

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
May 12, 2014

Attendees (18)

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

Trustees: Bob Jones, Doug Duffy, Doug Lindsey, Chris Whitney-Smith, Les Presmyk, Stan Celestian, Genie Howell

Members and Guests: Jack Howell, Lee Lindsey, Shirley Cote, Sue Celestian, Harvey Jong, Dick Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the North Mountain Visitors Center, 12950 N. 7TH St., Phoenix, AZ, 85022.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

Darrel D. presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the money market fund, CD, and checking account. Horizon Insurance policies for BOD liability and Flagg Show have been paid and are active to April 2015.

II. MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2014, GENERAL MEETING

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed by vote. (Les Presmyk, Darrel Dodd).

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 finalized. The hours of the Flandrau Mineral Museum will be posted to the FMF website where appropriate.
2. U of A Loan/Display-Additional Cabinets – Les P. discussed the installation of additional FMF wall cases at the UofA museum. Les will work a proposal to outfit these new display cases with LED lighting, risers, etc. once they are installed in a fashion similar to the ones that were recently completed. 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 there is potential for MSA collection specimens to go in a third case pending MSA approval.

3. J. Rukin Jelks collection - 10 flats from the J. Rukin Jelks collection were sold or auctioned at the Minerals of Arizona Symposium. An additional 37 pieces from that collection were retained for inclusion in the FMF collection as a J. Rukin Jelks suite. There are currently ~ 4 flats remaining from the donation.
4. Cave Creek Museum - Prior to the symposium, there were donations from Mark Hay, Dick Morris, Dana Slaughter and Paul Harter. Specimens (~13) from the donated materials were selected and these specimens will be offered to the Cave Creek Museum for a display of AZ minerals. In addition, the fluorescent mineral display, donated by Mr. Steve Scott at the symposium, was cataloged and labelled (~51 specimens). The specimens and display case will be offered to the Cave Creek Museum as well. A temporary loan agreement is in process.
5. Donations - The need for additional acquisitions and future donations were discussed. The current FMF holding of materials for sale is dwindling and members were asked to watch for potential donations. Phil R. will prepare a statement on outreach, donations and collection purchases for the website.
6. FMF Collection – Bill Y. stated that some of the recently donated materials have been transferred to the UofA museum. With recent inclusion of Jelks, Flagg, Shannon and other various donations, Bill has cataloged and added 363 new specimens to the FMF collection.
7. TGMS Posters – All TGMS posters have been returned to the TGMS at this time. The second storage unit is no longer needed and the rental of that unit has been terminated. The rental fee for the large unit has been paid through Apr 2014. Bill Y. will be taking the old FMF computer to Scottsdale PD to see if any of the disk information can be retrieved prior to disposal. There is a computer desk, table and 6 chairs in the unit that are no longer needed and there was a discussion of sale of these items. **A motion was made** to sell these items to make room in the storage unit. The motion was seconded and passed by vote (Bill Yedowitz, Les Presmyk).

B. FMF Website (Mike Williams)

Recent changes and updates to the website were discussed. New additions will include the hours of operation of the UofA mineral museum and the addition of upcoming MSA and coalition field trips to the FMF website calendar. Field trips postings will have the stipulation that participants must be FMF, MSA or coalition members.

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 FMF will continue to link with the MSA/coalition for field trips. Chris W.S. described future planned trips.

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

Report out:

A. Chairmen – Phil R. reported out and stated that the presentations went well.

B. Clarion Room – Lavone, Phil R. and Mike W. manned the Flagg room at the Clarion. Tailgating appeared to be down from past years and fewer dealers were in attendance. Discussions centered on increasing attendance in the future. Bill Y. stated that actual sales numbers in the Flagg room were good.

C. Micromount Session – The micromount session was considered a success.

D. Food – The Clarion dinner was considered disappointing. Phil R. intends to meet with Clarion management to discuss options for future symposia. One option discussed would be to bus attendees off-site (Macayos) for the Saturday dinner/presentation. Alternate venues were also discussed along with potentially raising registration fees.

E. Swap/Trade/XRF – The Sunday program was too full with the overwhelming interest in the XRF analysis. There was a discussion of the number of mineral ID's/person and the use of tickets to limit each person to fewer IDs. Phil R. suggested we ask Dr. Melchiorre back to the next symposium as a part of the Sunday session with a presentation on the XRF and mineral ID's. Phil will follow up with Dr. Melchiorre.

F. Publicity – There was very little publicity and more is needed for future symposiums.

G. Silent Auction/Dinner – Successful and well attended. Planned 55 with 65 attendees.

H. Teacher Learning Credits – Only one person took advantage of the continuing education credits/discount but it will continue to be offered with increased publicity. The program, state approved through/by Tony Ochuzzi, will be publicized in school papers where appropriate prior to the next symposium. Harvey J. suggested that the ESM would be attending the AZ Science Teachers Assn conference in Nov14 and would be willing to hand out promotional flyers at that event.

I. Support Outreach Programs/Venue – Lunch/meeting space was provided for the AZ Earth Science Outreach program on Friday. The FMF will continue to make these available at future symposia. Phil R. suggested the ESM provide a brief write-up on the meeting for the FMF website.

J. *Other* - The use of clip on microphones for speakers at the next symposium was recommended. Limiting speaker duration was also suggested.

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 R., with Ray Grant's input, has compiled a notebook of contacts and instructions for organizing the show and a copy was passed on to Les P. Les stated that, unless he hears otherwise, volunteers would have the same responsibilities as for the 2014 show. Les also advocated that some thought needs to be put into increasing publicity for the show and solicited suggestions. Cave Creek shop – large quartz crystals?

B. *Planning* – There are a number of vendors who will not be returning for the 2015 show so there will be potential for space adjustment for clubs/displays/vendors in some rows. Ideas for 2015 show:

BSA Mining and Society Merit Badge – offer & advertise a workshop/seminar
coin shoot, gold panning – Cave Creek Museum
haul truck & mining machinery – Empire Machinery
engine, stamp mill, sluice box -
Peralta stones
Fraberge Eggs - Bob Jones
new ice cream vendor

C. *Publicity* – Marc Fleischer will no longer be organizing publicity for the Flagg show and volunteer(s) are needed. Les would like to combine publicity for the Flagg show and symposium. Lavone suggested utilizing other local clubs to distribute flyers to advertise the 2015 Flagg show.

Posters: Harvey J. introduced the initial 2015 show poster design featuring gold. He discussed the Staples pricing structure and paper stock options. Harvey and Chris W.S. will investigate pricing for 400-600 posters for the 2015 show with a potential mix of glossy and matte posters to a maximum of \$1500 (motion from 18Mar meeting). **A motion was made** to advance Harvey \$300 to complete editing of the 2015 poster design. The motion was seconded and passed by vote (Bill Yedowitz, Doug Duffy).

Bob Jones donated \$500 to the FMF for poster printing.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. *ESM Update* – There will be an Annual Meeting of the Members and Board meeting on 14May 2014, at the Burton Barr Library. In addition, the ESM announced that they

will be co-sponsoring the 2nd annual Earth Science Day on 18Oct14 at Mesa Community College (10AM-4PM). The theme will be Earth's kinetic systems.

B. RMFMS – no discussion.

C. Poster Sales Status – The TGMS posters have been returned to the TGMS, the contract has been legally dissolved (associated paper work is in storage area) and the secondary storage area rental has been terminated.

D. Storage Status – see above

E. Display Possibilities – no additional discussion.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMMM – Doug Lindsey & Dick Zimmermann – Doug and Dick provided a review of the current political status associated with the empty AMMM building and the potential for its return as a science museum.

Doug L.: Sen Gail Griffin seems amenable to the cause of the AMMM and it may be possible to re-establish the AMMM in its former home. Doug passed out her contact information. In order to proceed, there needs to be a formal organization plan, strong leadership and 501.3C legal status. Doug proposed that the FMF support and be involved in a plan to proceed with a proposal that can be presented to the legislature. Questions regarding the current status of the building interior were fielded along with questions about the potential refurbishment of the entire interior. With assured support of the FMF and other local organizations, the plan would be prepared primarily by Doug and Dick. The question of the necessity of a sponsoring agency was introduced and discussed. The potential for state funding was also reviewed.

Dick Z.: Dick discussed the positions of various senators on the potential to bring back the museum and the status of the AHS. He stated discussions with Sen. Griffon need to start soon and a plan needs to be in place in the near future to occur within the next senate session. Dick stated that the AHS is planning to submit a proposal in Oct14 to create an "event center" in the old AMMM facility. A competing proposal to re-establish the AMMM will be needed by then. With club and community support, Dick feels there would be a good chance to get the building back. Dick suggested the following questions for consideration;

"Would the FMF provide the support they provided to the museum in the past" (FMF collection, volunteer & peripheral support)

"Would the FMF allow our non-profit status to be the foundation for grant applications and for the handling funds coming in from that activity"

Dick also suggested that the gift shop might be controlled by the non-profit so there is minimal state control of those funds.

If the FMF agrees to any/all of these, it would strengthen any proposal submitted to

the legislature.

Bill Y. asked about the potential to work with the AHS if it was required by the senate. This possibility and potential ramifications were discussed.

Les P. suggested that the FMF should be prepared to support the effort both to prepare for potential future efforts should this one be unsuccessful, but also because without support, the chances for future science museum in PHX is and will continue to be minimal.

Bill Y. reminded members that we are currently supporting the UofA museum.

Dick restated that if he and Doug were to work on a proposal, they would need the FMF to provide some level of support. He suggested that the proposal include measures to provide the building, provide the collection under state supervision (1 FTE under an appropriate state agency) and provide a one time funding package to refurbish the building.

Bill Y. asked if Dick could arrange for groups to visit, view and assess the current status of the building to tailor any potential proposal based on findings. Bill also asked if it would be possible to get a current status of the AZ collection and cost/time to get it re-assembled. Additional discussions were suggested.

A motion was made to invite Doug and Dick back for further discussion and a potential support decision at a meeting time of their choice. The motion was seconded and passed by vote (Bob Jones, Les Presmyk).

A motion was made to close the meeting, seconded and passed (Mike Williams, Bob Jones).

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.