

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
March 18, 2014

Attendees (11)

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

Trustees: Bob Jones, Doug Duffy, Doug Lindsey, Chris Whitney-Smith

Members and Guests: Jack Howell, Lee Lindsey, Shirley Cote

Meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Cave Creek Museum, 6140 Skyline Drive, Cave Creek, AZ 85327.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Darrel D. presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the money market fund, CD, and checking account and provided an update on the current collection appraisal. Darrel had prepared an asset balance sheet and will provide it to Phil so that the information may be provided to Horizon Insurance. The invoice for the new lighting at the UofA museum has been paid and there are no outstanding invoices. Phil transferred a check from the TGMS for FMF displays/exhibits at the TGM Show in February.

II. MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2014, GENERAL MEETING

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed by vote. (Bob Jones, Chris Whitney-Smith)

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Phil Richardson)

1. U of A Loan/Display-Lighting Update – New LED strip lighting, risers and glass shelves have been installed in FMF cases at the UofA museum. Minor changes were made based on feedback including some specimen rearrangement and label modifications.
2. U of A Loan/Display-Additional Cabinets – Bill Y will be working with the UofA museum to install the display cases from the Flagg gallery that were delivered to the museum. Bill and Les P will also work a proposal to outfit these new display cases with LED lighting, risers, etc. once they are installed. There will be 25' of wall space and at least four of the cases will be mounted. It is the intention of the FMF to display Arthur Flagg specimens in one case, the David Shannon acquisitions will go

in a second case and specimens of copper and calcite from the FMF collection will go in the remaining cases.

3. The Flagg donation appraisal has been completed by Dave Bunk and, based on the updated values, the Flagg family will receive an additional IRS donation letter from the FMF.
4. The collection committee has evaluated the J. Rukin Jelks donation and will have six flats of specimens from that collection available for sale/auction at the Symposium. In addition, the FMF will retain a variety of specimens from the collection and intends to maintain a Jelks suite in the FMF collection.
5. There was a discussion of the David Shannon display at the TGMS. The FMF will retain specimens from the D. Shannon collection in the original 2"x2" boxes. The index cards associated with the specimens were also retained and provide more specific information on each specimen.
6. The need for additional acquisitions and future donations was discussed. The current FMF holdings of materials for sale is dwindling and members were asked to watch for potential donations. Chris Whitney-Smith offered to place a notice on donations to the FMF in an upcoming MSA newsletter. The donation of a portable fluorescent exhibit/cabinet/minerals was recently made by an individual in Las Vegas. Once in possession of the FMF, these materials will potentially be made available for outreach programs or as a museum display. Discussions on the disposition of the donation will occur at a future meeting.

B. FMF Website (Mike Williams)

Recent changes and updates to the website were discussed. Some pages, including the home page, were reorganized based on member feedback. The home page now has additional information on the goals of the FMF and the biography of A. Flagg. Current topics and information about the AZ Mineral Museum closure and ESM are now contained on new tabbed pages. During the reorganization, some content was moved to new locations but no content was deleted.

C. Newsletter

Members are encouraged to submit potential articles to Steve Decker for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. Currently, information is being distributed via e-mail or website.

D. Field Trips

The difficulty in scheduling new field trips were noted. There will be no field associated with the 2014 Symposium.

IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM, April 4, 5, 6, Clarion at Phx Tech Center

A. *Chairmen* – Ray Grant and Phil Richardson will be co-chairs of the Symposium.

All Saturday lectures have been set and programs are currently being printed. Harvey J has designed the color cover for the Symposium programs and this artwork will be used for the 2015 Flagg show poster. Lavone will prepare the envelope/packets for the symposium.

B. *Schedule* – The conference room at the Clarion has been reserved from Friday AM through Sunday PM. The following schedule was presented:

- * Friday morning there will be an outreach meeting followed by a luncheon.

- * Friday afternoon, a micromount session facilitated by Ron Gibbs is planned. Ron will also give a 45 minute slide presentation as part of the micromount session.

Members are encouraged to bring microscopes if available.

- * Friday 5PM - tailgate sales will start.

- * Saturday 8:45-4:20 – lecture series

- * Saturday 5-6:30PM – tailgate sales

- * Saturday 6:30PM – buffet dinner followed by tailgate

- * Sunday – Les P will present a program on curating, cleaning, trimming and cataloging a collection. There will also be a silent auction on Sunday with the Rukin Jelks material. There will also be a buy/sell/trading session on Sunday.

C. *Micromount Session* – Both Ron G and Phil plan on bringing micromount material for the session. The session will end at 4:30-5PM.

D. *Sales* – Lavone and Mike W. volunteered to monitor the Flagg sales room at the Clarion. Additional volunteers will be needed to fill in.

E. *Food* – The Clarion is under new management and requires on-site food be provided exclusively by them. Phil R. will arrange for the Clarion to provide coffee/water/tea for the Friday sessions as well as provide a continental breakfast for the Saturday lecture program. A boxed lunch will be provided during the seminar and a sit down dinner will be served Saturday evening.

F. *Publicity* – only minor publicity has been put forward. There are 47 individuals currently signed up for the symposium with more expected.

G. *Sunday Trade Session* – see above

V. FLAGG SHOW 2015

A. *Chairman* – The 2015 Flagg show will be held on January 9, 10 and 11, 2015. Les Presmyk will be the organizing chairman for the show. Phil, with Ray G input, has compiled a notebook of contacts and instructions for organizing the show. Phil will make a copy of the notebook for Les and future chairmen and will retain the original.

- B. *Planning* – Darrel is investigating a new ice cream vendor for the 2015 show and is planning on bringing the generator for the ATM. There will be a planning meeting for the 2015 Flagg show to be scheduled after the 2014 Symposium.
- C. *Publicity* – Marc F will no longer be organizing publicity for the Flagg show. This will be addressed at the planning meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – The ESM will have a table set up at the Symposium and will have a fluorescent display. Memberships will be available.
- B. *Poster Sales Status* – Discussion centered on the storage/sale of TGMS posters. Consensus is to terminate the sales agreement prior to (April) renewal of the storage facility in which the posters are currently housed. Bill Y will discuss with TGMS.
- C. *Display Possibilities* – Phil reiterated the need to have additional FMF (and MSA) materials on exhibit to generate publicity for the organizations. Members at the meeting suggested the Cave Creek Museum as a possibility among others.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *MSA Symposium Discount* – A motion was made to offer MSA members a \$5 discount on symposium fees in order to foster club fellowship and joint opportunities between clubs (Bob Jones, Chris Whitney-Smith). The motion passed. A second motion was made on Tony Occhiuzzi's suggestion to offer (8) continuing education credits to teachers who attend the symposium as well as \$20 off symposium fees and \$5 off Saturday dinner costs (Lavone Archer, Bob Jones). This motion passed as well. Lavone confirmed that the Symposium tailgate sales were open to the public. A notice will be posted to the FMF Facebook page regarding the open sales.
- B. *FMF Outreach Support* – A motion was made to support/provide the outreach luncheon (10-12 people) on Friday at the Symposium (Chris Whitney-Smith, Lavone Archer). The motion passed.
- C. *TGMS Display Case Endowment* – Phil made a suggestion that the FMF sponsor (endow) an exhibit case at the 2015 TGM show. The cost of sponsorship is \$500, the case would have an FMF nameplate on it and the cost would be offset by the stipend that the FMF recently received from the TGMS. The TGMS would determine the display/case contents. A motion was made to spend \$500 to sponsor a TGM show case (Bob Jones, Jack Howell). The motion passed.
- D. *2015 Flagg Show Poster Spending Limit* – Ray G solicited a projected cost of \$3500 for printing 500 2015 Flagg show posters at Staples. There was discussion on the

number generally printed and (advertising) usage of the posters. It was decided that 300 posters would be needed at a minimum and that printing a small run of higher quality archival posters would be suspended. A motion was made to spend a maximum of \$1500 on 2015 Flagg posters (Bob Jones, Doug Duffy). The motion passed. Lower cost printing options will be explored prior to the actual print run.

E. Additions –

Shirley C suggested utilizing the North Mountain Visitors Center (12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix) for a future Symposium. After discussion, it was decided to hold the next board meeting at the Visitors Center to assess the facility.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM by Phil Richardson.