

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
General Meeting
March 7, 2013

Attendees (20)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Darrel Dodd, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Trustees: Chuck Kominski, Marc Fleischer, Doug Lindsay, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell, Bob Jones, Glenn Hoffman

Members and Guests: Clete Hinton, Lee Lindsey, Shirley Cote', Harvey Jong, Chris Whitney-Smith, Jack Howell, Ann Baker, Dick Zimmermann

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Phil Richardson called the March 7, 2013 general meeting of the Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF) to order at Chuck Kominski's office at 2255 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported details of the Foundation checking, savings, investments and CD accounts in a powerpoint presentation. All bills from the Flagg show have been paid at this time.

All of the FMF scholarship funds, amounting to \$50k over 5 years (2009-2013), have been issued. These funds were available to minority geology students and were provided to the FMF from Freeport as part of a mining property sale by Sylvia Knopf for her property in Morenci, AZ. Darrel suggested we have discussions about continuing the scholarships in the future with FMF funding.

II. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3RD, 2013, GENERAL MEETING

Bill Yedowitz made a **motion** that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as written. Bob Jones seconded the motion, which carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

a) U of A Loan/Display (Lighting Proposal) – See 3Jan minutes for details. Les P. will prepare an article with price estimates for inclusion in the next newsletter. A discussion will be held at the next general meeting.

b) U of A Loan/Display (Additional Cabinets) - Bill Y. discussed the condition of the existing FMF wall cases that were removed from the museum downtown. Bill suggested that additional FMF funds be spent on refinishing these cases before/if they were

transferred to the UofA as they have minor evidence on wear and tear commensurate with age. There is additional wall space for ~4 of these cases at the UofA museum and Bob Downs has offered to install with UofA funding and proposed a 5 year loan agreement. The cases are currently stored and have associated storage fees. Bill plans to discuss again with UofA before a final decision/discussion can be made by the FMF. In addition, Darrel will see if Cave Creek and/or Superstition might need additional cases.

c) Donation by Richard Flagg of the A.L. and R. Flagg Collection (Disposition) - The Flagg collection, recently obtained by the FMF has been reviewed. 157 flats of specimens from the collection were for sale at the Flagg show with ~60 flats sold. An additional 100 (new) flats are being priced and will be for sale at the Minerals of AZ Symposium. In addition, 12 flats representing ~125 specimens were retained by the FMF for the Flagg sub-collection. Of these 125 specimens, 22 were photographed by Jeff Scovil and appraised by Dave Bunk at the TGMS. Ray Grant has also 5 flats of material as reference specimens for the updated Mineralogy of Arizona. Material from Tiger has been segregated and will be reviewed by Joe Ruiz and Les P. Bob Jones recommended checking all the specimens for sleepers before they go out for sale and volunteered to review the material with Bill Y.

d) Micromounts for Minerals of AZ Symposium – The Friday micromount session will feature excess micromounts from the Roland Fogg collection which was donated to the FMF in 2007. Harvey J suggested that the micromounts be evaluated before dispersal as many of them may have come from Tonopah-Belmont and may be of value. Harvey volunteered to review (or have Joe Ruiz review) the micromounts with Bill Y before the Symposium.

e) Poster Status/Sales - Bill Y has taken over TGMS poster sales/storage. Bill is trying to get a copy of the poster contract from TGMS to determine associated FMF obligations. Depending on the contract, Bill asked if the FMF is interested in selling the remaining TGMS posters on the website. Minor money is generated from poster sales but adds additional work for members. It was decided to remove the TGMS posters from the website immediately and have additional discussions regarding the status of the posters at a future meeting once the TGMS contract is in hand.

B) FMF Website (Mike Williams)

Mike reported that the Foundation website (and Facebook page) are up and are being updated/maintained on a weekly basis. Recently, the Minerals of AZ Symposium and Flagg Show pages were revised along with various software updates. A discrete hit counter was added and the website is logging 200-300 hits per day. The website will have software updates applied again after the Symposium so that there is no disruption in service. There was interest in modifications to improve the website during the upcoming update and a number of members offered to help with the design/update. A weekend work session will be scheduled prior to the update so members will have the opportunity to suggest new web designs they feel are suitable.

C) Newsletter (Steve Decker) – Submissions for the next newsletter are due by 14Mar13. A variety of items were discussed for inclusion in addition to those listed above.

D) Field Trips (Chuck Kominski) - Chuck reported he was working on a field trip for the Symposium that was within a reasonable distance from PHX but was having trouble getting responses. It was proposed that members contact Chuck if they have recommendations for a field trip. Darrel will also research field trips for the symposium.

IV. MINERALS OF AZ SYMPOSIUM APR 5,6 & 7, 2013

A) Sales Crew/Clarion Room (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill solicited help for moving (Flagg) specimens into the Clarion on Friday and with sales during the Symposium. Doug L., Bob J. & Mike W. volunteered to assist.

B) Micromount Session (Joe Marty)

A micromount session will be held Friday 2-5 PM, with a presentation on “New Western United States Mineral Species” from 4-5 PM. There will be free specimens available at this session and some microscopes will be available for use. Phil raised the idea of purchasing a new microscope for the FMF to make available at the symposium or to check out to members. Harvey J suggested purchasing a digital scope. A discussion of existing scopes took place and a number of members agreed to bring personal scopes to the session. If the micromount session is well attended and future sessions are planned, additional discussions regarding a microscope purchase will be held.

C) Food (Phil Richardson)

Phil will be in charge of food for the Symposium. To facilitate, it was decided to arrange coffee & hot water services directly through the Clarion if possible. Phil will contact Clarion to check availability/cost.

D) Field Trip (Chuck Kominski)

See above

E) Publicity (Marc Fleischer)

39 people are currently registered for the Symposium and the Clarion can seat 115 in maximum configuration. Last year there were 90 attendees. It was determined that there would be no additional publicity.

F) Silent Auction (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill Y will review the current FMF materials to see if any would be of the quality required for a silent auction. He is confident that he will have some specimens available for auction. In addition, Bob Jones will donate a collection of Lapidary Journals (1962-1989) and some recent DVDs. A.L. Flagg’s collection of Gems and Minerals (bound, 20 volumes 1920-1950) and early Lapidary Journals (~15 volumes 1920-1950) will also be auctioned.

G) 2014 Symposium

- a) Dates
- b) Location
- c) Fee Level
- d) Chairman

Next years symposium will be discussed after this year symposium is complete.

V. 2014 FLAGG SHOW 3, 4 & 5 JANUARY 2014

A) *Show Chairman* – The show chairman for the 2104 Flagg show will be Darrel Dodd. Les Presmyk has agreed to be co-chairman.

B) *Fee Level* – There will be a modest fee increase of \$10 (\$120 to \$130) for the 2014 show.

C) *Show Contract Inclusions* – The No Smoking and NDOC (No Dogs on campus) regulations will be included in the 2014 contract. Lavone will be taking over contract preparation from Ray G for the 2014 show.

D) *Show Synopsis* – Darrel provided a powerpoint presentation review of the 2013 Flagg show and suggested a number of possible inclusions for the 2014 show including:

- actual stamp mill on-site from Superstition Mountain Museum
- Cave Creek Museum may do a coin shoot with metal detectors along with panning
- MCC Geology club will have more involvement with youth activities
- PHX Science Museum may join show with displays
- Antique Engine Club may add display of functional antique mining equipment
- Freeport may display actual haul truck

Other suggestions Darrel made to improve the show

- publish vendor program & sell advertising space in the program to vendors
- purchase black pop-up tent and donate to ESM for fluorescent display
- purchase iPad for Lavone to facilitate show set-up/check-in
- purchase wireless printer for trailer to generate paperwork
- suggested supplying tents for some vendors (members opposed)
- suggested considering a new location (15th Ave. and Thomas) in case of rain? (members opposed)

Lavone questioned space requirements for any new activities and requested notification if they become a reality because space is limited. Lavone stated that the Mesa tax issues need to be addressed and suggested legal consultation.

Darrel provided a breakdown of costs for the 2013 show (~8k) and Bill Y provided income on sales (~16k). There was a discussion on the need for additional food vendors which was opposed.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A) *ESM Founding Partnership Proposal* - Harvey J said he would prepare a Founding Partnership Proposal which would be included in the next FMF newsletter. Harvey would like the FMF's involvement as a Founding Partner by designing a Flagg Gallery as an initial step in the development of the new ESM. In addition, Harvey discussed a statewide event (AZ Gives Day, March 20) where the public can donate to non-profit organizations on-line (www.razoo.com or see www.azgives.org for add'l info).

B) *Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies* – The current FMF membership is ~50 (off from ~130) and membership in the RMF is \$3.50/member. This prompted further discussion on the hardcopy (printing costs)/e-mail newsletter dilemma for membership/symposium/donations. E-mail addresses for all members will be requested in the next newsletter with the possibility of receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter if desired.

Darrel made a **motion** to provide Steve D with \$450 to prepare and send out a special event newsletter to all current and old members (~300). Bill Y seconded the motion which carried. Darrel will coordinate with Steve on what is required.

Bob J then discussed the positive aspects of membership in the RMF and recommended that the FMF join the RMF. A.L. Flagg was co-founder of the RMF.

Lavone made a **motion** that the FMF become a member of the RMF. Chris W-S seconded the motion which passed. Bob, Phil and Lavone will coordinate RMF membership.

VII NEW BUSINESS

A) *Mineralogical Record - Mineral Collections in AZ Supplement* – That the FMF will participate in the supplement and have two articles instead of one (to highlight the A.L. Flagg collection only) as initially decided was discussed. If agreed, one article will focus on the FMF collection while the other will focus on the A.L. Flagg collection. These articles (4 pages each) have been prepared, submitted, proofed by Wendell Wilson and include photos by Jeff Scovil. Have two articles will double the cost from the initial \$1700 already committed for the one article. There was a discussion on various aspects of the articles and several edits were suggested and made. The Mineralogical Record has agreed to contribute \$350 towards the publication of the two articles and Bob & Evan Jones have agreed to donate \$425 each (Thanks to Bob & Evan!).

Bill Y made a **motion** to add \$500 of FMF funds to the initial \$1700 for publication of the two articles. Genie H seconded the motion which passed.

B) *Rocks and Minerals Magazine* – Phil is in the process of preparing an article for R&M regarding A.L. Flagg & his collection. The article will include the 22 Scovil photos,

additional photos of the Flagg exhibits at the TGMS and additional photos of ephemeral items from the Flagg collection (contributed by Chris W-S & Marc F).

C) FMF Collection Curation – Darrel suggested adding the FMF collection to a database utilizing an MS access based software designed by Gerald Peters. Phil recommended that Darrel contact Mr. Peters and have him come in for a discussion during the next FMF meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:35PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary