



September 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
Flagg Mineral Foundation
September 27, 2021

Attendees (5 Officers; 6 Trustees)

Officers and Chairs:

Les Presmyk [Chair & Trustee (T) through 2022] Bill Yedowitz (Vice Chairman, T24)
Steve Kaminski (Secretary, T23) Mike Williams (Webmaster, T22)
Vacant (Show Chairman):

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (T23) Jeff Johnson (T23) Evan Jones (T24)
Paul Harter (T24) Dr. Ray Grant (T22) Kelli Wakefield (T22),

Members and Guests: None

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Genie Howell (Treasurer, T23), Stan Celestian (T23), Doug Lindsay (T22), Mike Shannon (T22), Chuck Kominski (T22), Joseph Philpott, Jr. (T22), Dana Slaughter (T23), Catie Sandoval (T23), Phil Richardson (T24), John Tibbits (T24), Don Boushelle (T24), Acting Show Chair – John Weide

Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:15 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk on the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Genie Howell sent her report in, Steve K read it back to the attendees. Bill Y. reported new information on the Symposium receipts.
- B. July 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes provided with the announcement and link for this meeting were called for approval. Paul Harter moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Bill Yedowitz seconded. The motion passed without question or opposition and no comments were made. Steve K reported that there was one date in the minutes regarding the cancelled August meeting. This issue would be fixed and Steve would provide the final minutes to Mike Williams for posting on the website.
- C. Collection Committee Report – Bill Yedowitz: A total of 25 flats of the Mark Hay purchase (7 flats), and 18 flats of the Mostellar Bisbee material were taken to the symposium for sale. The sale covered the purchase of the minerals the Foundation will keep. Additional donations from Mark Hay and a cab of cuprite bearing material from



Jimmy Vacek were discussed. Mark Hay donated an impressive 20-inch-tall Brazil amethyst and a chrysocolla from the Blue Angel Prospect. Out of the \$15K purchase, the Foundation stands to make quite a bit of profit.

- D. Show Chairman Report – John Weide the acting Show Chair was not present. Steve Kaminski reported on the number of dealers (19 with 48 spaces) that have signed up as of the present date.
1. Don has completed the poster; final edits are being made.
 2. MCC contact reported that she is moving forward with our agreement
 3. Les has security set up
 4. Les is setting up Porta-johns
 5. Insurance has been taken care of at ~\$600 savings (thanks to Steve K)
 6. Food Truck vendors, (not paid to be there, they pay us)
 7. Steve Kaminski is developing a list of advertisement contact.
 8. Paul Harter's daughter will help with social media platforms
 9. Chris WS mentioned Facebook fees for preferential advertisement pushed up
 10. Poster deadline requested.
 - 11.
- E. Newsletter: Joe Philpot was not present; no report was submitted.
- F. Symposium Les Presmyk: The Symposium was a success; it is time to move onto the Show.
1. CWS Museum, books sales, mineral sales, and Blue Cap Productions were fantastic were great; need improve wireless mouse tutorial, Mark Hay recommended a larger room, cost for symposium, parking logistics, security could have been a little less demonstrative, have dinner on site and live auction.
 2. Les, we need to always mic up our speakers
 3. Paul H, room was great, audio was great, video projections were great
 4. CWS counters with we need to keep the Symposium accessible to all
 5. Paul H re-iterated that \$100 is not inaccessible for the general public
 6. Bill Y supports increased costs
 7. Steve K says we need an accounting of expenditures so we know what costs we are approving, if we are going to raise the price, we need to know we are going to get the right number of people and draw speakers that draw attendance
 8. Ray, philosophy was always to keep the costs as low as they could so the greatest number of people could attend
 9. Evan wants us to stay at the UAANGMM, Covid also contributed to low attendance.
 10. Les, we don't always alternate



11. Steve K, we should rotate to the UAANGMM every 5 years when the displays will be entirely new.
 12. Kelli, we missed the community feeling this time.
 13. Les: Non-profit does not equal no profit; Desert Museum is not as cheap as Anna thinks it is. We need not be all things to all people, Covid was also limiting factor. Les was proud that everyone kept their masks on full time. An announcement that lunch should be eaten outside would be the only improvement suggested for Covid protocols.
 14. Other possible locations, UA Education Museum,
 15. Steve K challenges board member to make a priority of making interacting with new faces that come to the meetings.
 16. Anonymous subsidies are available for folks that cannot afford symposium fee
 17. The symposium is accredited for continuing education credits.
- G. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UNM) – No update beyond it was phenomenal for a symposium local venue.
- H. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Ray Grant provided that he will start opening on Saturday, starting in October.
- I. UA Mining Mineral Natural Resources Education Museum (the Education Museum) Catie Sandoval was not present, provided no update.
- J. Phoenix UArizona Mining and Mineral Education Museum – No update.
- K. The Flandreau Museum – No update.
- L. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) No update.
- M. Website Status – no report provided.
- N. Membership report provided after the fact 66; Dealer's reserved for show 19; Symposium registrants 53.
- O. Old Business – No old business was discussed.
- P. New Business
1. 2022 Symposium. Les introduces it. Do we want to go back to the UAANGMM. Paul recommended the Grace Inn in Prescott. Mesa Civic Center, Gilbert Southeast Regional Library, Coolidge/Florence/PGMM.
 2. Next board meeting tentatively to be held Monday, October 25th.



Les adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

Steve Kaminski, FMF Secretary