

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
General Meeting
January 8, 2015

Attendees (29)

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

Other Trustees: Genie Howell, Glenn Hoffman, Paul Jaeger, Les Presmyk, Dana Slaughter, Chris Whitney-Smith, Chuck Kominski.

Members and Guests: Harvey Jong, Jack Howell, George Stevens, Neil Bearce, Michael Shannon, Marcus Origlieri, Steve Kaminski, Maxim Kaminski, Joey Philpott, Amanda Philpott, Tony Occhiuzzi, John Weide, Dwayne Nester, Carrie Flagg-Nester, Frank Knipp Jr., Diann Knipp, Ryan Lay

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Physical Sciences Building at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

D. Dodd presented the Treasurer's report detailing the funds in the mutual fund, CD, and checking account.

II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014, BOARD MEETING

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as written (L. Presmyk). The motion was seconded (D. Slaughter) and passed by vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

1. Announcements – P. Richardson reported that Evan Jones had some malachite from a new find and the Flagg Foundation has purchased one. In addition, Wayne Thompson has donated a large Milpillas azurite for the Foundation collection. L. Presmyk provided comments on the azurite as it was displayed to members. Various exclamations were overheard from a number of members as they viewed the specimen. The specimen will go on display at the UofA mineral museum with other pieces from the Flagg collection. Prior to display, B. Yedowitz will contact Jeff Scovil to have him photograph/document the azurite. Carrie Flagg-Nester made a donation of a pressed flower book that belonged to A. L. Flagg. The book will be added to the Flagg holdings of earth science materials and plans are to preserve and exhibit it once stabilized. Carrie Flagg-Nester reviewed some potential future

donations including a mining trolley system. The Flagg Mineral Foundation would like to thank Carrie and Wayne.

2. U of Arizona Mineral Museum Cases - P. Richardson stated that since Mark Candee is no longer at UofA, the Flagg Foundations intention to add additional Flagg cases in the UofA Mineral Museum has been put on hold. These cases were to display specimens from the Flagg and Shannon collections. There will be further discussion with Bob Downs at UofA after the 2015 TGMS.
 3. Donations - B. Yedowitz shared that the Flagg foundation received a donation of 10 flats of minerals from Gary Spraggins in mid-December. The material has been reviewed and priced and will be for sale at the 2015 Flagg show. Bill requested that members be watchful for potential sources of future donations as the club is in need of new material.
 4. Displays – Phil stated that pieces from the Flagg collection have been selected for display at the Cave Creek Museum and temporary loan papers have been drawn up. Another selection of Arizona minerals from the Flagg (and potentially MSA) collection will be going on display at the North Mountain Visitors Center once a secure display case is in place. These loans are still in process. Bill announced that a selection of minerals from the Flagg collection will be on exhibit at the 2015 TGMS and will include minerals from Western Europe, the 2015 TGMS theme.
 5. Peralta Stones/Loans – L. Presmyk asked if the Foundation has been keeping track of the Peralta stones at the Superstition Mountain Museum. Les suggested that the FMF ping the Superstition Museum occasionally to confirm loan details and confirm that the stones are properly displayed with FMF attribution. B. Yedowitz will follow up with the Superstition Museum and stated that, as collection committee chair, he has been keeping track of Flagg collection specimens on display at a variety of venues utilizing a number of numbering/labelling methods and inventory records. A discussion of the details of the UofA loan and the benefits of longer loan terms took place. Bill will discuss and review the current loan terms with the UofA museum.
 6. Foundation Room Computer – B. Yedowitz reviewed the status of the information that was on the FMF computer that was located in the Foundation room in the AZ Mineral and Mining Museum. The hard drive was removed from the computer and was analyzed by a retired computer fraud detective friend of Bills from SPD to recover/extract any usable data related to collection records. Bill stated that some information was recovered and is currently being formatted for his review and/or transfer to a new computer.
- B. *Newsletter* (Steve Decker) - Steve was not in attendance. There was some discussion of requirements of and methods for a public announcement of the general meeting. The AZ Corporation Commission requires that members be informed of annual meetings; methods for accomplishing this (other than Facebook)

will be investigated. Bill made a solicitation for newsletter content. One nomination for a Flagg award had been made.

- C. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams) - The website and Facebook postings continue to be regularly updated. Recent additions include updated information on the Minerals of Arizona Symposium. A photo of Wayne Thompson's azurite donation will be posted on the website when available.
- D. *Field Trips* - The FMF will be working with the MSA (Joey Philpott) to schedule new joint field trips. Recently, the MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips. MSA president, Chris Whitney-Smith, stated that Flagg members are welcome to attend MSA field trips which are announced in the monthly MSA newsletter. Additional discussions between the Flagg Foundation board and MSA board will occur to foster interaction between the two clubs and explore the potential for joint membership & RMFMS insurance.

IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM

March 27, 28, 29, Clarion Hotel at Phx Tech Center

- A. *Micromount Session* – A Friday afternoon session is planned at 2PM. A presentation on an aspect of micromounting will occur at 4PM on the 27th.
- B. *Symposium Program* – R. Grant. Has set up the program and all lecturers are in place. The program was reviewed and is currently available on the FMF website.
- C. *Food* – The Clarion is once again allowing outsourcing of food and (Saturday) lunch at the Symposium will be provided by Paradise Bakery. The Saturday night dinner will be provided by Macayo's and will include Mexican fare. In addition, there will be an after dinner program with speaker TBA.
- D. *Sunday Work Session* – Dr. Erik Melchiorre has agreed to provide XRF analysis of specimens on Sunday morning 9-11AM.
- E. *Teacher Credits* – Teachers will receive continuing education credit for attending the Minerals of Arizona Symposium. T. Occhiuzzi briefed the meeting that he had distributed the information to middle and high schools in the area and that forms would be available at the symposium. Teachers will pay a (discounted) \$25 registration fee to attend the symposium.
- F. *Tailgate Session* – The tailgate sessions will once again take place on Friday night and on Saturday. Poolside dealer rooms will be available for \$99, other rooms will be available at the same price. The Clarion has cut back on hot food and the open bar for those staying at the hotel.

V. FLAGG SHOW 2016

The 2016 Flagg show will be held on January 8th, 9th and 10th. The general membership meeting will be held prior to the 2016 Flagg show on Thursday, January 7th. L. Archer inquired as to whether flyers for the 2016 are available; it was suggested that R. Grant may have some already printed up.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – H. Jong provided an update; the ESM has received a grant for \$5k from Staples to expand the ESM outreach program. Harvey mentioned that the outreach program has reached over 15000 middle school students and the ESM has plans to extend the program to high school age students.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Rock and Gem Magazine* – B. Jones had discussed with Phil that Rock and Gem magazine has been sold and then purchased by a large conglomerate. Bob is confident that the new ownership will keep the magazine running and plans to write an upcoming article about the growth of mineral collecting as a hobby. An initial article will be on tailgating shows and Bob plans to write about the Flagg Mineral Show.
- B. *Nominating Committee* - Six Foundation trustees have terms ending Jan15. All trustees and board members have expressed interest in running again for their current positions with the exception of Bill Yedowitz in his position as Vice Chairman. Bill would like to remain in the position of Chairman of the Collection Committee. Two people were running for the position of Vice Chairman, Les Presmyk and Ray Grant. Nominations were accepted from the floor for other positions, no nominations were presented. A **motion** was made to close the nominations (L. Presmyk). The motion was seconded (C. Whitney-Smith) and passed. A **motion** was made (L. Presmyk) to elect board members and trustees running unopposed for current positions. It was seconded (C. Whitney-Smith) and passed. Ballots were distributed to vote for the position of Vice Chairman and all members in attendance voted. Ballots were counted by B. Yedowitz. Officers for 2015 will be Phil Richardson as president, Ray Grant as VP, Darrel Dodd as treasurer, Mike Williams as secretary and Lavone Archer as corresponding secretary. Trustees retaining positions in 2015 are Paul Jaeger, Bob Jones, Bill Yedowitz, Stan Celestian and Phil Richardson with terms ending in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by Phil Richardson.

Mike Williams, Secretary