

Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Board Meeting
December 17, 2015

Attendees (17)

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

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith, Bill Yedowitz, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell.

Members and Guests: Dawn Boushelle, Don Boushelle, Amanda Philpott, Joey Philpott, Shirley Cote, Ann Baker, Jack Howell, Pierre Cantou, Clete Hinton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Chairman Phil Richardson at the Burton S. Barr Library in 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 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) FGMS Thursday Pre-sale – Bill Y. has 36 flats of material from a purchase in March available for pre-sale/FGMS. A few others from donations are currently being priced. In addition, there will be a flat of epidote donated by Gene Meieran available.
- b) U of Arizona Loan update – Bill has confirmed that the UofA on-line database of FMF minerals has been corrected and is complete. The paperwork for the 10 year loan agreement of this material is finalized.
- c) Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum - Bill finalized the 10 year loan agreement with the Pinal Geology and Mineral Museum for the 24 Arizona specimens and the fluorescent display and associated minerals. The donated Flagg cases have been refurbished and installed at the PGMM and new LED lighting is in place. Bill presented an 8"x10" plaque to the PGMM to be placed on the cases stating that they are a donation from the FMF and were designed by Edward C. Flagg.

- d) Peralta Stones/Loans – Bill has finalized the 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.
 - e) Storage Facility – The facility that the FMF utilizes for storage has recently changed ownership. The current lease will expire at the end of March 2016 and there is likelihood of rental rates increasing during renewal. Bill will discuss the lease agreement with the current ownership at the beginning of 2016.
 - f) North Mountain Visitors Center – A plan for a display of FMF Arizona minerals at the NMVC will be formulated after the FGMS in January. In addition, a display of florescent minerals will be investigated with Steve Scott. Doug D. reminded the group that the NMVC only has a 5 year term contract with the City of Phoenix and this may preclude a 10 year FMF loan agreement on loaned items.
 - g) Donations – Phil and Bill reiterated the need to be increasingly proactive on mineral donations to the FMF and a number of potential donations have been investigated.
- 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 complete. Mike W. will submit website costs at the next meeting. A number of modifications to the website were discussed.
- C. *Field Trips* - The FMF will continue to work with the MSA (Joey Philpott Jr.) to schedule joint field trips. The MSA has been very successful in planning a variety of field trips and these are announced and described in the MSA *Rockhound Record* newsletter. Paid FMF members are welcome to attend MSA field trips.

IV. MINERALS OF ARIZONA SYMPOSIUM

The MAZS will be held April 15th, 16th and 17th, 2016 at the Clarion Hotel at Phx Tech Center.

- A. *Symposium Co-Chairmen* – The 2016 co-chairs will be Phil Richardson and Ray Grant
- B. *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.
- C. *Geological Survey Support Outreach Program* – Will be supported/organized for Friday, 15 April.

- D. *Sunday swap/trade session, XRF* – Phil will extend an invitation to Dr. Erik Melchiorre & student to attend and provide XRF analysis of specimens on Sunday. Phil suggested charging \$5/specimen for members (\$10/non-members) with a limit one XRF analysis at a time to keep the number of analyses to a reasonable level.
- E. *Micromount Session* – A Friday afternoon session will be planned.
- F. *Teacher Learning Credits* – Will be supported at the 2016 symposium.

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. *MCC Issues* – MCC contacted Phil to inform him about an (previously overlooked) 2001 statute that prohibited overnight camping at any public education property in Maricopa county. After clarification, campers and RVs will be permitted at the show but the FMF is responsible to ensure that no one is staying in them overnight. Lavone A. reported that once vendors were notified of the overnight camping restrictions, there were 7 cancellations. Of the 7, one vendor sold his space to an alternate vendor and another had not yet paid. Security related concerns seem to be the main issue that vendors have.
Without overnight camping, Lavone suggested to vendors that they stay at a trailer park slightly north of MCC or at a local hotel. In addition, it was suggested that the FMF provide off-site transportation (2016 only) for vendors who require it.
The FGMS has been held at MCC for 28 years but a straw poll was taken to solicit recommendations for alternate venues. One possibility that was investigated was Salt River Fields in Scottsdale but expenses were estimated at 3-4 times current expenditures. There was discussion of issues related to moving the show to Salt River Fields.
It was determined that the FGMS will remain at MCC for the foreseeable future. Phil presented a handout of the tasks associated with maintaining the show at MCC and there was a discussion of the tasks and responsible parties.
- B. *Permits/Insurance* – Phil described the issues and fees associated with holding the show at MCC including rental of the MCC parking lot, Mesa City permitting process and liability insurance fees.
- C. *Overnight Security* – The FMF will pay for MCC security to be in place for the show as normal. In light of the overnight camping restrictions, the FMF will fund 2 additional security officers from ProAm Security to be onsite between 6PM to 8AM.
- D. *Handouts for New Regulations* – Bill suggested that the FMF have a handout ready to present to vendors on arrival. The handouts would outline the new no overnight camping regulations, describe the new security which will be in place and describe

nearby accommodations. In addition, the handout will reiterate the no dogs, no smoking, and no use of MCC facility policies.

- E. *Porta-Potties* – MCC requested updated attendance estimates from Phil to determine the number of porta-potties required and the overall number of rest rooms was increased by two for the show. In addition to the rest rooms, a hand washing station will be provided for the 2016 show. These are scheduled to be delivered at 12PM on Wednesday 6Jan.
- F. *Food* – There will be new food vendors added for 2016. In addition to Atzin, Fontana pizza (food truck) will be on-site. Chris W-S is also investigating a beverage vendor (Coffee Caravan). Lavone has also heard from an additional vendor who is currently investigating permitting with Mesa – if approved, they will attend and will be selling Navajo tacos, etc. Lavone has sent contact information of the vendors who will be attending to Mesa City gov.
- G. *Parking Lot Setup* – Lavone A. will be organizing parking lot setup starting Wednesday (6Jan) at 9AM and has 8 volunteers.
- H. *FMF Command Center* – Genie and Jack Howell will provide the “command center” during the day on Wednesday.
- I. *FMF Sales* – Bill Y. will be in charge of the sales crew and will email volunteers to confirm attendance. Bill has the moving truck rental reserved as well to move items from storage to the show and back.
- J. *FMF Provided Food* – Meals will be provided for volunteers Wednesday-Sunday.
- K. *Garbage Collection/Recycling* – Phil has provided a garbage and recycling plan to Mesa and will confirm with John Mooney for garbage collection.
- L. *MCC Geology Club* – Phil has contacted Kelli Wakefield and confirmed that the MCC Geology Club will be in attendance at the show.
- M. *Exhibits* – There will be an emphasis on thumbnails this year as a springboard for juniors. Chris W-S will organize participants from the MSA and provide the number of expected exhibitors to Phil. Phil has arranged for a special exhibitor, Mr. Chuck Houser, to display his thumbnails from San Diego Co., California. The tent will be ready for exhibits after 12PM on Thursday (7Jan). Phil will provide a set of rules and guidelines for exhibitors (18-30 thumbnails per display). There will be ~10 2’ cases provided and additional 4’ cases as needed.
- N. *FMF Supplies* – The generator, ATM and tent have been confirmed. Bill stated that other required supplies are in stock or will be secured prior to the show.

- O. *Signs* – There are currently no signs for the show, they were disposed of at the end of the 2015 show due to damage. There was a discussion of various signage, appropriate graphics (Flagg Gem and Mineral Show) and location for new signs. A **motion** (Chris Whitney-Smith) was made to provide Bill Y. with \$400 to purchase (2-6) new signs with graphics. The motion was seconded (Dawn Boushelle) and passed by vote.
Phil will provide saw horses to block off driving areas during the show and Bill will provide caution tape.
- P. *Advertising* – There was a review of the advertising that is currently in place. Phil asked for a volunteer to blog the show (text and photos) on Mindat.org. Margie will be asked to provide advertising to newspapers and will be furnished with a suitable budget. Joey P. suggested digitizing the vendor map and posting on MSA and FMF Facebook pages so customers would be able to more easily find select vendors. There was a discussion of the logistics/timing associated with a vendor map. The map will be completed prior to Christmas for posting and may be provided to dealers as well.
- Q. *Flyers for 2017 FGMS* – Lavone suggested that flyers and registration forms for the 2017 show be provided at the 2016 show. The flyers will reflect the new no camping regulations at MCC and additional security team hired in response.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *FMF Logo* – Darrel stated that the person who has produced FMF shirts in the past is out of business. In light of the new FMF logo competition, it was decided to hold off on purchasing new FMF shirts for the 2016 show. There was discussion of the new logo competition as described on the FMF website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Club Officers* – Darrel will be stepping down as treasurer in 2017. The 2016 nominating committee (Bill Y.) will confirm trustees and officers for elections at the next general meeting and was asked to find a “treasurer trainee” to assume Darrel’s position in 2017. The treasurer trainee will be required to be a trustee for 2016 per the FMF bylaws.

A **motion** was made to close the meeting (Chris Whitney-Smith). The motion was seconded by Doug Duffy and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary