

Minutes from the RMFMS Executive Committee
July 20, 2018
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Rapid City, South Dakota

The Meeting was opened by Liz Thomas, RMFMS president. She asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Minutes - Secretary Wayne Cox. He said no copies were brought to the meeting because they were mailed out to everyone after the meetings last year. Bob Carlson made a motion to dispense with the reading of Minutes and approve. Second by Stan Strike. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: Gene Maggard, 2016-2017 is current report. There is a current surplus of \$2,500. Everything else seems to be on target. First half of 2017-2018 is on target. There is an increase in the interest rates on our CD, about 1 1/2 percent on one and 2 1/4 percent on another. The Vanguard Fund currently is at \$85,000. We had a capital loss of \$1,800. The value on our bonds went down and that caused the capital decrease. Historically Vanguard usually doesn't have to cash out, they go to full maturity. Our bond fund loss will probably go away. I did a Transfer to a State Farm CD mid-January. The only other notation that had to be made - Topeka Club lost three checks, and Gene wrote new ones, But Cinda had already written personal checks to cover the lost ones, so Gene wrote a check to her for the awards to Junior members. Bill Smith: motion to approve Treasurer's Report, Richard Jaeger seconded, and the motion was approved.

Officers Reports

President Liz Thomas: report in packet.
Vice President Bob Regner: no report.
Secretary Wayne Cox: in packet
Treasurer Gene Maggard: in packet
Historian Cinda Kunkle: had handouts for her report.
Past President Richard Jaeger: no report

State Director's Reports.

Jody Brewster, Arizona: In packet

Cathy Honda, Colorado: Cathy reported the Denver Show attendance has been going down, and the Show may not last too much longer. It is getting harder to get volunteers to put the Show together. Cathy asked what was known about BLM accessibility. And if she could get a copy of the RMFMS Insurance Policy.

Liz: PLAC has land information, and she will send the reports when she gets them. Liz said she will send a copy of our Insurance policy to Cathy.

Stan Strike said he has a report from Forest Service that they have written regulation in 2009 and have upgraded with good information. BLM has to deal with Dept. of Interior and are having problem wording their reports.

Richard Jaeger said Mike Nelson has an extensive report on land access in our Annual Report. Liz added Mike has info in the RMFMS Newsletter every month.

Bill Smith, Nebraska: Report in packet

Bob Carlson, Arizona: Hate to admit it, but he does not have 100 percent of his clubs this year. He missed by one club.

Russ Olinger, N. Dakota: Only have one club, but they are active, and have 45-50 members, They are still having a Show, but it is getting slow.

Virgil Richards. OK/AR: No report

Sony Hemsher, S. Dakota: He has one Club that will not be holding a show again due to loss of members. Scott's Bluff will not have a show until they get more people to work. Gene said that when The Panhandle Club turned in their annual report they had 10 members. Liz recommends AFMS kids program to get new people.

Stan Strike, Wyoming: Report in the packet. He introduced Jim Gray, Sublette Club President. Their Club is hosting the 2020 RMFMS Convention and Show. Dates will be Mid-June.

Tom Burchard, Utah: He said he has had some health problems, but seems to be back on track now. His area is showing a slight increase in members. He reported that all clubs show an increase in membership, and all the clubs are having shows. He had a request for membership information from a guy in Cedar City, but has not heard back.

Committee Reports

Stan Strike: Reported on the *ad hoc* committee from last year regarding payment to Executive Committee for Travel:

An OP change was discussed last year to pay the fee for Board Members (Executive Committee) to attend the Convention. His actual proposal was on first page of his report. Stan gave lots of background and details

of his proposal. He calculated the travel expense for Board Members (EC members) who attended both meetings. But the Board Member (EC) can chose not to claim reimbursment. The Treasury Surplus can be used for these expenses. It is IRS legal to spend the excess for Board travel. Right now, some interest goes to AFMS Scholarship fund.

Bob Carlson says this proposal is not legal. The Executive Committee does not have right to alter an OP. He said the Committee will have to agree on the change and take it to House for approval. Bob said the Committee can alter the percentages proposed. But they cannot make changes to modify their own money. Wayne says the EC must give a set percentage to House of Delegates for approval. But Wayne recommended the proposed OP change be re-written before it goes to the House for a vote. Percentage must be IN the new OP so it can be approved and if ever needed, changed by the House of Delegates.

Richard: not everyone will request a reimbursement.

DeLane: there is a proposal in the Annual Report packet, but it is not the proposal that Stan has presented today. A new OP will have to be written to present to House.

Richard: we can take it to House without the wording being correct. Liz said no, we will take a correct version to the House of Delegates Meeting for a vote.

Wayne: The new OP needs to have set percentage for the Treasurer to follow.

Liz: What if an officer comes to this meeting and has an emergency and cannot attend the House meeting?

Wayne: Then it is the President's Call.

Gene: If this is approved it will take away most of our Scholarship Foundation donation. He recommends we not approve.

Gene: Another thing: it is going to possibly make a negative balance in some years. I'm not comfortable with that. I will not support it.

Stan. I understand that the America Federation Scholarship Fund money we give is the interest, not the income . The Am Fed donation could fluxuate. This year we gave \$2,200, but our interest was \$2,760.

Gene: the interest from dividends was \$2,231.72 in 2016. When I made payment to Scholarship Foundation I rounded it. For 2017, the donation is based on previous year. It is the actual investment income. It is only given IF it does not put us into a negative situation.

Richard: if the House approves the Committee reimbursement, can we ask for a definite time to seek reimbursements so we know about how much our Scholarship donation is.

Stan: Calculations can be done ahead of time, and checks written to anyone who asks for it at meeting.

Question: Does this apply this year? Answer: No, starts next year.

Tom: I'm involved in three Federations. And they all have some kind of reimbursements. It usually comes from most of their clubs.

Liz: Some people actually need this because they cannot afford to attend. We can help them to attend since most of our clubs do not pay for the trip.

A motion was made to approve the new OP. However, Bob Carlson said we cannot do that. We can only recommend that the House approve or not approve. Second: No second. Motion failed.

Wayne then presented a re-worded change for the OP: "#4.

" 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)."

Wayne : I make a motion that we make the changes and take the new OP to House for their approval. Second: (don't know who)

Motion passed: Approve 9, Opposed 3, abstain 1.

Liz: Wayne will type up the new OP proposal to be presented. This will change the OP that was to be proposed in the Annual Report. Add in #4 changes to make this apply to the Executive Committee, not just State Directors.

Liz: is that all of the reports?

DeLane: Where are the Long Range Planning proposals?

Gene: Do we need to talk about these changes?

DeLane: We do if we are going to ask the House of Delegates to approve them.

Liz: Judy Beck is not present, so would Richard go find her. And we will take a 15 min. break so she can get here.

Following the Break, Judy Beck, chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, went over the other proposed changes to various OPs that were in the Annual Report.

The first one is an update of the Trademark Control and Use. It expires this year, and needs to be renewed for another 10 years. Motion was made to ask the House to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.

The second one on travel reimbursement for the Executive Committee has already covered.

The third item is a proposed addition to the By-Laws, Article III, to cover removal of an officer if necessary. Item four covers several minor changes. The only one that may need a discussion is the change in Executive Committee Meeting dates if a Convention and Show are only two days in length. Judy suggested that all of the minor "housekeeping" items be presented as a group and approved.

Motion was made by Bob Carlson to take these items to the House as a group and ask for a vote of approval. Motion was seconded by Richard Jaeger. Motion passed.

Richard Jaeger, chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the proposed slate of new officers for the 2018-2019 year, They are:

President –Liz Thomas

Vice President – Bob Regner

Secretary – Wayne Cox

Treasurer – Gene Maggard

Historian – Cinda Kunkler

State Directors:

Colorado – Catherine Honda

New Mexico/Texas – Bob Carlson

Oklahoma/Arkansas – Cecilia Evans

Utah – Tom Burchard

Wyoming – Stan Strike

The Executive Committee recommended the House of Delegates approve the slate of new officers.

Discussion on future Annual Convention locations was held. After a lengthy discussion on having the Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Motion was made by Gene Maggard to take this proposal to the House of Delegates and suggest they approve having the 2019 Convention in Nevada on May 4-5, 2019. Seconded by Bob Carlson. Motion approved.

The proposal to host the 2021 RMFMS Annual convention was proposed by the Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah. This will be the year the RMFMS hosts the American Federation Convention, also. Motion to take

the proposal to the House of Delegates for approval was made by Tom Burchard, seconded by Bill Smith. Motion passed.

Bill Smith raised a question on the legality of electronic signatures, in regards primarily to Convention Proxy sheets. Following discussion, Tom Burchard and Bob Carlson were appointed by President Thomas to an *ad hoc* committee to investigate the question.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne Cox
RMFMS Secretary