



November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
November 7, 2022

*Attendees (4 Officers; 6 Trustees)*

Officers and Chairs:

Les Presmyk [LP, Chair & Trustee (T) through 2025]      Bill Yedowitz (BY, Vice Chair, T24)  
Steve Kaminski (SK, Secretary, T23)                      Genie Howell (Treasurer T23)

Other Trustees:

Chris Whitney-Smith (CWS, T23) Don Boushelle (DB, T24) John Weide (JW, T25)  
John Tibbits (JT, T24)                      Catie Sandoval (CS, T23) Kelli Wakefield (KW, T25)

Members and Guests:

Officers/Trustees not in attendance: Phil Richardson (PR, T24), Mike Shannon (MS, T25), Dr. Ray Grant (RG, T25), Stan Celestian (SC, T23), Chuck Kominski (CK, T25), Paul Harter (PH, T24), Jeff Johnson (JJ, T23), Mike Williams (MW, Webmaster, T22), Evan Jones (EJ, T24),; Dana Slaughter (DS, T23); Show Chairman: - Vacant. Invited Guest – Marc Fleischer (MF, Marketing Chair).

The purpose of this Zoom-based committee was to address general issues and continue active planning for the Flagg Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Meeting was called to order with a quorum at ~7:05 PM by Chairman Les Presmyk (the FMF Zoom Meeting ID: 665 521 6599).

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- A. Treasurer Report – Genie Howell, Presented on investments and balances. No questions asked. Bill is working on name changes and consolidating funds for reinvestments. He is also working on a correcting a tax ID number error that occurred when the name change was first requested.
- B. The October 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes were be provided to the board with the announcement and link for this meeting. BY moved to approve minutes. SK seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Comments from GH, BY, and JT were provided via email and will be corrected in the approved minutes.
- C. Bill Yedowitz (BY). BY has gone through about 50 of the 150 flats of minerals to labeled for sale. DB is helping. Mark Hay donated two specimens, a cuprite from Ray and a



polished Bisbee malachite slab. BY has been in touch with Cathy Connell (Charlie's widow). She is planning a donation of some of Charlie's materials.

D. LP opened discussion of the Flagg Show. The following are points raised during this discussion.

1. Les presented for Marc Fleischer, JW asked for flyers. BY confirmed Roadrunners will provide gold panning. Marc is working on an article for Entertainer Magazine.
2. KW mentioned social media front. MF and PH's daughter are working on these.
3. JW presented that he has about 90 dealers on the list, amounting to about 166 spaces. BY says another 6 have come in.
4. JW, Venture Out is a closed club, and only people from that mobile home park can be members. Clubs must have a basis of value for the community and the show. LP mentioned that we may want to redistribute clubs and not give them all the prime real estate.
5. LP mentioned contract for infrastructure. MCC contract is progressing; event permits; food vendor permits need to go to Maricopa County.
6. LP and BY helped MSA with loan of FMF cases and lighting by LP.
7. LP mentioned Peralta Stones. BY will pursue.
8. Dealer space sales are progressing well.
9. Vehicle traffic in during show. We need to control this liability. Fining dealers will come with a labor burden for which we don't necessarily have the labor resources.
10. Dealer show fees, Les suggested that we raise the fee to \$125 a space for 2024. The need was recognized by all. We will revisit this in December.
11. KW mentioned a social media background for Instagram.
12. CWS mentioned a donation jar and membership station at the show near the FMF booth.
13. Signup sheets are coming in December.

E. Symposium

1. Date is March 25, 2023.
2. Theme is celebrating the field collector.
3. LP is looking for speakers, focusing on field collectors,
4. LP is pursuing student/novice presentation, about 15 minutes with presentation and Q&A.
5. LP wants to advertise earlier.

F. Hybrid meetings were not discussed. FMF is interested in pursuing hybrid meetings for at least the General FMF Meeting.

G. Newsletter: Empty position, no representative present; no report was submitted.



- H. UA Alfie Norville Museum (UNM) – No Update presented.
- I. Pinal Gem and Mineral Museum (PGMM) – Ray Grant, Not Present, LP presented: ray is somewhere in the Pacific. Hours information: open Wed, Th, Fri, and Sat. 11 A.M. to 4 P.M from September through May.
- J. Phoenix UArizona Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Education Museum (UAMMNREM) – CS the museum is working with a design/scoping firm to develop the theme. \$12M, has to be spent within 2-3 years. Representative Griffith is our champion here.
- K. The Flandreau Museum – No update.
- L. Globe/Miami Bullion Plaza Museum (BPM) No update.
- M. Website Status – no report provided. BY suggested that we consider making updates to the website.
- N. Membership report ~67 current members. Need to start letting people know that dues are due.
- O. Old Business –
  - 1. Non-profit status lapsed and is suspended as of March 22. This is being re-established, Paul H is leading the effort, hopes to have an update on it in the next few days.
  - 2. CWS vocalized MSA appreciation for the loan of FMF's cabinets, tables and risers.
  - 3. SK is working with Warne-Cacheris on space for the storage container and the plan for move is very fluid until we know when the space may become available. Unique Heavy Lifting is preparing.
- P. New Business –
  - 1. LP requested that we appoint a nominating committee for board and officer positions. Proposed CS, JT, and CWS to participate, CS as chair of the committee.
  - 2. GH inquired about re-initiating our newsletter.
  - 3. SK reminded the group that ZOOM renews in March.
  - 4. BY will contact MW about when website fees are due.

Next meeting should be 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Les adjourned the meeting at ~8:35 P.M.

Steve Kaminski, FMF Secretary



P.S. Note the October 24, 2021 Flagg Show task planning bullet list prepared by Les Presmyk was attached to the October 25, 2021 FMF Meeting Minutes.