



Annual General Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
Regular Membership Open Meeting
April 21, 2021

Attendees (22)

Officers and Chairs:

Les Presmyk [Chair & Trustee (T) through 2022] Bill Yedowitz (Vice Chair, T24) Genie Howell (Treasurer, T23) Steve Kaminski (Secretary, T23)
Joseph Philpott, Jr. (Show Chair, T22) Mike Williams (Webmaster, T22)

Other Trustees: Chris Whitney-Smith (T23), Stan Celestian (T23), Dr. Ray Grant (T22), Jeff Johnson (T23), Keli Wakefield (T22), Catie Sandoval (T23), John Tibbits (T24)

Members and Guests: Ronn Gibbs, Michael Webb, Lynn Dyer, Mike Webb, Johnette Ramsey, Sue Celestian, Barbara Muntyan, Ann Baker, Dr. Glenn Hoffman.

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Doug Lindsay (T22), Mike Shannon (T22), Chuck Kominski (T22), Dana Slaughter (T23), Paul Harter (T24), Don Boushelle (T24), Phil Richardson (T24), Evan Jones (T24).

Meeting was called to order at ~7:15PM by Chairman Les Presmyk on the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3878 7018.

Les Presmyk requested a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the 2020 FMF Annual meeting. Bill Yedowitz moved to accept the meeting minutes for the January 2, 2020 General Meeting of the Flaff Mineral Foundation. The motion was seconded by Susan Celestian and passed unopposed. After approval, comments were received regarding the listed attendees. Steve Kaminski promised to address these comments and submit the final minutes to the Chairman.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Genie Howell reported on the FMF Wells Fargo and Vanguard accounts – including income, expenditures, 2020 spending on specimens, and reimbursements made for 2021 Flagg Show deposits.
- B. Collection Committee Report – Bill Yedowitz: Bill has verified status of the specimens loaned in 2012 to the Flandrau Museum. Portions of these specimens transitioned either to loan at the Alfie Norville Museum (ANM); to the UofA Mining, Mineral, Natural Resource Education Museum (Education Museum) in Phoenix; or are staying at the Flandrau. Bill mentioned that he has confirmed that he has accounted for all but five of



the originally loaned specimens. These five are expected to be found in boxes of specimens that are now housed at the ANM. Bill will schedule collection committee meeting in the next two months or so. Les mentioned purchase of Lavone Archer's collection and segregating barytes for the FMF permanent collection.

- C. Show Chairman Report – Joseph Philpott, Jr. had no report on the 2022 Flag Show. Les has the show guidance binder and will get with Joe to start the planning. Les called for volunteers to assist with the show.
- D. Symposium is scheduled for the 24, 25, 26th of September at the ANM, tentative dependent on a 4th spike of C19 Pandemic infection rates. There will be sales, and auction and the museum will be available for additional activities on that Sunday. Stan Celestian volunteered to attend a field trip for the Sunday of the Symposium. Maximum attendance is about 100 persons.
- E. Newsletter Update – Joey Philpott Jr. – He has received no new submissions. He's considering the newsletter to be a quarterly issue and hopes to put the next one out in June. Genie mentioned that she sent something on Lavone on April 9th. He has and will share a template for articles. Peer reviews to occur after publication.
 - 1. New finds
 - 2. Museums
 - 3. New localities
 - 4. Features for collectors
 - 5. Field trips
 - 6. Any and all club news.
- F. Election - Kelli Wakefield has received 13 votes for the election of officers and trustees. Votes were unanimous for each candidate on the ballot. As requested, and promised in the meeting, Kelli Wakefield provided the following list of received Google Forms votes for inclusion in these minutes:

4/10/2021 8:13 Mike Williams
4/20/2021 19:37 Catie Sandoval
4/21/2021 0:00 Bill Yedowitz
4/21/2021 10:28 Chris Whitney-Smith
4/21/2021 10:39 Evan Jones
4/21/2021 17:51 Jeff Johnson
4/21/2021 19:13 John Tibbits

4/20/2021 15:58 Steve Kaminski
4/20/2021 23:09 Eugenia F. Howell
4/21/2021 4:56 Les Presmyk
4/21/2021 10:36 Stan Celestian
4/21/2021 12:03 Joseph D Philpott
4/21/2021 19:05 Kelli Wakefield

Les expressed that the general feeling about the election process is that the voting by electronic forms process worked and its use will likely be expanded in the future.



G. Old Business –

1. Updated By-Laws, Les reviewed the substantial modifications.
2. UA Mining Mineral Natural Resources Education Museum (the Education Museum) Catie Sandoval provided an updated – As C19 subsides the Education Museum is starting to speed up activities. Plans for this summer include working on partial renovation of the copper gallery and front lobby in preparation for the goal of holding in-person public events this fall. A renovated mineral exhibit is planned for the copper gallery with cases that were obtained from the Flandrau Museum via the efforts of Les Presmyk. These cases are to honor Dawn Boushelle and Lavone Archer. Catie is working on exhibits at Phoenix City Hall and the House of Representatives. Bill Y. added that the former Monday Crew has been working to restore and maintain the operational mining equipment and mill out front of the museum. Catie thanked Bill and (though absent) Charlie Connell for the work on the operational demonstration equipment in front of the Education Museum.
3. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Update by Ray Grant – Put two more Flagg cases up this spring. Ray plans to write an article for the FMF newsletter about designing and building of the Flagg mineral exhibit cases. The grand reopening of the PGMM is tentatively set for September 2021. Ray expects it to include a little mineral show. Ray also invited folk to come and do a program for the Pinal Gem and Mineral Society.
4. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UNM) in the old Pima County Courthouse – Update by Les Presmyk - The UNM is ready to open. However, the Pandemic is keeping it closed. Along with many other UofA facilities, Eric Fritz has submitted an opening plan for the University's administrative review. Les described how he fully expects everyone who walks into the UNM for the first time to be astonished at the stature and quality of the space. A tour for the FMF is in the works. It looks like the September symposium maybe the earliest opportunity to do so.
5. The Flandrau Museum – Update by Les Presmyk – Les stated that the Flandrau will stay open as an educational museum/Planetarium. The basement is a more of a classroom setting the displays are fossils and meteorites with the u-shaped cases with AZ minerals; Mexican Minerals and a dozen FMF specimens. The hall has been lined with the old FMF collection cases and now has element uses and sources display.

H. Website Status – Mike W. reported on the status of the FMF website. Needs symposium information and Flagg show dates. Biannual payments for GoDaddy are due May 1, 2021. Domain renewals come around the end of the year. Mike needs content for website.



I. New Business

1. Membership: Thirteen FMF members voted in the recent election. There are a total of about 20 members now. Attention needs to be focused on enhancing the membership. Be thinking about the benefits of belonging to the FMF. A discussion of what our benefits to members are needs to happen to focus on marketing the FMF. We are at a low point in our membership. We need to increase membership and increase participation by younger mineral enthusiast to ensure the future viability of the Foundation.

Steve Kaminski, FMF Secretary