

Minutes of
Executive Committee Meeting
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
March 17, 2017
Hotel Elegante, Albuquerque, N.M.

The meeting was opened at 9:12 am by President Beth Simmons.

Her theme for the year will be TEAM, and she gave the definition of the acronym. TEAM stands for:

T - Teach; E - Encourage; A - Accommodate; M - Mentor

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and corrections suggested to add the addendum for Executive Committee approval of a new club. Motion to accept by Cinda Kunkler, seconded by Kathy Honda. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Maggard handed out a sheet with the current Treasurer's report. He pointed out the major items. No questions.

President Simmons called for the Credentials Chair report. Linda Burns 30 clubs have already reported in, and there was time to go before the Delegates meeting for others to check in.

Beth welcomed representatives from the new club in Gila County, Miami, Arizona. Jodi Brewster is their Delegate.

Vice President's Report: Liz Thomas had been asked by Beth Simmons to be the contact point for all State Directors, and to give them help. She had contacted them and asked for a report from them, but only two responses were received. Kansas State Director Bill Smith objected to her report, calling it "rather negative," because he is working as a Director. Liz said she was not referring to the State Directors who were present, because they had sent in reports. But she wondered what all of the other Directors were doing? Stan Strike said he was surprised that every state did not have an state organization of clubs such as Wyoming has to help all of the clubs.

Secretary's Report: Wayne Cox said he had found out that all of the meetings were supposed to be recorded, both audio and video. He currently had two audio recorders and the video recorders that belong to the RMFMS and will be using them this weekend. He said he forgot to mention that clubs should bring written Memorial Tributes to the Delegates meeting, but he will be sure to do that next year.

Newsletter Editor: Beth is still looking for a permanent editor. Stan Strike asked if the newsletter articles winners could be published in our Newsletter, and was told they would be sent to the editor.

Historian: Cinda Kunkler reported she had found a picture from 1941 of the RMFMS conference meeting. She thinks this was their first meeting. She also had some old papers from that meeting. These were passed around for all to enjoy.

Finance Committee Meeting: Wayne Cox reported that the Committee did their review, and everything was good. They had suggested adding one additional signature to the checking account, which was completed.

Lapidary Technical: Bill Smith said he was happy to be doing this and would be happy to help anyone who needed help.

Fossil Technical: The Denver Guild reported they helped return \$21,000 in fossils to the Dinosaur Ridge Show. They had identified hundreds of things in old flats that were lying around. Now they are in the shop for retail sale.

Program Library: Gene Maggard said the program CDs and DVDs were not being well used.

Name Badges: Richard Jaeger reported he had ordered more badges, and has a few more to be ordered.

All American Club: DeLane Cox reported she had received one entry, and it will be judged by AFMS rules.

Nominating Committee: DeLane Cox reported all officers agreed to serve another term.

Insurance: Beth Simmons said she gets questions from Members about field trips. Gene Maggard said the information is in the Membership Directory, but he will answer any questions given to him.

Junior Program: The new Chair Terri Harris is trying to get the program moving. She sent out some email, but received no responses.

Parliamentarian: Question was asked how many votes does a proxy have, and Gene answered one person – one vote.

Boundaries: No problems have been reported, but one may come up with Las Vegas. This will carry to New Business.

Uniform Rules: Two competitive cases this weekend.

Trophies: Bob Carlson reported he is currently OK with trophies available for contests.

Long Range Planning Committee: Richard Jaeger reported there are five new OPs to present to the Delegates for votes, plus the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

New Business

Future Conventions: Denver area clubs are proposing they hold the convention in Fairplay, Colorado, during the Contin-tail Rock Show in 2018. The Executive Committee accepted the proposal and moved that the proposal be brought to the House of Delegates for approval.

Long Range Planning Committee: Chair Richard Jaeger reported The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will need a two-thirds majority approval of those eligible to vote in order to pass. The By-Laws are recommending a change to a two-year term limit for both the Secretary and Treasurer, as the AMFS has. Discussion followed, then Gene Maggard recommendation that the Delegates approve the Articles as presented, and the By-Laws with suggested minor changes in punctuation, spelling, and capitalization. Bill Smith seconded, motion approved.

New OPs: Long Range Planning Committee Chair Richard Jaeger presented the proposal on new OPs. The proposed new OPs are:
On Public Relations Committee: recommend Delegates to accept.
On New Programs Contest: recommend to accept,
On New Website Contest: recommend to NOT accept.
On Membership Directory: recommend to accept.
On Finance Committee: recommend to accept.

Scholarship Report: Chair Richard Jaeger reported we will not be giving our scholarships to the students listed in the annual report. Our Honoree did not understand the limitation of the award, and is choosing two more students to fulfil the AFMS rules.

PLAC: Beth Simmons reported these people have been very active, but are having problems with the governmental organizations.

Boundaries: Richard Jaegers reported that the California Federation had a problem with the Las Vegas Club moving over to the RMF. But they have been violating the RMF territory by holding California Federation field trips into Arizona and Utah, which is not allowed by American Federation rules. Ron Carman may try to bring this up in Ventura and the American Federation meeting in June.

tan Strike brought a proposal to the Executive Committee that the Federation pay the expenses of all officers to the Conventions. Gene brought up the financial status of the Federation, and thought that this would not be possible. Discussion was held. The EC voted not to bring this to the House of Delegates, but see about it for next year. Beth appointed an *ad hoc* committee to look into this. Committee is: Gene Maggard, Wayne Cox, Bill Smith and Stan Strike.

Having no further business, President Simmons accepted a vote to adjourn and a second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Cox,
Secretary