

**Fermilab Natural Areas  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2009**

**1. Introduction and call to order by Jim Volk 7:00 PM**

Attendees:

Mitch Adamus, Shawna Coronado, Jolie Macier, Tom Peterson,  
Dick Untch, Jim Volk, Rod Walton, Bob Lootens  
Guests – Kent Collins, Rachel Bridger, Mike Pfaff; Sally Arnold, Department of Energy

**2. Previous Minutes**

Previous November Minutes agreed and seconded.

**3. Current Treasurers Report**

Current Treasurer's Report is agreed to:

Treasurer's Report  
1/1/2008 to 12/31/2008 –

Transaction Description	Debits	Credits
Balance Forward		1,465.00
Donations (59)		5,420.00
Sales		255.00
Payments	1,658.90	
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Grand Total	1,658.90	7,140.00
Account Balance		5,481.10

**4. Committee Reports**

Tours Committee (Mitch Adamus, Shawna Coronado, Dick Untch)

Summary of Minutes of Tours Committee Meeting:

Meeting held on November 21, 2008

Attendees: Shawna Coronado, Mitch Adamus, Dick Untch

The group discussed the areas of the FNL site that could be accessible for public guided and self-guided FNA tours. The group discussed the need for making the tour sites inviting to the public, and that an effective information campaign is needed to highlight the natural amenities available at the lab for the public to enjoy. Due to lab security/access limitations, the central portion of the site running west to east including the Pearson Trail, Swan Lake, the dog training site, Nepese Marsh, A.E. Sea Pond, and DUSAF Pond would be the primary areas available for public touring. A tour map is to be developed and printed. A small format tour map will be made available at selected locations. The map would identify the tour sites of interest, trail locations, and provide both general and detailed natural areas information on each of the sites. Dick shared some examples of 8-

1/2" X 11" tri-fold brochures as examples of a size and graphic format that might be used for the FNA tour brochure/map. It was also noted that brochure/maps produced by Chicago Wilderness, Chicago Botanical Gardens, and Morton Arboretum could serve as excellent models for the format, appearance and quality of information included in the FNA brochure/map. Mitch stated that electronic versions of the lab base map should be readily available to serve as the foundation for a FNA brochure/tour map.

The group discussed both types of tours. The tour map would be primarily used for the self-guided tours, and would provide a level of information on each tour site appropriate for a passive recreational visitor to the site. The guided tours would provide more detailed natural areas information for those members of the public wishing to participate in a more in-depth learning experience. It was noted that the brochure/map should show the locations (stations) on-site where copies of the FNA brochure/map would be available to the public.

Mitch mentioned that most, if not all of the natural areas information to be included in the brochure/map should be available through Bob Lootens and Marge Barden (Prairie and Particles) at the lab.

Shawna emphasized the importance of acquiring private financial support for the tour program, and would pursue dialog with BP and NICOR regarding support. She also thought that Chicago Wilderness, The Conservation Foundation, and the DuPage Forest Preserve District could be not-for-profit sources of support.

The next steps in this effort include developing an overall design and specific narrative content and for the brochure/map. Pursuing corporate sponsorship is also a priority.

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Discussion with board about possible funding for creation of the maps to be used by the public for self tours and lead tours. Grant possibilities were proposed including Chicago Wilderness, Grand Victoria Riverboat, Patagonia, and McKesson Chemicals among others.

Map Content Suggestions – Rod and other board members have content for map details. While awaiting further possibilities for funding, it was agreed that the Tours Committee will work on content filling.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. By-Law Conflict of Interest. Awaiting several signatures from board members.
- b. Accountant Activity. Howard Singer can assist in moving forward with any accounting details.
- c. Liability Insurance. Checking on additional quotes for liability insurance agencies and pricing.

## **6. New Business**

- a. Annual Meeting.
  - Feb. 19 – 7 PM. Rod will announce the room and meeting via email and mailers.
  - Speaker Ideas – James Jeroza from Nicor/Chicago Wilderness, or Jim Kleinwachter of Conservation Foundation.
  - Powerpoint on progress
  - Nature Photography (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

- b. Funding for 2009 Betz intern at Fermilab – prime discussion deferred to next official board meeting. Current conversation touched on liability insurance issue and the possibility of bringing an intern in before liability is put in place. Consideration: there are three prime reasons for bringing on an intern - 1) Visibility in ecology community, 2) Gives a student an opportunity to get familiar with ecology, 3) Intern can work for a more affordable price.
- c. 2009 Budget – Approved and seconded.
- d. The slate of candidates for board election were discussed. Four one-year members are to be replaced. Marlin Bowles' resignation from the Board was accepted, so his seat will also have to be filled. A slate of five candidates will be necessary.

Agreed to vote on a slate of nominees approved by the board with additional nominations from crowd. Bob Lootens expressed his desire to nominate Rachel or another candidate to function in his place on the board as he wants to spend more time in the field. Concluding this discussion - within a week there will be an email agreement sent to board for a slated election decision.

- e. Outreach potential mentioned by Shawna Coronado – Cantigny and DuPage Forest Preserve expressed an interest in partnering with Fermilab in community outreach efforts.
- f. Proposed yearly Fermilab Natural Areas meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Proposed next basic board meeting is March 19 at 7:00 PM.

**7. Adjourned**