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This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI

Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00

Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2020

PROGRAM: Video Presentation: Copper Country: The Black Powder Era

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials L - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on January 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for winter 2020

January 16, 2020 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

February 6, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

February 20, 2020 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

March 5, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

March 19, 2020 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

April 3, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 16 - Video Presentation: Copper Country: The Black Powder Era. In addition Theresa will give a short talk on Iron and Taconite pellets.

February 20 - To be announced.

January Program Note:

Please bring any native copper samples and copper minerals you may have to show off during the club meeting. This will go well with the video presentation to allow club members to see the various forms of copper and copper minerals that can be found in Michigan.

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Liaison Officer. Maintains contacts and shares club info from similar groups around the state.

To all recently new members: We are delighted that you are interested enough in the Club's activities and stated mission to wish to join the group. We wish you to truly JOIN by becoming involved in our activities and welcome your thoughts about Club activities. All are welcome to attend Board meetings and share your thoughts. We value your participation since 'many hands make light work.' - Roger Laylin.

Message from the Membership Chair Robin Smith

Dues are now being collected for 2020

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2020 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. **Renewal forms are available on the web site <https://www.michrocks.org/club-info/join-us> and at meetings. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!.**

CLUB NEWS

Note from Roger Laylin: Roger has a large lot of old Lapidary Journals and is looking for any takers. If you are interested any issues (1980's- and on), please let Roger know at the meeting or by email.

Newsletter: If you have and club news or information you would like to pass along to the group, please email Chuck Taricska at chuck_taricska@yahoo.com and he will make a note in the Newsletter.

Outreach Committee: Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Theresa Hubbard to lend a hand. 517-203-9620; thrshubbard@yahoo.com.

Library: Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

Field Trips!

We are looking into a field trip to the 57th annual Rockhound Gemboree- Canada's largest Gem and Mineral Show. The Gemboree is July 30 to Aug. 2 in Bancroft, Ontario. We will have some info sheets at the meeting. Start checking your calendars to see if you can make this trip. We will start discussing plans at upcoming meeting.

If you have any ideas for field trips or want to get on the list for field trip notices, please contact Carl Mennare. Cell phone **517-599-1882** or cmenn@yahoo.com.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

UPCOMING SHOWS

Midwest Federation calendar has not been updated.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

Call to Order: President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Visitors Savoica Heikkila, Ron & Marilyn Arnett from Williamston were in attendance.

President's announcements: Nate made extra copies of our Nov Newsletter and a copy of the Midwest Federation newsletter. Nate presented Jake Chybowski as our new nominee for Recording Secretary and he was approved. Carl M. moved and Lyle L. seconded vote approval for all nominated officers, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine B. presented her report. Show revenue is still greater than expenses but balances are in flux with many outstanding bills yet to be paid.

Announcements: Robin S. announced that dues are due and those who have paid can pick up their membership cards. The Show Wrap-up meeting will be Mon, Nov 26 at 6 p.m.

Door Prizes: Dan Sine had 29 prizes for lucky winners.

Adjournment: _Lyle L._ moved to adjourn the meeting and _Diane M. _____ seconded. The meeting adjourned at __7:32____ p.m.

Program: MSU professor Dr. Michael Velbel spoke on meteorites and their chemical makeup.

Respectfully Submitted by Nate Krupp
CMLMS, Membership Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2019

Call to Order: President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: No guests or visitors were in attendance.

President's announcements: Nate announced that the Board of Directors approved 2020 Budget is available for viewing. Nate asked the membership for a vote on whether to hold a Rock & Mineral show in the fall of 2020. Richard Miller moved to hold a show, 2nded by Fay Mennare. Motion passed. Installation of Officers: Milt Gere swore in the club's 2020 officers and chairpersons elected last month.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane presented a report, stating that bills from Ingham Co. Fairgrounds and show advertising came and were paid. Our liability insurance through the Midwest Federation was paid. Discussion held on Show camper fees & who received that pay.

Field Trips: Carl and Fay are thinking of organizing a trip to the Bancroft Jamboree in Ontario next year but the dates haven't yet been published.

Education and Outreach: Dave Berquist is planning to man a table at the Homeschool Convention in May 2020 but won't represent CMLMS. The Board had discussed participating but decided to observe it first as we would have been charged \$25/table and we were asked to provide a craft or activity & supplies for 2-300 children, which would be costly. Dave will report on his experience. Theresa received word that Bennett Woods Elementary School's Science Night is March 6.

Show & Membership: Robin Smith reminded everyone that dues are due.

Door Prizes: Dan Sine handed out 13 prizes to lucky winners.

Program: Small silent auction and anonymous "rocky" gift exchange.

Adjournment: Diane moved to adjourn the meeting and Elaine seconded. The meeting adjourned at __8:00__ p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nate Krupp

CMLMS, Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019

Board Members: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Carl Mennare, Fay

Mennare,
Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Chuck Taricska.

Board Members absent: Elaine Beane, Mary Gowans, Dan Sine, Chuck Taricska.

Members Present: Jake Chybowski

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library. Approval of the November 7, 2019 minutes. Approval motioned by Carl Mennare and seconded by Theresa Hubbard. Corrections: two minor corrections by Nate.

Vice-President: Steve Smith gave no report.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane was absent and Roni Sionakides filled in on her behalf. The membership information for the Midwest Federation of Geological and Mineralogical Societies is needed for dues and insurance. This includes the number of current adult and children members..

Recording Secretary (pro tem): Roni Sionakides was relieved by Jake Chybowski. Roni would also like the following three duties to be assumed by someone other than her. First, record keeping of the board members' roster and care of the 10 year long record will now be taken on by Jake Chybowski. Secondly, meeting notifications will now be Steve Smith's responsibility. Thirdly, the banquet planning and program will need to be assigned to someone at a later date.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard shared that Mary Gowans is in rehabilitation in room 116 at Burcham Hills Rehab Center. Theresa has sent her a card and made at least one visit to see Mary but encourages any well-wishers to write Mary, especially over the holiday season. If she is relocated from Burcham Hills they will see her mail forwarded to her. Furthermore, Mary has served on our board for decades and Theresa suggests we give her a token of our appreciation. Maybe if Mary is well enough to attend our spring banquet meeting we could be prepared with a gift.

Directors: Director 1 - Lyle Laylin gave no report.

Director 2 - Chuck Taricska was absent and left no report.

Director 3 - Jessica Clark commended Daniele Smith's Lithiccreation.com website for the Smith's personal business. Nate proposed the website's link could be shared on the CMLMS website. No opposition was voiced but concern regarding rules for the future was brought up. Future rules might include only Members' businesses and if the business is related to CMLMS it may be linked on the website.

Show: Roger Laylin spoke about donations made by Mary Ann Smith ranging between \$100-200 in total value and including a new tumbler, grit, rock hammer, etc. The board was in agreement to save these contributions for the big silent auction in March. Roger went on to say

that the cumbersome CMLMS Library collection's utilization is in a decline. The suggestion was made to refine the collection to minimize the amount needed to be hauled out at meetings. Jessica offered her assistance to sort through the books. Those books set aside (never or rarely checked out) may be auctioned off.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Robin Smith said our November Presenter Dr. Michael A. Velbel donated his fee for speaking to CMLMS. He and his wife Danita Brandt will receive memberships from this contribution. Steve Smith made the motion to approve their memberships and Carl Mennare seconded it. Robin successfully held a wrap up meeting for the 2019 show and plans to schedule a meeting for changes to be made for the 2020 show. At the December meeting we will vote to have a show again in 2020. Robin proposed ordering a bulk supply of badge titles for board members. Ernie said he once had a bin of them with some extra connectors too but there is some confusion if they reside with Robin or Elaine. Robin will search for them with her.

Liaison Officer: Vacant position with no report.

Past President: Sue Casler would appreciate the newsletter being released at least one week before the regular meeting. She said this is mostly to allow it time to reach folks via the postal service (which she prints and mails to those without email) prior to the meeting. In response to Nate inquiring about buying some scientific DVDs, Sue personally owns some of the ones in consideration and she is willing to share with CMLMS. Steve has also offered to free source material when needed.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare is working on the details of a potential fieldtrip to Bancroft Canada. If visited in early August, the trip could coincide with the local weeklong event known as the Rockhound Gemboree.

Publications: Chuck Taricska was absent and left no report.

Education: Theresa Hubbard said the next science night will be in January or later and fliers will be made available as soon as the dates are confirmed. At this point Roger reminded the board that the microscope will be available for use at the December meeting.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans is being covered by Theresa and had nothing to report. Robin has extra maps to be given out at outreach events. She added a reminder that outreach event info should be shared to the CMLMS Facebook and website.

Library: Jessica Clark had nothing to report.

Display: Vacant position but Nate has a memorial display piece he wishes to confirm the years of membership held by its honoree. He will reach out to Robin for help with this research.

Finance: Milt Gere provided the outlined 2020 budget and Robin suggests reducing publications to increase scholarships' funding. With the mentioned changes Milt motioned for approval and Lyle seconded it to approve the 2020 budget plan. Roger also wishes to remind us to not pay the October Lodge reservation fee as the Show will coincide and no meeting will be

held. Sue proposed a \$100 donation to the Okemos Public Library be made for the end of 2019. Nate motioned to do so and Jake seconded. The Checkbook should be brought to the December meeting.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin reported he is making improvements to the website and most noteworthy will allow for public inquiries to be submitted.

Old business: Nothing was reported for old business.

New Business: Nothing was reported for new business.

Adjournment: Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Sue and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jake Chybowski, Recording Secretary Pro Tem