

Following are summaries of the Meeting Minutes for the 2006 RMFMS Executive and Delegates meetings at Stillwater, Oklahoma. These are only summaries, copies of the FULL minutes of the meetings may be obtained by member clubs by contacting DeLane Cox, RMFMS Secretary. Contact information for DeLane may be found on the "Officers" page of this website.

RMFMS Executive Committee Meeting

Executive Summary

June 9, 2006 – Stillwater, Oklahoma

Richard Jaeger, president of the RMFMS, called meeting to order.

Minutes were approved as published

Presentation of Scholarship Award: Richard Jaeger presented the 2006 Scholarship award to Dr. David London of the Oklahoma Gem & Mineral Society. Sr. London is the author of a book to be published next year on the geology of pegmatites. He is also the namesake of the mineral "Londonite" found on Madagascar.

Officers Reports

President – Richard is trying to get more people involved with Federation Committees.

Vice President – Stan Nowak was not in attendance.

Secretary – DeLane Cox said packets were mailed, but not everyone received them. Other sets will be available tomorrow. A discussion on proxies was held, with questions about electronic submissions of proxies. They had been accepted this year.

Treasurer – Dan Lingelbach is serving as temporary treasurer due to Keith Price's ill health. Dan had put together as much of a report as he could from the current records and reported as of April 24, 2006, there was (See Full Minutes for complete Treasurers report) in the bank account. There are outstanding checks. A new treasurer will have to be elected at the Delegate's Meeting.

Historian – Ruby Lingelbach had no written report.

Report from State Delegates

Arizona – Debbie Leschner reported all societies seemed to be strong. Possibly one new club is forming.

Colorado – Marvin Lundquist said all his clubs had sent in dues, even though three do not meet regularly. He announced his retirement after this term.

New Mexico/Texas – Howell Whiting reported nine clubs and seven had shows this year. Since the RMFMS/AFMS meeting is in Roswell next year, he encouraged everyone to come.

North Dakota – Ray Olinger reported only one club left, and it is getting smaller.

Oklahoma/Arkansas – John Ravenscroft lost one club this year. Everyone else seems fine.

South Dakota/Nebraska – Don Rathert reported two active clubs.

Utah – Dean Richardson presented the report. His clubs are doing well.

Wyoming – No Report

American Federation Report.

Bob Carlson reported the 2006 AmFed Show and Meeting would be in Nashville, Tennessee, in July. The AmFed treasurer had a stroke while in Florida, and was found to have an inoperable brain tumor. Pat LaRue was appointed to take over. Bob was serving as our representative from AmFed, since he is the incoming president for 2007.

Old Business

There was a lengthy discussion about the Operating Procedures Committee and their involvement with Show OPs. There are Show OPs in existence, but many Societies feel intimidated by the rules and won't host a show. Howie Whiting said the Long Range Planning Committee, who had been working on the Show OP, should be relieved of that duty and send it to an ad hoc committee for review. Perhaps a "Check Lists" would be a better way to list Show needs and Requirements. Howie Whiting made a motion that the Show Ops be removed from the LRPC. Motion seconded by Walt Wells. Motion carried.

New Business

Wild Acres Reimbursement – Arlene Burkhalter said there was a class in Case judging at the Eastern Federation Workshop week at Wild Acres, and she would like for the RMFMS to pay travel expenses for someone to attend. The AFMS agreed to pay the class registration for an RMFMS person to attend. Bob Carlson recommended that a motion go before the Delegates Meeting to continue to send a representative as long as the AFMS continues to pay class tuition, and the RMFMS will pay travel allowance equal to the current government business mileage allowance rate. Motion seconded by Howie Whiting. After considerable discussion, motion was not approved. After several suggestions and much discussion, Roger Pittman made a motion that the RMFMS Executive Committee bring before the Delegates Meeting that the RMFMS pay a person attending the Eastern Federation Wild Acres class on Case Judging the governmental business mileage rate for the round trip. Motion seconded by Howie Whiting. Motion carried.

Walt Wells made a motion that the RMFMS make the president/vice president travel expenses to the AFMS meeting the same as the above motion. Seconded by Howie Whiting. Motion carried. (NOTE: the OPs call for a different group to receive payment for travel. This will be discussed later.)

Insurance – Arlene Burkhalter reported that the Federation insurance

had problems with the additional coverage rider. She recommended that she be given authority to receive all additional insurance payments, and who would contact Brown & Brown for the certificates needed. Dan Lingelbach made the motion that the Insurance chair handle all certification authorizations. Second by Debbie Leschner. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Frank Whitney of the Chaparral Club reported that they had been approved to host the RMFMS and AFMS Show. He gave a brief description of what plans had been made.

RMFMS Logo Renewal

Richard Goodnough reported that Keith Price had sent him a notice that the Logo had a 10 year renewal. However, that was not so. The logo is now up for renewal. Letters and a check for renewal have been sent. However, a letter was sent to Keith Price that the application was voided due to no response. Richard asked who was trying to renew it, since another application was reportedly received. Richard Jaeger said he would follow up on the renew of the logo.

Long Range Planning Committee – Reported that several jobs and their duties are not in the Operating Procedures Manual. Richard said that all jobs should be reviewed and see where changes were needed.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

DeLane Cox,
RMFMS Secretary

RMFMS Annual Delegate's Meeting
June 10, 2006
Executive Brief

Richard Jaeger, president, called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was offered by Judy Beck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memorial tributes were offered for the following:

- Jean Barons, Wichita Club
- Dorothy Borman, Chaparral Club
- Scotty West and Eleanor Cassidy, Oklahoma

Credentials Committee Chair Carol Syska reported 30 clubs represented. This meets the voting quorum.

Move to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Howell Whiting, seconded by Jack Thompson. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

President's Report – in packet

Vice President's Report, Stan Nowak. Stan expressed concern that we were not getting enough Scholarship nominations. He also reported on a very successful Judging Seminar held in Stillwater.

Secretary's Report – in packet

Treasurer's Report, Dan Lingelbach. Dan announced Keith Price had to resign due to health problems. Dan will serve as interim Treasurer until a new one takes over.

See Full Minutes for complete Treasurers report.

Historian, Ruby Lingelbach – No Report

Past Presidents – No Report

State Directors Reports

Arizona – Debbie Leschner: report in packet

Colorado – Mike Wheat says all clubs seem to be doing well.

Kansas – Marvin Lundquist: reported on seven clubs, four doing well, three still paying dues.

New Mexico/Texas – Howell Whiting: Report on table. Yonis Lone Eagle has returned from Iraq, so will take back over as State Director. Due to severe drought in New Mexico, the BLM has severely restricted land use because of fire hazard.

North Dakota-Ray Olinger: reports only one club, and it is getting smaller.

Oklahoma/Arkansas – John Ravenscroft. Reports a very active year. Three shows so far. Tulsa Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008 with the RMFMS show.

South Dakota/Nebraska – Don Rathert: Report in packet

Utah – Jane Badertscher: Not attending

Wyoming – Joyce Johnson: Not attending

Committee Reports

The following Committee Chairs had reports that were not in the Packet:

Fluorescent Technical – Chet Hazelwood: pretty active year. He had an article in the Federation newsletter about Fluorite.

Insurance – Arlene Burkhalter: She reported proposed changes to make insurance easier. All checks for additional coverage riders are to be sent to her, not to the insurance company. This will keep records straight.

Junior Program – Howie Whiting: had four entries for 2006 Junior

Awards at this Show. Would like clubs to push their Junior Programs.

Name Badges –Richard Jaeger: He has ordered new nametags and bars.

Ribbons – Louellen Montgomery: Everyone has a ribbon for the Show.

She found a new source for ribbons after losing last source, and at less cost.

RMFMS Show Chair – Charles Raming: Thanks to everyone for great help on the show.

Stamps – Carol Syska: She said you cannot make money sending stamps to collector businesses. Instead, she has made some bookmarkers with the stamps, and has them for sale. Money from the sales goes to the AFMS Endowment Fund.

Public Land Advisory – Dean Richardson: He requested a meeting of interested people to discuss several things of importance. More information needs to get out to all ` the clubs about BLM and other land usage problems. South Dakota Chair Don Rathert says Forest Service has no vehicles in most areas. Clubs were asked to try and get claim areas for future collecting.

Uniform Rules – Bob Carlson: there were 14 competitive cases at Stillwater Show, and five trophies will be awarded.

Webmaster – Jim Garvey: the website is a good place to get information out to people. Please send him materials to put on the website.

Unfinished Business

Status of Show Operating Procedures: Secretary read the following proposal from the Executive Committee meeting; “The Executive Committee recommends the job of establishing new Show Operating Procedures be removed from the Long Range Planning Committee responsibilities.”

Richard Jaeger said there was supposed to be an ad hoc committee rather than the LRPC working on new OPs. Motion by Don Rathert that an ad hoc committee work on the Show Operating Procedures. Motion seconded by Roger Pittman. Dean called for question, then asked who was supposed to control the Show OPs now? Richard said the info is currently in the Operating Procedures Manual. Roger Pittman said a list of OPs has been put together and re-arranged for easier referencing. The group had no input from any Club in the past three years, but the new OPs need to be adaptable to any club. Pittman has current OPs on a CD so any club may reference it. If a club decided to do a Federation Show, a representative from the RMFMS will be appointed to work with them. Jim McGarvey volunteered to put the CD info on the website. Call for vote on the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Wild Acres Reimbursement:

The Executive Committee proposed the following: “The Executive Committee recommends that the Rocky Mountain Federation continue to send a representative to the Eastern Federation Workshop at Wild Acres in Judging, as long as the American Federation will continue to pay class tuition. The Rocky Mountain Federation will pay the attendee’s

round-trip travel allowance equal to the current government business mileage rate.” The motion was altered in Executive Committee to send it to the Budget Committee for consideration. Motion was made by Howie Whiting to accept the recommendation. Seconded by Marv Lundquist. Motion passed.

Insurance change:

All Club insurance will go to the RMFMS Treasurer. However, the extra insurance rider for special events must be sent to Arlene Burkhalter to keep records straight. She will contact Brown & Brown and see that the certificate is issued.

OPs for Various Jobs

The new OPs for various jobs were not discussed because they are under consideration by a committee.

Travel Fees

The following recommendation was made: “The Executive Committee recommends the fee paid for travel for President and Vice president of the RMFMS to attend the American Federation meeting be equal to the government business travel rate.” The agreement in the Executive Committee contains an omission. The OP states the RMFMS will pay the expenses for other members, expressly the representative of the president or vice president in case they cannot attend, as well as the Chairman of the Uniform Rules Committee and one other member of that group to attend the AFMS meeting. Motion by Louellyn Montgomery: “Move to include the officers and representatives as listed in Operating Procedures #1, Treasurer, be changed to be mileage rate equal to the current government business rate.” Motion seconded by Diane Weir. Motion carried.

RMFMS Logo re-registration

Richard Goodnough said the procedure had been started to renew the logo registration. However, no one seems to know who did the work. Richard said that the Committee would check on the matter and get the logo re-registered.

Nominating Committee Report

Committee members Judy Beck, chair, with Roger Pittman and Walt Wells, proposed the list of new officers. One change was noted from the published list: Gene Maggard was nominated to replace Keith Price. John Ravenscroft asked that his name be removed from the list. With no nominations from the floor, Howie Whiting moved the nominations be accepted as presented by acclamation. Seconded by Marv Lundquist. Motion carried.

Future Shows

The 2007 Federation Show will be held in Roswell, NM, hosted by the Chaparral Rock Club. They have show information available on a CD. No

other mailings will be made. Information will also be published in the Federation newsletter.

The 2008 Show will be hosted by the Tulsa Club, to coincide with their 50th anniversary. It will be held October 31-Nov. 2, 2008.

Richard asked if there were applications for future shows. He wants all clubs to know what all is involved in doing a Federation show. The Executive Committee puts the Awards Banquet together. He also wants the clubs to know that some things can be exempt from the 50/50 split on profits. There is also a \$750 startup loan available from the Federation. A Case Competition is required at the RMFMS show, and all awards are the responsibility of the Federation. He would like for clubs to apply to host the 2009 and 2010 shows.

Resolutions

1. Resolution thanking Charles Ramming and the Stillwater Club for hosting the 2006 RMFMS Show.
2. Resolution recognizing Keith Price for his long tenure as RMFMS Treasurer, 1996-2006.
3. Resolution thanking Arlene Burkhalter for her service as Secretary for 2004-2005.
4. Resolution thanking Louellen Montgomery for her work as parliamentarian and many other things she has done for the Federation.
5. Resolution thanking all State Directors who have passed along information to all the Clubs in their jurisdiction, and getting information back to Richard Jaeger as needed.

Diane Weir of the Chaparral Club announced the Rolling Rock Club meeting Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the Show Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

DeLane Cox,
RMFMS Secretary