

**Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Notes
July 14, 2020**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Officers Attendance:

Norm Onnen – President

Barbara Crompton - Treasurer

Dan McDaniel – Webmaster

Leslie Hartman - Field Trip Coordinator

Treasurer's Report: Available on request.

New Business:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Olathe Gem and Mineral Society Board met for a scheduled meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Roe Park; Overland Park, Kansas.

A quorum was recognized.

The meeting progressed following a previously distributed agenda.

It was discussed and recognized that OGMS (hereinafter the “club”) officers for the 2019-2020 operating term would carry forward to serve for the 2020-2021 term. (Operating terms/years begin in May of each. year). All current officers have agreed to this determination. Those positions include the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The officer positions of Past President (having moved from the area) and Secretary remain vacant.

The board position of Secretary is currently vacant following the mid-term health related resignation of the then sitting Secretary. The current Nominating Committee Chair (B. Crompton) has identified two potential candidates for the secretary position, will contact those individuals to determine interest, and will report back to the current board. **(Suspense item).**

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report for July 2020 was issued via email to the board on 7/13/20 and indicated no activity except for a bank interest entry. This report, as per established protocol, will be posted at the website. **(Suspense item for posting).**

Field trips: The club will have a field trip Sat., July 25 at the Hamm Quarry at Louisburg, KS. Future anticipated field trips include similar quarry field trips (about one per month) to other nearby area Hamm quarries. Also a probable field trip is anticipated to the UMKC science and

mineral museum once virus restrictions are lifted for that facility. This trip would be at the invitation of Dr. Gentile.

Club meeting location: The present meeting location at Indian Creek Community Church (recent name change to Hope Chapels) is on pause for use by outside groups as a part of the virus impact and church re-opening procedures. The church has offered to refund the club advance payment of \$50 (for meetings which could not occur in April and May. The board decided to ask the church to retain the payment and apply it to meetings to occur once the pause is lifted. N. Onnen will contact the church with this decision. **(Suspense item for contact).**

Next club meeting(s): As the club normally meets the first Tuesday of Sept., and considering the church pause for outside groups use, we will monitor this situation determine when our next meeting date can/will occur. The membership will be notified by email of the decision ASAP. **(Suspense item).**

Next meeting program: As no definite next meeting date has been established, no program has been identified, and will be addressed when dates can be verified.

Membership/dues: There was no membership report, however it is believed there have been no changes to the membership in the past 3-4 months – a result of the virus pause situation. As no club meetings have been held since March, and there is no immediate knowledge of when normal club functions might resume, there was discussion about deferring membership dues collection for the present operating year. N. Onnen offered a motion that we defer membership dues for 2020-2021 (seconded by L. Hartman). This was unanimously approved, and recognizes the importance of keeping our membership intact during the virus pause. **(Suspense item to notify membership via a piece in the upcoming Bulletin).**

Bulletin: No report except the request for members to offer items/pieces for inclusion in the month Bulletin.

Association picnic: The Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Inc. (of which OGMS is a member) has cancelled their annual summer picnic (which would have occurred in August). **(Suspense item to notify membership in the Bulletin).**

OGMS picnic: The OGMS annual summer picnic remains scheduled for Sat., August 29 at Kill Creek Park. Currently group restrictions allow for 45 persons. D. McDaniel will monitor requirements, etc. as the date approaches. L. Hartman indicates she has items from previous picnic for use, and can purchase hamburger, etc. as the date approaches.

OGMS Christmas/holiday party: It was agreed to plan for and at the earliest moment to sign up for and schedule the annual club holiday party. (Potential dates are Dec. 5 or 12). Currently Hy-Vee (where we have held recent past parties) is not taking reservations pending virus events. N. Onnen will continue contact with Hy-Vee and reserve when permitted. **(Suspense item).**

March 2020 show results. No report except that the event lost over \$14,000 due to diminished attendance. The delegates have been provided the Association Treasurers report which are available for review upon request. L. Hartman provided documentation concerning the live and silent auctions for 2018, 2019 and 2020 (incomes of \$1,980.95, 2,098.50 and 2,644.00 respectively).

Nov. 2020 show. Per Association contact, this show has not been officially set as a “go” (although it is on the calendar for Nov. 6-8, 2020). Shows of Integrity (the Texas company responsible for the annual Nov. show) has asked that if/when they decide to go forward with the show, “if the Association would support it” – to which the Association indicated they would. If the show occurs it is anticipated that OGMS would be afforded sales table(s) as in the past with the agreement that 10% of sales income would go to the club. **(Suspense awaiting Shows of Integrity determination).**

March 12-14, 2021 show. The Association has agreed to plan for and organize the March 2021 show (this being the 60th anniversary).

Association structure/offices: The present officers for the Association will remain in place for the upcoming term/period.

OGMS Association Delegates and Alternates: The OGMS Associate delegates will remain N. Onnen and Chet McLaughlin and the Alternates will remain Mandy Lorenz and Vicky Ritter.

RMF 2020 Congress: It was reported that the RMF Congress in Big Piney, WY did occur this year (in spite of virus concerns). OGMS delegates N. Onnen and D. McDaniel decided not to attend citing virus concerns, and our voting Proxy was sent in (and acknowledged as received). Reports are that no Kansas clubs were represented this year by delegates or Kansas based RNM officers, and the RMF KS state representative also do not attend.

RMF 2021 Congress: The RMF Congress for 2021 will occur in Sandy, Utah.

501.c.3: Following board agreement in 2018, N. Onnen has proceeded to develop documentation (including Articles of Incorporation) for submittal in acquiring 501.c.3 non-profit status for the club. Pending final check on an official mailing address for this non-profit, these will be submitted to the state of Kansas for processing.

Bylaws: Subsequent to the development of the 501.c.3 formation the club Bylaws need to be modified only to the extent to identify the structure and responsibility of the non-profit “board” (identified as Barbara Crompton, N. Onnen, M. John Robinson and Larry Wells. **(Suspense. Submittal of 501.c.3 documents, and state processing).**

Club Directory: It was discussed, and agreed that the club would continue maintaining the club directory, and that this would live on the club website behind a protected password for members. Currently an individual is being contacted and considered to manage this directory.

This individual would obtain information and materials from Julie Robinson and Bev Wells who have developed and managed the directory to date. **(Suspense item)**.

Zoom/meeting capabilities: Holding future meetings via Zoom was discussed. D. McDaniel will further research and report. It was felt smaller meetings (such as board) would be easier than large group (such as club general) meetings would be most viable. **(Suspense)**.

Projection screen/projector: A discussion concerning a club projection screen and/or club projector was tabled pending further information. At present it is believed the club currently has these items within it's inventory. **(Tabled/suspense)**.

Association T-shirt contest. A note will be placed in the upcoming club Bulletin describing the contest, date due, etc. **(Suspense item)**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

N. Onnen
Acting Secretary for this meeting.