Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Flagg Show Committee Meeting
November 27, 2018

Attendees (15)

Officers: Phil Richardson, Les Presmyk, Genie Howell, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Joseph Philpott, Dana Slaughter, Chuck Kominski, Bill Yedowitz.

Members and Guests: Catie Carter, Sue Celestian, Stan Celestian, Bob Jones, Carol Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 6:46PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant at 1418 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ.

I. 2019 FLAGG GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The meeting was a general discussion of planning related to the 2019 Flagg Gem and Mineral Show. The theme of the 2019 FGMS will be Arizona Fossils.

Phil stated that he had not received a formal contract from MCC yet and as a result he has not yet applied for the Mesa Special Events Permit required to hold the show. He has been in contact with MCC, there are no issues and the contract is expected to arrive soon. Mesa needs 25 days to review the permit; Phil anticipates getting the MCC contract this week and submitting the permit paperwork.

Phil has solicited all required hard contracts & arrangements per bullet points below.

- Porta Potties – under new management, costs have increased 15% over 2018.
- Golf cart – has been reserved.
- RV – has been reserved for show HQ.
- Street Sweeper – Phil will follow up with Chuck K to get the sweeper arranged.
- Trash – Phil will contact John Mooney for trash collection
- Generator & ATM organized, Dana has agreed to provide gas (and ice).
- Advertising – Dana has worked with a variety of publication/sites.

This year, due to the fossil theme, two organizations have reached out to be included in the show. The Southwest Paleontological Society and the LGF Foundation (Mike Fleeman) have both requested areas for setup. The LGF Foundation plans to provide a display as well as hands on activities for kids. There was a discussion of where these organizations would be located; tentatively the LGF will be in Phils old spot between Dana and the exhibit tent while the SPS will occupy a spot between the exhibit tent and the MSA. ESM will return for 2019 and have the same space. Lavone will confirm that the stamp mill will return to the same location for 2019.
The exhibit tent will include a fossil display by Jeff Langland and the MSA junior thumbnail exhibits. There will tentatively be a cash award for junior exhibits presented by the AZ Mineral Minions.

Initial parking lot setup will occur on Wednesday and will coincide with typical placement of the porta potties. Lavone, Catie and Phil will work with dealers and on prepaid dealer organization & lot marking. Les agreed to purchase 12 cans of marking paint for parking lot setup. Joey will work with the Wednesday marking crew to create a 2019 vendor map. New for 2019, there will be a notice provided to incoming dealers describing allowed parking areas. There will also be a special parking area against the south fence for dealers with limited mobility.

For 2019 there will be additional security arranged during the show setup and takedown to direct traffic away from pedestrian areas. Dealer setup will start Thursday at 9AM. For 2019, there are currently 110 prepaid dealers whereas 80 has been a more typical number for pre-show reservations during past shows. It is anticipated that an additional 15-20 dealers will arrive on Thursday morning.

There was discussion of the scheduled food vendors and optimal location for these vendors. Food vendors will include Barbeque, Coffee, Ice Cream, Lemonade, Atson & Atson (2 locations) and Lavone will contact Fontana Pizza to see if they would like to return. Tables were purchased last year for the food area, Bill will advise if he can get a suitable number of chairs. In the event that the chairs are unavailable, 24 chairs will be purchased prior to the show. The white board will be transported from storage to the show on Thursday morning so Lavone can start populating the dealer/vendor map. There was also a short discussion of who would provide food for volunteers (including Bob’s famous chili) and scheduling.

2020 FGMS Dealer Rate Discussion – there was a lengthy round table discussion of increased FMF costs and dealer rates for the 2020 show. A variety of different rate plans were discussed. It was determined that a new flat rate of $75/space would be instituted for dealers for the 2020 show to offset increased costs to the FMF.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 10July18 Board and Trustee meeting as written (Chuck Kominski). The motion was seconded by Catie C.

A motion was made to close the meeting (Les Presmyk). The motion was seconded by Dana S. and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary