

Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
Board Meeting  
September 1, 2015

*Attendees (19)*

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

Other Trustees: Les Presmyk, Dana Slaughter, Chris Whitney-Smith, Chuck Kominski, Bob Jones, Bill Yedowitz, Doug Duffy.

Members and Guests: Harvey Jong, Joey Philpott, Shirley Cote, Carol Suess-Jones, Ann Baker, Karl Baker, Cynthia Grant.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at Garcia's Las Avenidas, 2212 N 35th Avenue, Phoenix.

#### I. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

#### II. MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2015, BOARD MEETING

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes as written (Bill Yedowitz). The motion was seconded (Chris Whitney-Smith) and passed by vote.

#### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. *Collection Committee* (Bill Yedowitz)

- a) U of Arizona Loan update – Bill Y. is in the process of extending the loan agreement with the UofA to a 10 year term. The UofA is making an effort to photograph and catalog all specimens and create an on-line database (*linked at the FMF website-MW*) and Bill has been working with them to insure that all information on FMF specimens is correct. Once the database is in place, UofA has agreed to extend the FMF loan agreement to a 10 year term.
- b) U of Arizona Mineral Museum Displays – Two transformers for the LED case lighting of FMF specimens at UofA have recently failed and were replaced by Bill with new transformers supplied by Les P. Bill observed that the new transformers heated quickly once installed and may need to be replaced as well. UofA and FMF are currently deciding who will be responsible for maintaining the case lighting and Bill will investigate keeping some extra transformers in stock at UofA.

UofA decided to table idea of expanding FMF displays in the existing mineral section, which would have utilized the FMF old Flagg gallery cases, while they pursue new museum opportunities. These Flagg gallery cases were transported to the Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum (PGMM) and will be used at that facility.

- c) North Mountain Visitors Center – Phil suggested that the FMF contract Steve Scott or Joey Philpott Jr. to construct a new fluorescent mineral display for the NMVC if that facility has interest. Doug D. and Shirley stated they would discuss with the director of the NMVC and explore security considerations. If approved, the fluorescent display is anticipated to cost approximately \$4000 and would be on 10 year loan from the FMF. There was a discussion of the case size.
  - d) Cave Creek Museum – Bill Y. has continued discussion with the Cave Creek Museum regarding a loan of the fluorescent mineral display and other FMF specimens and the opinion of the museum is that they do not have room for the display case and additional minerals. The Cave Creek Museum does not currently have any FMF displays/specimens on loan.
  - e) Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum - Bill made a 10 year loan agreement with the new Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum and the fluorescent display & minerals, donated by Steve Scott, are now at the PGMM. In addition, the 12 mineral specimens that were intended for the Cave Creek Museum have gone, under loan agreement, to the PGMM as have 12 more specimens that were donated by Les P. and that have been in storage. All (24) of these are Arizona specimens and are currently at the PGMM in Coolidge. Flagg cases (see above, item III. A. b.), the PGMM will refurbish these cases and put them to use. A **motion** was made (Bill Yedowitz) to donate these cases to the PGMM permanently. The motion was seconded (Bob Jones) and passed by vote after discussion. Phil requested that a plaque be placed on the cases once they are reconditioned stating that they are a donation from the FMF. Bill has already placed a similar plaque on the fluorescent display loan.
  - f) Peralta Stones/Loans – Bill Y. has drawn up new 10 year loan documents for the Peralta stones at the Superstition Mountain Museum. He confirmed that there is a plaque on the Peralta stone display acknowledging them as being on loan from the FMF. He also assigned numbers to the individual stones, photographed them and added that information to the FMF collection database.
  - g) Donations – Bill reported that Gene Meieran (via Les P.) had donated a photo of a young Richard Flagg on an incline hoist from a mine in the Crown King area. Phil suggested that the FMF contact Carol Flagg Nestor to see if any additional Flagg related photos might be available.
- B. *FMF Website* (Mike Williams) - The website and Facebook postings continue to be regularly updated and a request for new content was made to all members. The

biannual hosting and domain renewals from GoDaddy are currently in process. Mike W. will submit website costs later in the year.

- C. *Newsletter* (Steve Decker ?) – There has been no FMF newsletter for over 2 years. Chris W-S suggested that the FMF transmit all FMF related content to the MSA for inclusion in the monthly MSA newsletter (Bill suggested an “FMF corner”). There was a discussion of electronic vs. hardcopy notifications for FMF related items. Lavone will supply Phil with a list of members who do not have an e-mail address on file and Phil will send a postcard to them requesting membership status and a current e-mail address.
- D. *Field Trips* - The FMF will be working with the MSA (Joey Philpott Jr.) to schedule joint field trips. Recently, the MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips. MSA field trips will be posted on the FMF website on a monthly basis from now on. Paid FMF members will be welcome on MSA field trips.

#### IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM

Tentative - March 25-27, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel at Phx Tech Center - not yet confirmed

- A. *Symposium Co-Chairmen* – The 2016 co-chairs will be Phil Richardson and Ray Grant
- B. *Clarion Room Sales* – Lavone, Bill and Mike will support mineral sales
- C. *Micromount Session* – Phil is exploring new moderators as Ron Gibbs has been the moderator for the last 2 years. A Friday afternoon session is planned with a presentation on an aspect of micromounting later in the afternoon.
- D. *Food* – Phil will coordinate food. Tentatively, lunch at the Symposium will be provided by Paradise Bakery while the Saturday night dinner will be provided by Macayo's and will include Mexican fare.
- E. *Sunday swap/trade session, XRF* – Phil has extended an invitation to Dr. Erik Melchiorre to attend and provide XRF analysis of specimens on Sunday. Phil suggested charging \$5/specimen to keep the number of analyses to a reasonable level.
- F. *Publicity* – A request was made for a volunteer to solicit publicity, particularly for the tailgating sessions. Ray reminded those attending that the symposium room is typically full and too many additional attendees may be problematic.
- G. *Silent Auction* – NA

- H. *Saturday Dinner Location & Presentation* – Phil has approached Jeremy Rowe about a presentation on his collection of historical mining photos from Arizona. He is an archivist at ASU and NYU.
- I. *Teacher Learning Credits* – Phil will contact Tony Occhiuzzi to coordinate.
- J. *Support Outreach Program* – Will be organized for Friday.
- K. *Dealer Room Rentals* – For 2016 the FMF will reserve a block of poolside rooms and allow dealers/guests to book through the FMF so that there are no issues with room availability and location as has been typical in the past.

## 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.)

- A. *Show Chairman* – Les Presmyk has agreed to be the 2016 Flagg show chairman.
- B. *Advance Planning* – Members from MCC Geology club were not on hand at the meeting to discuss.
- C. *Publicity* – Phil will investigate the availability of getting the Youtube video clips prepared at last years show for publicity purposes. Lavone discussed the need for additional publicity and Dana S. listed a variety of magazines/websites to which he had submitted Flagg show advertisements. Dana solicited other alternatives from members. A variety of members agreed to help with publicity.
- D. *Food* – Phil will coordinate food for the show.
- E. *Porta-Potties* – The original vendors of Porta-Potties will be contacted and contracted for the 2016 show.
- F. *Street Sweeper/Cleanup* – The street sweeper will be coordinated by Chuck K.
- G. *Rentals* – A camper rental will be arranged if the Howell's camper is not available. Bill Y. will coordinate the truck rental to move items from storage to the show and back.
- H. *Club Liaison* – Phil asked for a volunteer to act as an intra-club liaison for Flagg show publicity. Lavone A. and Tony O. volunteered to act as liaisons to distribute show posters and flyers.
- I. *Parking Lot Setup* – Lavone and a volunteer crew will setup/mark the parking area prior to the show.

- J. *Garbage Collection* – John Mooney has agreed to provide garbage collection during and after the show.
- K. *Exhibits* – The FMF has purchased 8 thumbnail display cases from the TGMS, these will be refurbished and used at the MSA junior thumbnail competition in December and at the thumbnail competition at the Flagg show with the intent that this group will go onto the thumbnail competition at TGMS. The thumbnail cases will need to be re-lined prior to use.

Harvey Jong unveiled his design for the 2016 Flagg show poster which included a variety of native silver specimens from Arizona. A **motion** was made to provide Harvey with a \$500 stipend for his poster artwork (Darrel Dodd). The motion was seconded (Les Presmyk) and passed by vote.

There was additional discussion of tentative club displays (Cave Creek Museum/Stamp Mill) for the show as well as salting the gold panning exhibit with live gold. There is a long term agreement to have the ATM on site for the show and it is expected for 2016. In addition, Bill has secured 2 new sign boards for the 2016 show.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *ESM Update* – Harvey Jong provided an ESM update and stated that the ESM outreach program has served 10,839 students and adults including 53 schools and 47 community events. The ESM Earth Science Day will be held at MCC on October 17, 2015 with a variety of activities including a NOVA/PBS program on the creation of North America. Additional ESM outreach activities include Earthfest at the Desert Botanical Garden on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the Arizona Science Teachers Assn Symposium on November 6-7 at the NAU North Valley Campus. The ESM is also applying for a Staples grant to expand the plate tectonics unit of the outreach program.
- B. *RMFMS* – Bob Jones will be attending the RMFMS national meeting. The FMF will arrange to send a membership/insurance form to the RMFMS.
- C. *Display Possibilities* – The FMF will plan an exhibit for the 2016 TGMS. The 2016 TGMS theme will be “Shades of Blue”. The FMF case theme will be decided at a later date.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Club Fellowship/Joint Opportunities - NA*
- B. *Legislative Representative* – Phil asked for a volunteer to act as a representative of the FMF at future ESM meetings to interface with Doug Lindsey and Dick

Zimmermann to assess what the FMF can do to help support future legislative motions associated with securing a museum in Phoenix. ESM meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Burton Barr central library - contact Phil if you would like to volunteer.

- C. *Purchase Fluorescent Equipment for Future Display* – see above III. A. c.
- D. *Flagg Show Posters* – A **motion** was made to spend a maximum of \$800 on printing multiple copies of the new poster design for the 2016 Flagg show (Bill Yedowitz). The motion was seconded (Les Presmyk) and passed by vote. Chris W-S will coordinate poster printing.
- E. *State Fair Participation and Case Refurbishing* – A letter of intent exists between the AZ State Fair and the MSA for the case refurbishing program. The MSA plans to refurbish 4-5 cases and the PGMS will refurbish 3 cases. There will a work day on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at the fairgrounds. FMF members are encouraged to attend the work day. Fair dates: October 16<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information about the work day will be posted on the FMF website when available.
- F. *New FMF Logo* – there is interest in creating a new logo for the FMF utilizing an image from an A.L. Flagg book. It was suggested by Les P. and by membership consensus that a logo contest will be held from the FMF website with a 4 week contest duration. Les P. stated that he would supply a specimen as a prize for the winner. Contest logos will be submitted electronically to Mike Williams.
- G. *Thumbnail Case Liners* – A work day will be scheduled to re-line the 8 thumbnail cases (see V. K. above). Dates will be determined and posted on the FMF website and Facebook page.

Ray Grant requested that the FMF donate funds to the PGMS to repair the current lighting in the recently received Flagg cases. There was a discussion of the associated cost estimates. A **motion** was made to donate \$2500 to the PGMM for case lighting (Chris Whitney-Smith). The motion was seconded (Darrel Dodd) and passed by vote.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Les Presmyk). The motion was seconded by Chris Whitney-Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary