

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

House of Delegates Meeting, Wichita Kansas

April 23, 2016

President Richard Jaeger called meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Invocation by Bill Smith

Pledge of Allegiance by

Memorial Tributes as in packets. Topeka added Charlotte Higgins.

Credentials DeLane Cox: There are 35 clubs registered. We have a quorum.

Richard Jaeger: Minutes from last meeting. Bob Carlson moved to accept the minutes as written in packet. 2nd from floor. All in favor. Passed.

Richard Jaeger: Recognize Bob Carlson as Past President of the Northwest Federation, Rocky Mountain Federation and the American Federation. Bill Smith as Past President of the Northwest Federation, Rocky Mountain Federation and the American Federation. Judy Beck as Past President of the Rocky Mountain Federation. DeLane Cox as Past President of the Rocky Mountain Federation. Matt Charsky is the Past President of the Eastern Federation and the current President of the American Federation.

Richard Jaeger: The order of the agenda under unfinished business part A. The chairman of the long range planning committee is Judy Beck. Judy has to leave shortly and I would like to move this item of business up front so we can get this taken care of and Judy can get on back. Yesterday at the executive committee meeting, we have been working on the updating of the operating procedures for three years, it was unanimously recommended that the house approve this. Judy I will give you the floor.

Judy Beck: There are some grammatical errors in here, well we are not perfect and we will get those going. We took all the suggestions we received last year and incorporated them as much as possible. We have tried to make as many people happy as we could but we are not going to make everyone happy. We can give you this document and if you see something in here you want to change then all you have to do is say I would like to propose a change to this policy and we take it back to the house of delegates and see if we can make it happen. I would like to propose that we do a systemic review through the long range planning of this document, doing a certain section every year so that every five years we would have had done a review of the entire document so that we do not get into this problem like we have had.

Bill Smith: Makes a motion to accept of the update and changes of the Operating Procedures.

Richard Jaeger: Do we have a second

(Liz Thomas) ?: Not sure who made the second but it was made and passed

Richard Jaeger: If any of you find a change that you want to make please submit them to Judy Beck, Bob Carlson or DeLane Cox or me and we will make sure Long Range Planning gets all the information to present to the convention next year.

Gene Maggard (Show Chairman): Show News: As I was going through the registrations and the credentials I saw three new clubs that have never been to a convention: Albuquerque President Bob Regner, Larry Havens from Littleton Colorado, Steve Travis from the Carlsbad Club and also Michael Granburg from North Jeffcoat. We really appreciate you folks being here at the show and convention.

Matt Charsky: Yesterday the American Federation was WOW'd. Your federation is now the second largest federation in the American Federation. We now have around 52,000 members in the federations. I want to also thank everyone for the donations for the scholarship program. Thank you all.

Officers Reports

Richard Jaeger: President: It is in the packet but I want to add some things. We have seen a lot of improvements in the Rocky Mountain Federation. We have ten new positions or ten new people in these positions that are now involved in the federation. Jim McGarvey has done a great job on our website. Jane McLaughlin has stated the directory is at the printers.

Vice-President: Beth Simmons it is in the packet.

Secretary: Liz Thomas it is in the packet.

Treasurer: Gene Maggard it is in the packet. I would like to add that we now have a total membership of 9,000. This is non dues paying and paying members. That was an increase of 623 members. We had one new club in 2014/2015. Daisy Mountain with 57 members. In 2015/2016 we had a few new clubs to join but we had Apache Junction that joined that has 230 members. I passed out a paper that show up to April 20 2016, it shows we have 13,500 deposited for membership and 2,300 deposited for insurance. We may need to look at lowering our insurance cost due to the budget is lower than we have gotten in.

Historian: Cinda Kunkler: Report is in the packet.

Past Presidents: Diane Weir did not have a report. DeLane Cox has a report in the packet.

State Directors: Reports for all those who submitted are in the packet.

Richard Jaeger: Just for a note...McCurtain county club in Idabell, Oklahoma has not paid their dues and it looks like we are going to lose them as a club.

Standing Committee Reports

Editor: Alice LaBonte is not present but there is a report in the packet.

Richard Jaeger: There is a lot of information in the Rocky Mountain Federation newsletter that anyone can get a lot of information from. I belong to 2 clubs and we have a group email list that we send out to several other clubs and I highly recommend if your club is not doing this that you start doing this now. It is always a desire for everyone to have all the information and to communicate what your club is doing so that we are all doing something to promote our club.

Liz Thomas: I would like to add something to this. If anyone has a change in their club, officers or anyone that gets your emails, if you have a change please send those to us as soon as you can so that we can keep in communication with you.

Bill Smith: I would like to thank Alice for resurrecting the newsletter and a quality document and the federation show their appreciation with a round of applause for the editor.

Finance: Robert Haines there is a report in the packet

Nominating: DeLane Cox report is in packet

Program Library: Gene Maggard report is in the packet. My wife and I have taken over the library and have found a lot of really great programs. If your club is looking for slides, cd's or books we have a bunch of them and the list is on our website. You can rent that program for 4.00 plus return postage.

DeLane Cox: Several years ago the club purchased equipment to convert from slides to cd's. I would like to know about this piece of equipment, if we still have it and is it working?

Gene Maggard: I do have that equipment and I think I know how to work it and when I have time I will see if I can get this done.

DeLane Cox: Do you need someone to help you do this?

Gene Maggard: It is going to take some time to do all of this and if someone wants to take this on then by all means I would appreciate anyone's help.

Lapidary Technical: No Report

Mineralogical Technical: No Report

Convention Advisory: Robert Carlson report is in the packet

Special Committee Reports

AFMS Club Rock Hound of the Year (ACROY); Sheri Johnson I do have something to talk about. I have a report in the packets. We have a total of 4 nominations for this year. We have over 80 clubs in the Federation and this is an opportunity for each club to submit a person from their club as Rock Hound of the Year.

Beth Simmons: It is better to do it that way. While all these people are still with us, we need to nominate them now.

Bob Carlson: What are the qualifications for this.

Beth Simmons: Living

Richard Jaeger: Every club can nominate, it is not nominating but designate, one member or one couple each year for the Rock Hound of the Year as well as one Junior.

All American Club: Ron Yamiolkowski no report

Boundaries: Bill Smith Report is in the packet

Directory: Jan McLaughlin directory is at the printers. The clubs will get one copy per club. Additional copies are 5.00 per copy. The extras need to go to the supplies chairman.

Fluorescent Technical: Pete Modreski report is in the packet

Fossil Technical: Roger Burkhalter has a report in the packet.

Insurance: Report is in the packet. To reiterate, the insurance may go down after I speak to the insurance company.

Beth Simmons: Is there any action for the Federation to look into insurance for officer's and board liability policy?

Gene Maggard: No there is no activity at this time. It is a club insurance and there is nothing that will protect any officer or board member from each other. If an officer or a board member is alleged that they have caused bodily harm to a club member and the club member files a claim or a law suit, the insurance company will defend the officer or board member from the club member.

Beth Simmons: Some clubs think that they have to have this as a separate policy.

Gene Maggard: Now you know

Liz Thomas: I have had two people ask me today about their insurance certificates. Do you know the status of these certificates?

Gene Maggard: Insurance Policies expire on March 25. As soon as the new policy is issued after March 25, then our insurance agent will issue individual clubs their certificates via email. Sometimes the email goes into cyber space. When this happens I will first look up to see who is designated to receive the certificate then I see who sent me the request. Then I will send it up to our agent and ask that he re-issues their certificate be resent to the correct email address.

International Relations: Mike Nelson report in the packet. I was asked by Richard about getting rid of the International Relations committee. My answer was not, it is very fun and I get a lot of information and inquiries from a lot of people. We get a lot of internationals that contact me to see where they need to go for a certain rock, mineral or fossils. I would very much like to keep it.

Juniors Program: Diane Weir no report. No report

Long Range Planning: Report in packet and given early in the meeting.

Name Badges: Richard Jaeger and report is in the packet. If there is someone that I have failed to get a badge or job bar, please let me know so I can get this taken care of.

Parliamentarian: Gene Maggard Report in packet.

Permanent Address: Robert Carlson report in packet.

Program Contest: Gene & Peggy Maggard No one has submitted a program or contest. I have had one person contact me about submitting. I really do not know about it but I have researched it and I think I know now how to do this.

Publications Contest: Beth Simmons report is in the packet. Because the convention is earlier in the year the deadline for all entries will be December 31, 2016.

Ribbons: Peggy Sure Moore report is in packet.

Scholarship: Richard Jaeger report is in the packet. Total additional donations to AMFMS \$2,844.81 sense I wrote this report there has been an additional \$70.00 by Topeka KS. Tonight our honorary Scholarship person this year is Dr. Foster Sawyer of the South Dakota School of Mining and Technology. He will be at the banquet to receive his award and give us information of the two students he has chosen to receive the \$4,000 scholarship. I am very pleased with the Rapid City South Dakota Club and the Western Dakota Club for submitting Dr. Sawyer for this honor. Sony Hemsher has told me how much Dr. Sawyer appreciated it. (Letter read by Liz Thomas to Sony Hemsher from Dr. Sawyer. It is attached to the end of this report)

Stationery/Trophies: Robert Carlson report is in the packet. I spoke to Arlene Burkholder and she has a bunch of stationery that is currently in Richard Jaeger's car and he will take those up to Los Alamos, NM. I have enough trophies to present this time.

Supplies: Finis Riggs report is in the packet. We did bring pins and patches I have brought to the show and if you want to buy one they will be available after this meeting out front. The patches or 3.50 each and the Pins for 2.00 each. All other material is on line and can be downloaded.

Public Land Advisory (PLAC): Chairman Mike Nelson, report is in the packet. Richard has asked me to run a meeting about the PLAC. We will have a meeting at 10:30 tomorrow morning at the show. Road closures, we cannot do anything about. The wilderness can only be designated only by the U. S. congress. If you have a problem with a wilderness area, you need to start early and talk to congressional people from your early. We need a lobbyist in Washington D.C. to help with this thing. Get to know your congressman and the staffers.

?: Is there any movement in New Mexico on Rangers and BLM people to come to some of meetings to speak to the local level about road closures? Is there any organization that is starting a letter campaign to direct to congressmen due to road closure's?

Mike Nelson: There is a lot of land access associations in the United States that deal with this and the AMFMS is connected with ALAA (American Land Access Association). It is headquartered in California but AMFMS has their address on their website.

Richard Jaeger: We need to save this until tomorrow at the show. The banquet is going to be in this room and we will not get out of here in time for them to set up the room. Anyone can come to this meeting not just the PLAC (Public Land Advisory Committee). The meeting is at 10:30 at the show site tomorrow morning. I will say a few things about Oklahoma, we do not have too much of a problem with land closures or losing sites, but we sure have some individual rock hounds that have done some things that have caused some areas to be closed off for rock hounding. We need to preserve this as individuals and groups.

Mike Nelson: The one thing that I am interested in is the new forest service rules on collecting invertebrate fossils. How we need to be aware the BLM land is still looking at rules for collecting invertebrate fossils. When the forest service first came out with the rules they caught so much crap from me and I spoke with the BLM about the proposed rules. I am hoping that the BLM will not have quite as strict on rules for collecting invertebrates as the forest service does. How are you going to distinguished between a long handle or a short handled shovel? Part of it is a disaster.

Melvin: I have been involved for a little over a year now with the Forest Service of the Wilderness. There is a lot of misconceptions about who is in control of what. It is very important that everybody know that according to the Wilderness Act of 1964 once your forest service director declares an area of potential wilderness, the federal mineral rights are withdrawn and the public no longer has legal access to minerals there. This year by the end of the summer most of the forest service districts must renovate their plans and suggest new wilderness areas. Once those areas are suggested, suggested, the mineral rights are removed.

Uniform Rules: Lee Whitebay no report.

Bob Carlson: We have seven competitive cases at this time. We had one judge that could not come until today. We have all the judging done and this year. This year we will have rosettes instead of ribbons. We have the possibility of handing out seven trophies tonight at the banquet.

Webmaster: Jim McGarvey report in the packet.

Website Contest: Robert Johnson report in packet.

Beth Simmons: The most important thing is to enter the webmaster contest. You must enter, you are not automatically in it. You must send in a form to Bob Johnson. People from outside the federation judges the website. The websites are improving over the years.

Unfinished Business;

Richard Jaeger: We took care of the RMFMS Operating Procedures earlier in the meeting so we don't have to do this. Is there any more unfinished business that we need to address?

DeLane Cox: Scholarship Fund

Richard Jaeger: I looked at the minutes from the delegates meeting last year and in fact the resolution did extend and it is permanent and so we do not do anything there. The motion was made and approved that all earnings from RMFMS investments funds and savings account be donated for the scholarship. This included from physical year 2013/14 because this had not been done. Then it said scholarship funds rather than AMFS or RMFMS so that we would deliberately leave it open from year to year. The only thing we added yesterday is where as last year we said scholarships we changed that to geo science. We change the term from scholarships to geo science so that is covered.

Gene Maggard: I would like to make a motion that we donate our earnings that are from the Investments funds and scholarship accounts for physical year 2014/2015 to be donated to be given to AFMS scholarship fund.

Bill Smith: Second motion

Richard Jaeger: All in favor say aye, all oppose say aye, motion passed.

Gene Maggard: Does everyone understand why we are donating our earnings from the savings and the investment funds? Under the IRS regulations stipulation that earning off all savings and investment funds must be used to further the results of the existence of the 501-C-3.

Richard Jaeger: At this point the AMFMS has given in excess of 1.75 million dollars in scholarships to graduates students in geology. It is a tremendous thing.

Matt Charsky: I just wanted to say that the 1.75 million covers over 600 institutions and it is not just colleges or universities. It is museums and a lot of other institutions all over.

New Business:

Richard Jaeger: Election of new officers.

DeLane Cox: As the nominating committee chair along with the Judy Beck and Dr. Bob Carlson would like to submit this slate of officers for 2016/2017. President- Dr. Beth Simmons, Vice-President Liz Thomas, Secretary -Wayne Cox, Treasurer – Gene Maggard. For state Directors, Colorado - Kathy Honda, New Mexico/Texas – Dr. Bob Carlson, Oklahoma/Arkansas – Virgil Richards, Utah – Tom Burchard and for Wyoming – Stan Strike.

Richard Jaeger: The state directors are elected for 2 year terms. For the odd years it is 5 are elected and even years there are 4 to be elected. The terms will begin on Nov 1 2016 then run for 2 years. So this year we have 5 to be re-elected.

Bill Smith: I make a motion that we cyst on nominating any new officers and take the slate of officers that has been recommended by the nominating officers.

Cinda Kunkler: I second.

Richard Jaeger: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? If not, then for those who would elect the slate say aye and oppose say aye. Motion passed.

Bob Regner: If it is the will of the Rocky Mountain Federation the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral club would be honored to host the 2017 RMFMS convention in Albuquerque in March.

Bill Smith: I so move.

Bob Carlson: Second the motion

Richard Jaeger: I should ask is there any other club that wants to submit a bid. All agree say aye and all oppose say aye. Passed.

Matt Charsky: I want to plug the AMFMS convention this year which is in Albany Oregon in July 27 through 31. There will be a lot of displays. I have been told that there will be over 200 competitive cases. There will be lots of field trips.

Sherry: When is the actual dates in March?

Liz Thomas: March 17, 18 and 19th.

DeLane Cox: Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation needs to match the new OP's. We need a committee formed to have the by-laws to match the OP's.

Richard Jaeger: I will be appointing this committee.

Bob: I just want to mention that in Colorado Springs we were not having much luck with scholarships. Most of the clubs give away 2 scholarships. 3 years ago I talked our club into awarding undergraduates research awards that are doing research in the state of Colorado. I can tell you that the kids that have received these grants (scholarships) work hard and write a lot of papers that are publishable on the

research of the geo science. We give them resources to go out in the field during summer. Some of their funds go to come to the university of Arizona to use the equipment. Every winter I write all the institutions in Colorado that have undergraduate geology program. I ask them to have the students to contact the committee. Peggy Maggard from Wichita has asked me to bring all the information that we have on this. If anyone has any questions about this program just have someone in your club send me an email and I will get this information out to you.

Bob: We have been giving away two scholarships each year but this year we tried to go through the school rather than just the teachers. The school wanted to get involved and wanted a full endowment before they would start giving out these endowments. This come to 25,000.00 that they wanted. Funded by our club. So this year we ended up not giving scholarships this year. Next year we are going back to taking to the teachers instead of going to the school.

Richard Jaeger: Our scholarship that Tulsa gives out we go through the chairman of the geology each year. Not every year we have the students come back to give us a report on what they have done. This is not every year but we have had 7.

Bob: The research scholarships we have more control. If they are published, we require that they have to be in the "Thank You's" and then I make them write a paper that we publish in our newsletter to show the club so we can say this is what your money is going for.

Richard Jaeger: The hat for the RMFMS president has been around for 30 years. I have researched the bylaws and it says that you only need to wear it 50% of the time.

I have a letter here from Fred Schafermyer who was a past president of the western federation. Would love being here but because of health reasons they cannot make it. Fred is 97 years old now. Along the letter they have send a check for \$100.00 for the AMFS Endowment fund. We have raffle tickets for sale for the AMFS convention. DeLane Cox and I have tickets left over. You can get one for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00

DeLane Cox: The funds from this covers junior programs, judge's schools and all the little things the AMFS does not cover.

Richard Jaeger: The banquet tonight is at 7:00 pm in this room. Happy Hour is a cash bar and it starts at 6:00 pm.

Richard Jaeger: We want to thank the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society for hosting the convention, Gene Maggard for his work as chairman, Matt Charsky and his wife Jean from Virginia of AMFMS.

Gene Maggard: We want to thank Mary and Pat Clough, that did all the center pieces and the gift bags.

Mel: I would like to instill in the body to go to their clubs and change it to teach and preserve. We do not do this enough but we need to get back to a club that will teach and preserve. Education is the vision of the club.

Richard: Motion to adjourn. All passed.