

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
November 21, 2013

Attendees (18)

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

Other Trustees: Genie Howell, Ray Grant, Glenn Hoffman, Bob Jones, Paul Jaeger, Chuck Kominski, Les Presmyk, Dana Slaughter

Members and Guests: Shirley Cote', Harvey Jong, Jack Howell, Tom LaBonte, Chris Whitney-Smith, Dick Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Pecos Community Center in Ahwatukee, AZ.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Darrel D. presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the money market fund, CD, and checking account.

Outstanding bills to be paid include reimbursing Harvey J. for the symposium cover, plastic sheets, and poster production. Darrel has received from the City of Mesa the application for taxes, but the bill for about \$300 has not yet been received. Phil will complete the contract process with Mesa Community College, a copy of which contract must accompany the Mesa application.

Phil R. added that a \$1000 donation has been sent to Mindat. The Foundation will be listed on the front page of mindat.org as a sponsor after the fund drive has been completed.

II. MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2013, BOARD MEETING

Les P. moved that the minutes be accepted with corrections, and Ray G. seconded the motion, which carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

1. U of A Loan/Display-Lighting Proposal Update - Les P. reported that LED lighting like in the TGMS cases has been ordered and glass and risers are anticipated to be

cut and ready when the lighting arrives in December. The display cases will have a more three-dimensional layout when completed.

2. U of A Loan/Display Additional Cabinets (Bill Y.) - The U of A has offered to refurbish some Flagg gallery cases. Under consideration is placing Arthur's Flagg's collection and MR supplement specimens in one case and the recently-purchased specimens from Dave Shannon's collections in another case. Bill was asked to generate a budget to refurbish cabinets and work with Bob Downs or Mark Candee.
 3. Richard Flagg Donation Retained within FMF - Bill Y. is to bring the peripheral??? of Arthur Flagg's collection to be seen at the next meeting before it is put in storage.
 4. Richard Flagg Donation, Future Sales - According to Bill Y., 20-25 flats of Flagg material not before offered for sale will be available at Mesa Community College at the 2014 Annual General Membership Meeting.
 5. David Shannon Collection Acquisition - Phil R., Chuck K., Dana S., and Bill Y. were involved in selection of a suite of 120 of Dave Shannon's minerals for the Foundation collection, purchased from Colleen Shannon. The specimens have been catalogued and numbered.
 6. Disposition of Trailer - Bill Y. reported that the trailer that was stored on the Lindco property has been sold for \$1000. This plus \$1000 received for a donated storage container helped defray the \$3400 cost of a 40-foot X 8-foot well-sealed storage container with lock box, now in a secured location on 14th Street and Van Buren. Shelves were bought before the move. Bill Y., Dick Z., Mike W., Doug Lindsay., Phil R., Dana S., Harvey J., Ray G. and Darrel D. either picked up items to move elsewhere or helped with moving contents from the trailer to the new container site. The Collection, literature, all Foundation records, and books are in the air-conditioned storage site.
- B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams)
No report. Interest was expressed in having the Flagg Collection on the website.
- C. *Newsletter* (Steve Decker)
No report from Steve. The bulk of newsletters is now electronic. Send information to Steve for the December newsletter. Flyers for the Symposium and Membership/donations will be mailed.
- D. *Field Trips*
Volunteers were asked to lead field trips. Chris W. is to coordinate with Lavone A. regarding joint trip to the Rowley Mine on Saturday, Dec 7.

IV. 2014 FLAGG SHOW 3, 4, 5 January 2014

- A. *General show information* - Contracts have been sent out. Emphasis has been placed on no smoking and no dogs on campus. 85 dealers have paid, a new record, of which about a dozen are new. Signs are to be posted on the classroom doors that the college interior restrooms are not to be used. No additional food vendors are invited. ATM and tent will be set up.
- B. *Restrooms* - Bill Y. said new porta-johns vendor E Staff will provide 14 johns and hand sanitizer for about \$1350 for the event. Lavone needs to coordinate the location of the johns.
- C. *Publicity* - Lavone A. proposed having flyers and posters ready in July so they can be taken to fall rock shows. She mailed 10-12 packages in addition to those to clubs and 64 retirement centers in the Valley. Fliers and posters were available for Earth Science Week. Tony Occhuzzi, Fred Teal, Sue Parrish, Superstition Mountain Museum and the Cave Creek Museum have distributed or have fliers and/or posters. Lavone will take posters and flyers to local elementary and high schools.

Marc Fleischer has sent out a press release to all monthly publications. Calendar listings have been confirmed from *Phoenix Home and Garden* and *Raising Arizona Kids*. Print business continues to erode, with submissions through online forms only and no access to coordinators and editors. After December 1, Marc will contact radio and TV stations. Seven-ten days out, he will follow up to see where the media is with scheduling. We have been given a high preference for being a children and family-friendly event. Hopefully there are no major breaking news stories to pre-empt our event.

- D. *Street sweeper* - Chuck K.
- E. *Fluorescent light display* - Harvey J. reported that the Earth Science Museum has a commercial black tent, museum-grade lights and a much more professional display for this year.
- F. *You-Dig-Fossils* - Ray G. thinks the Geology Club will be active.
- G. *Other displays* - According to Darrel Dodd, the Cave Creek Museum will be represented with a coin shoot, gold panning, and stamp mill. The Antique Engine Club will provide a drill, crusher, and sluice box on the south fence area to help bring the crowd that direction. Les P. explained that Empire Machinery has moved from Mesa. He will contact Resolution Copper regarding mining equipment for display.
- H. *Food* - Phil R. Will schedule food for all days except when Bob Jones will provides chili on Friday.

I. *Set-up* - Lavone A. has the Wednesday crew in place to mark the parking lot. Bill has markers and tape. Phil R. will rent the RV and Bill Y. the van. Harvey J. will build the white board. Bob J. will help dealers find their places on Thursday.

J. *Mineral Exhibits* - Phil explained the Flagg Competition. Thumbnail judge for juniors will be Les P. Four or five thumbnail exhibits from juniors are anticipated. Mike Shannon tribute case will be presented again. Glen H., Phil L., and Jeff Langland will also exhibit.

K. *Shirts* - Contact Darrel D. with requests for Flagg Foundation shirts.

L. *Cell Phone Number for Website* - Les P. will secure a disposable cell phone as the contact number for the website and will provide Mark Fleischer with that number for the newspaper, etc.

M. *Next Year's Date*: tentatively January 9,10,11, 2015

V. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM, tentatively April 4, 5, 6, Clarion at Phoenix Tech Center

A. *Symposium Co-chairs*, Phil R. and Ray G. Ray will find speakers and arrange for abstracts.

B. *Sales* - Bill Y. will have crew and 14 flats of Jelks material which will not be offered at the Flagg Show. More material is needed.

C. *Food* - Phil R. will arrange for Macayo's to cater

D. *Field Trip* - needed for symposium

E. *Publicity* - Marc Fleischer

VI. Old Business

A. *Earth Science Museum Update* - Harvey J. reported that the Earth Science Museum participated in three events in October, which included Earth Science Day at Mesa Community College and as a participant at the Arizona Science Teachers Association Conference at Grand Canyon University. Upcoming events include displays at the Flagg Show in January and at TGMS in February.

B. *Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Membership* - FMF membership was voted on and approved.

- C. *Cave Creek Museum Update* - Darrel D. will arrange for our March meeting to be held at the Cave Creek Museum, which has the only operating stamp mill in Maricopa County.
- D. *TGMS Poster Sales/ Contract*. Poster sales have been removed from the website. Poster sales options as far as storage and vehicle to distribute will be addressed at the January meeting. Les P. has offered to buy the posters for \$500 and share the proceeds. Bill Y. will open line of communication with TGMS.

VII. New Business

- A. *Update on Storage Status* (covered above)
- B. *Bob Jones* reported the untimely death in October of Bill Lawrence southeast of Benson in a rock slide while digging in the side of a wash wall. The celebration for Bill Lawrence will be January 31, tentatively at 10 AM, in Tucson, at the Arizona History Museum on the U of A campus. Secondly, Bob read a letter from the Attorney General's office that the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) has fulfilled its mandate concerning the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum! Dick Zimmerman added that because the AHS doesn't track inventory that the mineral collection may be leaking as it goes around the State. The AHS is up for its Sunset Review committee in the legislature. The auditor general may not understand the real issues. Dick's letter to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee is at minumad.blogspot.com. He received a phone call from Senator Farnsworth concerning the letter. Now is the opportunity to contact legislators before the review comes before legislative committee.
- C. *Display at TGMS* is tentative for two cases: one for Arthur Flagg and one for Dave Shannon.
- D. *Nominating Committee* for elections to be held in January is Les P., Genie, H., and Bill Y.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM by Phil Richardson.