officers have agreed to continue serving for the time being, understanding that the VP (and thus the Previous President) position(s) presently remain vacant. As such there will be no election at the May meeting. **Alison agrees to keeping the existing officers for the upcoming year (2023). Barbara asked if Mandy Lorenz would be interested in being the vice president.**

Fall programs

Sept. 1

Oct. 6

Nov. 3

Suggestions

Dr. Mandel

Tom Tivol

Club members individual sales and ID night

The club members individual sales night has been requested by several members. Consideration might be given to expand the meeting with sharing specimens, ID, etc. for those members who would not be selling.

Field trips

Eudora report/findings

This location seemed sparse (compared to Louisburg and Lone Elm (Olathe). Will be interested in hearing what others found and if to considering returning to this location.

Our host provided 2 dozen donuts and 2 cases of water. While we graciously accepted, most went unused. As it is a burden for Hamm (Travis) to host us (including the arrangement of their staff to be available), I would encourage the club providing our own refreshments. To that end, and in anticipation of us being hosted at the other Hamm sites suggested, I would consider making Travis a honorary OGMS member. **The suggestion of making Travis an honorary OGMS member was seconded by Lesliee and Alison agreed making him a member. Lesliee dropped off 2 cases of water for the employees of the quarry.**

Upcoming schedule

June 4, 2022 picnic. Kill Creek Park

Lesliee has offered to buy meat, drinks and condiments as she has done in the past. She also has charcoal for cooking. She also offered to run the auction.

Activities/Drawings (?)

Consideration of drawings/activities/events to supplement the auction.

Hope Chapels rentals

Feb. cancellation

As we did not have our Feb. meeting due to bad weather, Hope Chapel agrees that our pre-paid fee may be used for our Sept. meeting.

Dec. use

While we have not committed, and only discussed the possibility, Hope Chapel agrees we could use the large open space at the bottom of the stairs for our holiday party. The fee would be as if we were having a regular meeting, however we would have to clean and re-arrange the space at the end. (This would be pot luck with the Board bringing in meat, etc. dishes as we do at the picnic). The consideration is that the Hy-Vee location, while convenient, is too small for our expanding group. We need to further consider this item by the end of Sept. (as that would need to be the date we would need to reserve HyVee again if we decide to remain there. . **Lesliee, Barbara and Alison believe we should go forward with looking into having our Christmas**

party at Hope Chapel providing arrangements can be made.
Considerations would be location available and date, also length of time
allowed for party. Per other notes we would not be allowed to do any
cooking at the church but they have microwaves we might be able to use
to heat food. Because of no cooking allowed we would have to provide
precooked items.

Dec. 3 (?) holiday party **Date for the the party is agreed to but**
can change due to available of venue selection.

Select a date (in the past the first Sat. of Dec.), and discuss venue.

Treasurers report

Membership report

March show sign up sheet(s) sharing

Would like for the Board to see these lists in case individuals are recognized
and should be followed up with.

Web report

(RMF listing appears correct pending update on 2023 March
show date and OGMS membership numbers. Depends upon
when RMF updates directory).

Dan will co-ordinate any changes/corrections

Club directory status

Mini-Miners

Dan has a report concerning his contact with Mini-Miners

Association report

Volunteers

Need better scheduling and ID of our volunteers- **Alison suggested we have**
a club member appointed specifically to coordinate with the show

organizers in regards to getting our club members signed up to volunteer to work at show. List could include dates volunteers are available and jobs they are interested in. This person could also coordinate who will be entering display cases in the March show and who can help with other available cases not being used.-not approved.

This person could also coordinate any person wishing to sell at the shows.

Display cases-

Need to coordinate/maximize future placements. We missed out on at least 4 cases this year (M. John has 2 cases and the McLaughlin's have two cases that were not used this year.

Reps.

Discussion of 2022-2023 OGMS reps.

OGMS, Inc. report

We are officially 501.c.3 non-profit with KS and IRS. We are not KS tax exempt and were given 60 days to appeal. In discussions with the Wichita club, the rejection of the KS tax exemption is correct (as is their case also) in that the KS categories are very limited as to eligibility. As such we did not appeal, however are still able to function as a 501.c.3 non-profit and can accept donations and perform as an educational/social organization. We must file annual reports which includes a fee.

RMF Report

RMF Congress location/dates - Las Vegas; June 17-19, 2022

Our club has been represented, as permitted, by one or two delegates for the past several years (myself, Barbara, Jane McLaughlin). This year, with the Congress being so far away, there is anticipation that most clubs will not attend, but will instead submit their proxies to the state RMF coordinators.

Congress reps.

Per the call from the KS RMF coordinator, I suggest we submit our proxies **Both Barbara and Alison agree we should submit proxies instead of attending.**

Club status report (Current as of 4/7/22 - 85 total members; 5 youth; 4 life honorary & comps.) (2021 RMF directory 64 adults; 1 youth; 1 life and honorary).

The KS RMF coordinator has solicited reports from each club to be entered in RMF annual report for Congress. I will draft the report (using the membership

numbers indicated) and send it to the OGMS Board for comment/revisions before submitting it within the next week.

Insurance receipt

We have received the formal RMF insurance document. I will provide a copy to Barbara for our records.

Scholarship participation

RMF has requested clubs to participate in the AMF scholarship fund. Only about 1/2 of the clubs do so, and to my knowledge OGMS never has. Participating clubs who give \$1/per each club member are recognized as giving 100%. (Thus if \$2 is given per each club member they would be at 200%). Discussion?

Both Alison and Barbara agree that OGMS should pledge an amount to the scholarship fund. It was noted that Tom Lorenz family has pledged a \$1000 towards the scholarship fund and this is to be reoccurring. Amount was not specified so is still open.

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While the question has been asked via email message, I am unaware of any OGMS member expressing interest or availability.

RMF request for Congress location

At the March 2022 KC show, we had two RMF representatives visit and observe our event. The annual RMF Congress is accomplished in conjunction with a RMF club's annual show. In that our club is the only RMF member (of the seven KC Association members - IGAMS and Show Me clubs being MWF) and our show is held in MO (outside the boundary of the RMF), we would not be a proper candidate to consider hosting the RMF Congress even if we were interested and willing.

MWF Congress

While we are not in the MWF, that Federation will have their Congress this year in conjunction with a MO club, in Springfield, MO (just FYI, if anyone is interested in attending). (Also Bruce Stinemetz, of the Association, and IGAM's is the MWF MO coordinator).

Upcoming

Feb. 24 - May 30, 2022; Topeka Dino Days; various Topeka locations

Apr. 22 - 24, 2022; 68th Wichita Gem & Mineral Show; Cessna activity Center

Apr. 23 and 24, 2022; Memphis Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show; Agricenter International

May 5, 2022; OGMS club meeting.

May 6-8, 2022; McPherson Gem and Mineral Society 28th Annual Sale; 4-H Fairgrounds

June 4, 2022; OGMS Picnic

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Reference -----

Club assets

Computer **(to be replaced with an updated version)**

Projector

Screen

Banner

Display cases (2)

Library

Raffle tickets

Slab saw (?)

Wheeled attach case (?)

Website ownership

Specimens contributed to benefit club (S. Daum)

Other donated items ?)(Blythe collection)

Other items (?)

Club recurring costs

Venue Rental

Website

Mini-miners subscription

RFM membership and insurance

Speaker stipend(s)

Refreshments

Picnic reservation costs and food

Holiday party

Annual ad in Assoc. March booklet

Misc. office supplies (raffle tickets, postage, name tags, etc.)

Annual KS/Fed. non-profit/Incorporation filings

Club recurring income

Membership dues

March show display cases

Raffle proceeds

Bank interest