

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
July 24, 2013

Attendees (19)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Darrel Dodd, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams
Trustees: Marc Fleischer, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell, Ray Grant, Les Presmyk, Dana Slaughter

Members and Guests: Shirley Cote', Harvey Jong, Chris Whitney-Smith, Jack Howell, Ann Baker, Karl Baker, Cynthia Grant, Pierre Cantou

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Phil Richardson called the July 24, 2013 general meeting of the Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF) to order at the Building 9 lecture hall of the Paiute Neighborhood Center, 6535 E. Osborn Rd, Scottsdale, AZ.

I. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7TH, 2013, BOARD MEETING

Bill Y. made a **motion** that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as written. Les P. seconded the motion, which carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

a) U of A Loan/Display (Lighting Proposal) – Les P. gave a presentation reviewing a proposal to modify the existing lighting of the FMF collection on display at the UofA. His suggestions included replacing the existing fluorescent bulbs with LED's, replacing one (middle) glass shelf with wood and adding a second row of LED's below the new wood shelf, and reconfiguring the existing displays to ease crowding. Les also showed photos of new display ideas with specific lighting and backgrounds for select minerals. Expected costs are ~\$100 for a new wooden shelf, ~\$1000 for reconfiguration (lucite blocks and additional glass shelves) and ~\$4000 for new LED strip lighting. Bill Y. suggested multi-wavelength capability for the new LED's. After discussion, Les stated he will bring an itemized cost sheet to the next meeting. A vote on the final funding amount will be held at the next FMF meeting.

b) U of A Loan/Display (Additional Cabinets) - Bill Y. & Les discussed moving FMF wall cases from storage to the UofA for use in additional displays. The UofA has recently received cases from Trinchillo Fine Minerals, Les will talk to UofA to assess the need for additional cases. If there is a need at UofA, there are four to six FMF cases which could be available once minor repairs are performed. There was discussion of the retrofit of the existing cases with LED lighting and the possibility will be investigated by Bill and

Les. Additional discussion will occur at the next general meeting based on any new information provided by UofA.

c) Richard Flagg Donation (FMF Retained) – Based on member interest in the materials retained from the Richard Flagg donation, Phil R. proposed giving a presentation and bringing selected minerals & ephemera which will remain in the FMF holdings to the next general meeting.

d) Richard Flagg Donation (Future Sales) – Phil suggested rolling the remaining materials into the next Flagg Show sale. Approximately 30-40 flats from the donation were sold at the last Flagg show and an additional 15-20 flats were sold at the 2013 symposium. There are 20 flats remaining with Dana S. which have yet to be offered for sale and Bill has retained the rest of the donation which may amount to ~80 flats. The FMF will keep a number of books (~50) from the donation as permanent holdings. There was little interest in the gem & mineral and lapidary journals from the donation which were put up for sale. Bill suggested that he may have a buyer for the lapidary journals, if not, it was suggested that Dana put the set (and select additional “paper” materials) on eBay. Donation of the journals was also discussed.

e) Poster Status/Sales – The FMF has a link on the website but no clear means of selling the stock of TGMS posters in FMF possession. The FMF currently has a contract with TGMS which obligates us to provide those posters for sale and the FMF receives \$500/year from the TGMS to do so. There were two proposals discussed; 1) Les P. offered to buy all the FMF posters (\$500) and offer them for sale. After providing the TGMS with the 15% contractual costs, Les would divide remaining profits from poster sales between the FMF and himself; 2) The TGMS appears willing to take the posters purchased by the FMF back and offer them for sale year round from Tucson with the FMF getting a small percentage of the future sales. Additional discussion will occur between FMF (Ray, Bill & Phil) and the TGMS after 5Aug. If an agreement with TGMS can be found, posters may be returned to them. If an agreement with the TGMS cannot be made, the FMF posters may be made available to Les. Based on the outcome of discussions, a vote on the disposition of the FMF posters will be held at the next meeting.

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. Recent updates were discussed. A plea was made to members to provide additional content that they would like to see on the website, particularly timely materials for the home page. Bill Y. suggested adding photos of specimens from the Flagg collection/AZ supplement.

C) Newsletter (Steve Decker) – No report.

D) Field Trips (Chuck Kominski) – No report.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported details of the Foundation checking, savings, investments and CD accounts.

The FMF is expecting one more check (in Jan-Feb) from Freeport as the last installment for the FMF scholarship fund. Darrel agreed to prepare a statement regarding the scholarships for inclusion on the website.

New and outstanding invoices were discussed including:

- Flagg Show flyers – Ray G.
- meeting room rental – Bill Y.
- specimen labels – Chris WS.
- symposium materials – Harvey J.
- website costs – Mike W.

Phil made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Bill Y. and carried.

Phil moved that a motion to accept all outstanding invoices be made. The **motion** was made by Doug D., seconded by Les P. and carried.

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

A) *Show Chairman* – The show chairman for the 2014 Flagg Show will be Darrel D. Les P. 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. The contract, reflecting price changes, is currently on the website.

C) *Show Contract Inclusions* – The No Smoking and NDOC (no dogs on campus) regulations will be included in the 2014 contract.

D) *Show Synopsis* – Darrel provided a discussion of planned displays and potential (south) lot locations for the displays for the 2014 show including:

- actual 3-position stamp mill on-site from Cave Creek Museum
- Cave Creek Museum - coin shoot with metal detectors along with gold panning
- MCC Geology club will have more involvement with youth activities
- Antique Engine Club may add display of functional antique mining equipment
- display actual haul truck or other heavy equipment for photo-ops
- purchase black pop-up tent and donate to ESM for fluorescent display

Show Planning -

- a) RV & moving van: Phil R./Bill Y. will organize, Jack H. will provide supervision
** The FMF appreciates the efforts of Jack & Genie H. in providing their RV for past Flagg shows **
- b) Club liasons: Darrel D. and Les P. will organize
- c) Mineral sales: Bill Y. will handle sales
- d) Publicity: Marc F. will organize

- e) Rest rooms: Bill Y. will coordinate
If a multi-year contract, Les P. suggests it come back for member vote. The rest rooms need to be in place on-site by Wednesday.
- f) Flyers – Ray G. brought 3000 flyers for distribution.
- g) Flagg poster: Harvey J. presented his design for the 2014 Flagg Show poster – Smithsonian. The poster was reviewed by members. Phil moved to make a motion to accept Harvey's design. The **motion** was made by Les P., seconded by Doug D. and accepted. Discussion of projected costs and quantity of posters followed. Les P. made a **motion** to approve \$600 for 50 archival/150 plain paper/Harvey's costs. Jack H. seconded and the motion passed with Harvey's existing design. Harvey provided a poster image for use on the website.
- h) ATM, displays, food – Phil R. will coordinate
- i) Generator – Darrel D. will organize

V. MINERALS OF AZ SYMPOSIUM 2014

No discussion – topic skipped

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) ESM Update - Harvey J. spoke about the efforts to find a location for the ESM. The ESM is currently in discussions with the City of Chandler redevelopment group to find a suitable initial site. In addition, the ESM is trying to organize an Earth Science Day to potentially be held at Mesa Community College on October 19th, 2013. The ESM is currently in the process of organizing activities and groups for involvement in the event.

B) Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies – Bob Jones and/or Phil R. will follow up on the (positive) vote from the 7Mar meeting to join the RFMS.

C) MSA, FMF, RFMS – Phil reiterated the similar goals of these clubs and will leave this under old business to act as a placeholder for current news from MSA or RFMS.

D) Cave Creek Museum update – Darrel stated that the CCM will participate in the 2014 Flagg Show with the gold panning, coin shoot and stamp mill.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) TGMS Poster Sales/Contract – see above discussion.

B) Lindco Property/Storage Status – Lindco has been sold by the owners and new ownership takes over on 1Aug2013. The property on which the FMF storage trailer currently resides will be put up for sale after that date and access will be limited. The FMF will need to find a new location/storage unit for those items in the Lindco trailer. Materials in the trailer will need to be scaled back or disposed of before the move. Bill Y.

suggested that a shipping container may be available for sale from the current Lindco owner or that the FMF could purchase one (estimated ~\$3000) and consider a new location. Bill knows of a secure, fenced downtown location (4 miles from current location) that may be available free of charge for a new storage container. The status of the current trailer is under investigation, it is not known if it will remain at the location or will need to be moved. Items currently stored in the trailer include sellable items, tables, cases, signs, shelving, boxes of flats, etc. and these will have minimal security after the Lindco sale.

There is a 4000 piece economic geology collection acquired by Harvey Smith currently in storage. Ray G. suggested donating it and will investigate facilities that may be interested in having it. A **motion** was made by Les P. to donate this collection and was seconded by Bill Y. The motion passed.

Another **motion** was made by Les P. to designate emergency funds up to \$5000 to facilitate moving the materials currently in the trailer to a new storage container/location. Ray G. seconded the motion which passed. Bill Y. will investigate new locations & containers.

Additional **motions** were made to acknowledge Lindco owners.

C) Mineral Collections in AZ, Supplements – Les P. will have additional copies of the supplement available at the Gilbert Mineral Show on 17Aug. Copies may be ordered from him at Presmyk@cox.net and will be available for pick-up at the show.

D) Rocks and Minerals Magazine – Phil R. is currently working on a follow up article for R&M on Arthur Flagg and his collection. Phil will need to request funds for color photography at a future meeting.

E) Mindat Sponsorship – Jolyon Ralph, the founder of mindat.org, is setting up a Not-for-Profit institute, as a US-based 501(c)(3) organization, to operate the mindat.org database and website, and to raise funds to ensure its future operation and that it remain free for users. There was a brief discussion of sponsorship of Jolyon by the FMF at the \$500 level. Sponsors at the \$1000 level become “Fellows of Mindat.org” and will be listed on the home page. Les P. made a **motion** to provide a one-time donation of \$1000 to Jolyon/mindat. The motion was seconded by Ray G. and passed. Darrel agreed to arrange funds for Jolyon.

F) FMF/MSA Displays - There was a discussion of potential locations for FMF & MSA collections. Potential locations include the PHX Science Museum, AZ Natural History Museum and the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum in Miami, AZ.

G) Gilbert Mineral Show – Les P. reiterated that the Gilbert Mineral Show will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the Gilbert Historical Museum, 10 S. Gilbert Road in Gilbert, Arizona. In addition, a number of AZ collectors will be on hand to sign the recent MinRec Arizona Collectors Supplement. The signing will be held at 1:00 PM.

H) Minerals of AZ Symposium – Ray G. has speakers lined up for the 2014 symposium. Tentative dates would be for late March or early April 2014. Phil R. will contact the Clarion to confirm availability.

The meeting was closed by Phil R. at 8:59 PM.

Submitted,
Mike Williams, Secretary