

House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
July 21, 2018
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

The meeting was opened by Liz Thomas, RMFMS President, with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Bill Smith.

President Thomas recognized the VIPs in the room: Richard Jaeger, Past RMFMS president, Past AFMS President; Dr. Bob Carlson, Past RMFMS President, Past NWFMS president, Past AFMS president; Judy Beck, Past RMFMS president and incoming AFMS First Vice President; DeLane Cox, Past RMFMS President, current AFMS Second Vice President, and a very special welcome to Sandy Fuller, current AFMS president.

Thomas called for any Memorial Tributes to be given. DeLane Cox read a list of tributes that had been sent to the Secretary. They are attached to the end of these Minutes.

Thomas called for a report from the Credentials Committee, chaired by Janet Smith. There were enough clubs present or represented by Proxy to be a quorum for purposes of voting.

To begin the official meeting, President Thomas called for a reading of the Minutes from the last House of Delegates meeting. Wayne Cox, RMFMS Secretary, said the Minutes had been emailed out, and everyone should have brought a copy. If they did not, he had some copies with him. Several were passed out. After a brief pause for everyone to read the Minutes, DeLane Cox called for a motion to approve the Minutes that had been published. Motion seconded by Kathy Honda. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Gene Maggard. Gene handed out a sheet with the current Budget figures, showing an ending cash balance of \$9,309.37, with CD and Bond fund balances of \$167,603.23, for an ending cash and investment balance of \$176,912.60. Maggard went over the budget and explained the expenses and why some items had no expenditures. Some expenses have not been turned in yet. He reported the only problem he encountered during the year was a check that was lost, but it had been accounted for, and a new check written for the voided one. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Bill Smith. Seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion passed.

Officers Reports

President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President had reports in the Annual Report. Historian Cinda Kunkler passed out her report (included at the end of the Minutes). Vice President had no report.

State Director Reports

Colorado State Director Kathy Honda said she did not have a report in the Annual Report, but she said the seven clubs around Denver were having a difficult time putting the September Denver Show together, primarily because there are so many shows that the attendance is going down. And, the clubs are having difficulty getting people to work the Show.

Oklahoma/Arkansas did not have a report in the Annual Report. All other State Directors had a report in the Annual Report packet.

Committee Reports

All American Club Contest reported on submission this year. It went to the American Federation since that Convention was before this one, and it took a First Place Award there. An award will be made at the Awards Banquet tonight. DeLane Cox urged all clubs to make up their scrapbook of events and, following the American Federation Guidelines, submit it to her for this year, and she will submit it to the American Federation. However, she noted the AmFed Convention is in March, so all contest deadlines are early this year.

Boundaries reported a problem with the RMFMS and California Federation over an Out-of-boundaries Club that left California and joined the RMFMS, and that Club now wants to host an annual Convention. California will not give permission for that to happen. The problem may be taken up at the AmFed meeting next March.

The RMFMS Editor was not at the meeting, but Liz Thomas said she was doing an excellent job. All Committee Chairs should try to get articles with information in the Newsletter. And all Contest Chairs need to get their rules and entry requirement in the newsletter very soon.

Finance Committee did their financial review in March, and their report is in the Annual Report.

Insurance Chair Gene Maggard said the company was doing well, and there was no increase in insurance for next year.

Lapidary Technical Chair Bill Smith said he received a few requests this year, mostly for him to do demonstrations of his butterfly cab technique. He also asked to be replaced for next year.

Long Range Planning Committee Judy Beck said they had a few proposals that were included in the Annual Report. The first one was from the ad hoc committee from last year to review a proposal to reimburse the Executive Committee for travel to the Conventions. This proposal was reviewed in

the Executive Committee meeting, and they came up with a new addition to the Treasurer's OP #4, as follows:

"The RMFMS will reimburse individual members of the RMFMS Executive Committee who are in attendance at the Annual RMFMS Convention, and attend both the Executive Committee Meeting and the House of Delegates meeting, and who requests reimbursement. Reimbursement will be based on one-way distance of the shortest route mileage as determined by an internet mileage calculator using the ZIP Code of the Executive Committee Member's home, and the ZIP Code of the current Convention site. Individual travel reimbursement will be calculated as follows: (one-way travel distance x current IRS Standard Business Mileage rate x 50 percent)."

Following a lengthy discussion in the Executive Committee, the EC suggested the House of Delegates pass this proposal as an addition to an OP. Motion was made to accept the proposal. Motion was seconded, and motion approved.

Judy Beck then said there were several other proposals in the Annual Report, which she grouped under "housekeeping jobs" because they were mostly minor changes. The EC suggested they all be approved. Motion was made to accept all of the changes. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Permanent Address Chair Bob Carlson said he had submitted the revised Articles of Incorporation, which the RMFMS House of Delegates had approved, to the proper authorities in New Mexico, and they were accepted.

Programs Library Chair Gene Maggard said he had sent out eight program rentals in the past year. He reminded all clubs that there are some really good programs in these files, and the cost of \$4 is very reasonable to rent them. He needs two weeks notice to get them into the mail to a club, so get him your request early.

Scholarship Chair Richard Jaeger announced the recipient of the Scholarship Honoree Award, but that gentleman could not be at the program tonight to accept the award. Richard said he would have the biographical information about the two scholarship recipients in the newsletter.

President Thomas announced she is looking for a person to take over the RMFMS Website. Jim McGarvey, who has done an excellent job with the website for several years, has asked to be replaced. He is having some health problems and cannot do all that he would like to do. She asked everyone to look for someone who could do the website for us.

Website Contest Chair Jennifer Gerring said she had received only a few entries for the contest this year. She said they had been judged by another Federation, and the AFMS awards were given at the AFMS

Editors/Webmaster's breakfast in April. She had the RMFMS Awards to hand out at our Awards Banquet.

Business

Future RMFMS Conventions: President Thomas brought before the Delegates a proposal from the Southern Nevada Gems & Mineral Society to host the 2019 RMFMS Convention with their Show in Nevada. However, she said the request from RMFMS to the California Federation for permission for the club, that is actually IN California Federation territory, was met with stiff negativity, and they refused to grant permission. The major problem revolves around an unsettled claim California holds against the SNGMS when they decided to join RMFMS. Thomas said there had been extensive discussion at the Executive Committee meeting, and they offered two choices: one, hold the Show without CFMS permission, thus going against AFMS rules, or two, get another club to host the 2019 Convention. Following more discussions, motion was made by Bill Smith to hold the 2019 Convention in Nevada, and was seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion passed.

President Thomas said she had received a proposal from the Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah, that they host the 2021 RMFMS Annual Convention. This will also be the year the RMFMS hosts the American Federation Annual Meeting. Following short discussion motion was made by Bill Smith to accept the proposal, and was seconded by Tom Burchard. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: The next item of business was the election of officers for the 2018-2019 year. Richard Jaeger, chair of the Nominating committee, read the proposed slate of officers, as follows:

President –Liz Thomas
Vice President – Bob Regner
Secretary – Wayne Cox
Treasurer – Gene Maggard
Historian – Cinda Kunkler
State Directors:
Katherine Honda
New Mexico/Texas – Bob Carlson
Oklahoma/Arkansas – Cecilia Evans
Utah – Tom Burchard
Wyoming – Stan Strike

Motion made by Mike Nelson to accept the Nomination Committee's selections. Motion was seconded by Bill Smith. Motion Passed.

A Resolution was made thanking the Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society for hosting the Show and Convention.

A Resolution was made thanking the AFMS President, Sandy Fuller, for her attendance at our Annual Convention.

President Thomas reminded everyone that the Awards Banquet would be held just around the corner that night, with a cash bar one hour before the dinner.

Motion to Adjourn was made. Motion Seconded, Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Cox
RMFMS Secretary

Note: There were several people present who had reports in the Annual Report, and there was no discussion about their report.

Addendum:

Two important matters were sent out to the Executive Committee for votes after the Annual Convention.

The first involved the vote to hold our 2019 convention in Nevada. Because of strong opposition from the American Federation, a vote was sent out whether the Committee wanted to over-turn the House of Delegates vote and get another club to host the Convention. The vote was in favor of getting another Club. To host the 2019 Convention.

The second vote was on the proposal from the Prescott Gem & Mineral Society of Prescott, Arizona, to host the RMFMS 2019 Convention in Prescott on August 2-4, 2019. They presented information available about the location and the Show they have. The Secretary sent out a notice for a vote, and it was unanimously accepted. Therefore the RMFMS 2019 Convention will be hosted in association with the Prescott Gem & Mineral Society Show in 2019.

RMFMS Memorial Lists from Clubs:

1. 59ers Rock Club, Cody, Wyoming, lost two members;
Ron Bice
Walter Nelson (Charter member from 1959 club origin)
2. Sublette County Rockhounds, Big Piney, Wyoming. Lost 3 members;
Ernie Reynolds
Joe Streeter
Jase Jacobson
3. Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Club, Grand Junction, Colorado. Lost 5 members;
Leonard Lage
Earl Vitus
Bud Foy
Donald Bush
Earl Monte McFry
4. Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, Tucson, Arizona, lost:
Dan Caudle – Founder of the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, who organized the first Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, and was a Past President of the RMFMS and AFMS.
5. Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Apache Junction, Arizona, lost two long-time members:
Armand “Sonny” Colapreto
Gerard “Jerry” Gervais
- *6. Littleton Gem & Mineral Club, Littleton, Colorado
Jim Hurlbut, long-time member, past president of the RMFMS
- *7. Wichita Gem & Mineral Club, Wichita, Kansas, lost 5 members:
Ruth Weishaar
Jim Berrends
Quentin Askey
Marvaline Ray
Deborah Lancaster
- *8. Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, Topeka, Kansas
Larry Springer
John Hawkins

- *9. Ft. Collins Rock Hound Club, Ft. Collins, Colorado
 - Delores Martin
 - Betty Wendle
 - Dale Winder

- 10. Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - Ruth Potts
 - Jean Rhodd
 - Elmer Kitchell
 - Barry Parks
 - Melba Dodrill
 - Richard O. Dodrill
 - L. E. Cockrell
 - Dr. Joe Whitteberry

- 11. Colorado Springs Mineral Society, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 - Ray Berry- Long-time member
 - Paul Berry (Not related) Member for 24 years

- 12. Colorado Mineral Society, Denver, Colorado
 - William Harrison
 - Leroy Brown

- 13. Denver Gem & Mineral Club, Denver, Colorado
 - Bob Park
 - Bert Hanou
 - Dave Weller
 - Larry Becker
 - Jerry Alkema

- 14. Mile High Rock & Mineral Society, Wheatridge, Colorado
 - Lowell Hull

- 15. North Jeffco Gem & Mineral Club, Arvada, Colorado
 - Robert Newson
 - William Harrison

- 16. Friends of Minerology, Colorado Chapter, Denver, Colorado
 - James Hurlbut

- 17. Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society, Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Bill Lemmon

* - Submitted by Scholarship Chair, Richard Jaeger