

2019 RMFMS Delegates Meeting

Minutes

Prescott, Arizona

August 3, 2019

The meeting was opened by RMFMS President Liz Thomas. Wayne Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Judy Beck.

VIPs recognized in attendance were: Doug True, AFMS President; Bob Carlson; Bill Smith; Judy Beck; Richard Jaeger; DeLane Cox; and Josie Middleton.

A welcome was given by President Thomas. She then asked for Memorials from the audience. DeLane Cox read the list the Secretary had received. Wayne asked that all memorials given by audience members be given to him in writing. They will be published with the Meeting Minutes.

Pres. Thomas then called for the Credentials Report. Bill Smith reported of the 80 clubs in the Federation, 40 were certified as represented, and this includes 23 proxy forms. This fulfills the meeting quorum.

President Thomas called for the Secretary's Minutes of the last meeting. Since the Minutes were included in the Annual Report, Bob Carlson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, motion seconded by DeLane Cox. Motion approved. A couple of corrections were noted. Motion was made by Bob Regner to accept Minutes as corrected, seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was called for. Gene Maggard said his financial report was in the Annual Report. He said this Federation has 11,153 members, and is in financial good shape. Due to an increase in cost of our insurance company, the club liability Insurance will increase for each member from \$.60 to \$.65 next year. Our investment funds are in two CDs and one Vanguard Fund. Gene estimates the income investment accounts will have made approximately \$4,000 by the end of this year. The 2018 investment income of \$3,474 was donated to the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Motion to accept report by Bill Smith, second by Bob Carlson. Motion is approved.

Executive Officer's Reports

President – in the packet

Vice Pres.- no report

Secretary's Report – in the packet

Treasurer's report– in the packet

Historian's report-in the packet

Past Presidents report-no report

State Directors reports

Arizona/ Nevada-Jodi Brewster said Arizona has one new club, West Valley from Buckeye, AZ, that has just joined the Federation.

Colorado – Kathy Honda gave her report and handed out printed copies.

Kansas-Bill Smith said Topeka is forming a new club. This is in addition to the club it has now.

New Mexico/Texas-Bob Carlson, Report is in the packet

North Dakota-not present

Oklahoma-Cecilia Evans could not make the meeting. Her flight was canceled.

South Dakota/ Nebraska-Sony Hemscher not present.

Wyoming-Stan Strike reports two new clubs. The 2020 RMFMS Convention will be hosted by Big Piney, Wyoming, club.

Utah-not present

Committee reports

All American Club Contest- DeLane Cox reported one submission this year. She explained the contest and asked more clubs to submit next year.

Club Rockhound of the Year – Sheri Johnson said she is looking to have more clubs submit nominations.

Boundaries-Bill Smith, Report in packet

Publications Contest - Richard Jaeger reported the Editors/Webmasters breakfast went well. He handed out awards for Linda, whose flights were canceled.

Finance Committee - Wayne Cox, report is in packet.

Long-Range Planning Committee - Judy Beck brought proposed changes from the Executive Committee to be discussed and voted on.

1. The first change is to alter the Secretary's requirement to send out documents and Convention Annual Report from 60 days in advance to 30 days in advance. The Executive Committee recommended approval of this measure. Discussion followed. Motion to accept by Bob Carlson, second by Bill Smith. Motion approved.
2. The second proposal was to give the Vice President the job of oversight of the State Directors. Discussion followed, with some State Directors in agreement and some disagreeing. The Executive Committee recommended not passing this change. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Bill Smith, seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion was approved. The proposal was denied.
3. Third change was a proposal to change any RMFMS Contest to say "RMFMS" instead of "AFMS." The rationale was that RMFMS presents awards and they should have our names on the contests. Although RMF contests follow AFMS rules, winners from RMFMS then go to AFMS for judging again. Executive Committee recommends no approval. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Marvin Sawain. Second by Bill Smith. Motion approved, one vote against. Change denied.
4. Another change suggested was to change the name of the Fluorescent Mineralogical Technical Committee to just Fluorescent Technical Committee to agree with the other Technical committees. Discussion followed. Executive Committee recommended to not approve. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by Cinda Kunkler, second by Bob Carlson. Motion approved. Change denied.
5. The Website Contest Operating Procedure has been needed. This has been submitted. LRPC recommends accepting with some corrections. Executive Committee recommends accepting. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation by DeLane Cox, second by Curtis Bellev. Motion approved, one vote against.

Time for a break. We took a 15 minute break.

Name Badges-Richard Jaeger says he thinks he is all caught up. If anyone still needs a badge please see him.

Program Library-Gene Maggard says the Library is not being well utilized. There are many Slide programs that are basically unusable and need to be done away with. However, the Executive Committee would like to see if any are salvageable, and possibly see if a small college might have a program to transfer slides to DVD. Two people agreed to

check with their local college to see if this is a viable possibility. These people were; Steve - from West Valley, and Colleen - from Prescott club.

Public Relations-DeLane Cox reports she is putting suggestions in RMFMS newsletter for clubs to use to get publicity for their club.

Ribbons - Peggy Sue Moore has the ribbons here for the weekend, and the RMFMS ribbons were green to match the Prescott club colors.

Convention Advisor-Richard Jaeger said the Prescott club had done an excellent job, and they are to be congratulated on the great Show and meetings. He would like to recommend that the RMFMS develop some guidelines for clubs who are hosting the Convention so they will know more about what needs to be done.

Scholarship - Richard Jaeger received a check for \$950 from the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society in appreciation for getting their out-of-boundaries problem settled. (Many thanks, SNGMS!.) Richard also gave a brief description of the scholarship program that AFMS has, which includes two \$4,000 scholarships to each of six Federations that participate in the program. (Southeast Federation has their own scholarship program.)

Trophies and Stationery - Bob Carlson said he brought the trophies that will be awarded at the banquet tonight. He has RMFMS stationery for anyone who needs it.

Uniform Rules Committee-Leon Reeder reported judging was done on the cases at the show, and awards will be presented tonight. He said he would like to have a class at the next convention to teach judging techniques because the Federation is getting short of judges and it will help establish better cases.

Webmaster-Joel Johnstone said the website is looking good. He would love to have more information sent to him and he will publish it.

Unfinished Business

Gene Maggard said that each club should be receiving three newsletters. It is up to the club to designate a person to forward copies to all members. The same person can send out the AFMS newsletter to each club member when it arrives.

President Thomas reported the problem with California Federation and RMFMS with the out-of-boundaries dispute has been settled. She received a letter from California and has sent copies to all Executive Committee members and to all AFMS Executive Committee members.

New Business

With a settlement of the California out-of-boundaries dispute, the Southern Nevada Club has proposed they host the RMFMS convention in 2022. They would have the Show May 7 & 8 in Boulder City, Nevada. (Big Cheer!). Motion to accept the 2022 Convention location by Richard Jaeger, seconded by Jodi Brewster. Motion approved.

As already approved, Pres. Thomas announced the 2020 RMFMS Convention will be hosted by the Big Piney, Wyoming, Club. It will be June 19 - 21.

Also already approved is the 2021 convention, which is the combination AFMS and RMFMS meeting. It will be held April 16 – 18, 2021, in Sandy, Utah.

Bill Smith said he would like to see a change the number of Delegates required for the RMFMS House of Delegates meeting. He said other Federations do not require so many people to attend. Pres. Thomas ask him to submit a proposal to the LRPC.

The Nominating Committee, headed by Richard Jaeger, made the following proposal for next year's officers:

President-Bob Regner

Vice President- Sheri Johnson

Secretary-Wayne Cox

Treasure-Gene Maggard

State Directors:

Arizona – Jodi Brewster

Kansas – Bill Smith

N. Dakota – Russ Oliger

S. Dakota/Nebraska – Sony Hemscher

Richard asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were given.

Before a vote was taken, DeLane Cox reminded the Nominating Committee that last year a change was made, making the Secretary and Treasurer positions two-year terms, and they were elected for two years at that time. Therefore they do not get elected this year.

Motion to accept nominations by acclamation by Bob Carlson, second by Jodi Brewster. Motion approved.

Resolution: Thanks to the Prescott Club for hosting the Show. And thanks to all the clubs who are upcoming show hosts.

With no more business on the agenda, motion was made by Bill Smith for adjournment, seconded by Bob Carlson. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Wayne Cox,
RMFMS Secretary

Addendum

Report from Uniform Rules Committee

My name is Leon Reeder. I was recently appointed Chair of the Uniform Rules Committee. I have been a member of the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society since the 80s. I have competed several times in local Gem and Mineral Shows, as well as regional Federation Shows and American Federation Shows.

Several years ago I attended judges training session at Wild Acres in North Carolina, with Jay Bowman, instructor. I have had the privilege to judge at different shows. I mostly judge lapidary.

There are a couple of recommendations I would like to make. One: the main complaint I hear is the Rules for Competitive Cases are not user friendly. Maybe this needs to be considered. Two: I would like to see more judges trained to help judge. I would like to see judges training and/or seminars occur regularly.

Leon Reeder, Chair

Colorado State Director's Report

Kathy Honda,

Colorado State Director

Statistics:

Number of clubs contacted: 20 out of 20

Number of people contacted: 65

Number of letters: 19

Phone calls: 0

Number of emails: 85

What is going on:

Club Membership (meetings and field trips): Canon City Geology Club, Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, Lake George Gem & Mineral Club

Colorado clubs hold regular field trips to favorite sites and regular meetings with speakers on interesting topics, such as collecting gemstones in the west, rock identification with flow charts with actual rock specimens (especially fun for the club kids), newly discovered turtle track site, mining throughout the west, etc.

The clubs often collaborate with each other on field trips and junior activities. They regularly announce what other clubs are doing because many members belong to two or more clubs.

Of course, eight clubs in the Denver area work all year-long to put on the Denver Gem & Mineral Show - this year's theme was "Canada Unearthed." To increase the volunteer participation that has been decreasing every year, a new and innovative idea instituted by the Volunteer Chair was to create a "volunteer sampler" for prospective volunteers to spend 20-30 minutes at various jobs at the show. New volunteers do not have a clue what the different volunteer positions entail. The new volunteers will be paired with someone who is already doing the job. They will be transferred from one job to another, concluding the tour at their own club table.

There are two award-winning junior groups in Colorado, and they are well-known for their active junior members; Colorado Springs (Earth Science Scholars) and Flatirons (Junior Geologists).

Many of the clubs hold club shows and silent auctions to generate income for high school and college scholarships.

As to the club claims, terrain remediation has been resolved in the past year with the BLM.

Problems:

Colorado would appreciate any ideas or suggestions to increase responses from the smaller, silent Colorado mineral clubs.

Many clubs with claims have complained that non-members and members are exceeding the maximum collection pounds, removing pick-up truck loads instead of the 20-pound maximum.

Addendum;

Memorials

Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society – Elizabeth “Betty” Letters, Margarett Hunt, Madge Casteel,
Beth Grayson

Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club – Donnie Hefley

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society – Marilyn Agnes Ross, Charles Murphy Wells

Northwest Nebraska Rock Club – Claud Lewis, Sheila Ray, Mary Jane Clark

Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club – David Kerr and Martin Keller

Gila County Gem & Mineral Society – Randy K. Shank

Payson Rimstones Rock Club – Darryl Burnett

Stillwater Gem & Mineral Society – Janet Cayot

Enid Gem & Mineral Society – John Worden, Gary Morgaridge

Utah – Dean Richardson

**RMFMS Budget
2018-19, 7/31/19**

Beginning Balances

10/31/18:

Checking Balance	8,868.86
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,402.06
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	52,633.98
Vanguard Bond Fund	85,554.24
Beginning Cash and Investment Balance	<u>177,459.14</u>

Category	Fiscal Year							
	2017-18 Fiscal Year				2018-19 Proposed Budget			
	Expense		Income		Expense		Income	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
All America Club	100.00				100.00	15.83		
AFMS Travel - Thomas	1,500.00	1,000.00			1,500.00	850.97		
Competitions - Exhibits - Carlson	450.00	206.34			300.00			
Competitions, Newsletter -	250.00	128.38			150.00			
Contingency	200.00				200.00			
Convention Exp - Maggard	700.00	675.00			700.00			
Convention-Exec. Board Travel					679.00			
Directory - Waterman	875.00	950.79			1,000.00	741.84		
Donations-AFMS Sch. Foundation	2,232.00	2,232.00			3,474.00	3,474.40		
Dues/Memberships-AFMS	6,900.00	7,263.75	14,700.00	14,478.50	7,000.00	7,260.00	14,500.00	15,128.10
Insurance Prem. Club	6,100.00	6,277.00	6,000.00	6,171.45	6,200.00	6,459.00	6,200.00	6,209.83
Interest/Dividends			2,000.00	3,474.40			3,500.00	3,288.32
Library - Maggard	25.00	46.58	15.00	40.00	50.00	14.24	50.00	24.00
Name Badges - Jaeger	300.00	49.86			200.00	22.23		
Newsletter - Woods	500.00							
Ribbons - Moore	300.00	261.98			300.00			
Secretary - Wayne Cox	400.00	154.39			200.00			
State Director Travel	1,000.00				1,000.00			
Subscriptions								
Supplies - Riggs	25.00			73.00	75.00		75.00	
Treasurer	200.00	219.88			200.00	132.00		
Trademark	425.00	425.00						
Website - Liz Thomas	300.00				500.00	228.00		
TOTAL	22,682.00	19,890.95	22,715.00	24,237.35	23,728.00	19,198.51	24,325.00	24,650.25

Vanguard Fund Unrealized Capital Gain or Loss (-) 2,410.53

Ending Balances 7/31/19:

Checking Balance	11,032.28
SF CD 1206(matures 7/15/20)	30,809.51
SF CD 4249 (matures 11/7/20)	53,535.22
Vanguard Bond Fund	89,944.20
Ending Cash and Investment Balance	<u>185,321.21</u>