

**Fermilab Natural Areas
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2009**

1. Introduction and call to order by Rod Walton 7:10 PM

Attendees:

Shawna Coronado
Jolie Macier
Rod Walton
Rachel Bridger
Mitch Adamus

2. Previous Minutes

Previous July minutes will be reviewed and approved via email.

3. Current Treasurers Report

The Current Treasurer's Report will be resubmitted for approval after it is revised to include more specific payment information.

We still have more rain barrels to sell. Overall it is clear from the treasurers report that more funding is needed.

4. Old Business

a. Status of IRS Application- Rod

The IRS has received our application. Currently they are approving applications that were submitted in June. We can expect to receive our number by November. Once we receive the tax ID number we can apply for grants specifically for FNA. The tax ID number will allow us to put in place on the website a way for members to donate with a credit card. We will also need to find an accountant.

b. Report of the Tours Committee – Shawna and Mitch

We looked through examples of other interpretive maps from the area. We are still working on figuring out which sites to direct people to. Natural sites in restricted areas are marked. We could mention that visitors could see these sites via a tour through FNA or by volunteering. The pioneer cemetery will be included in the tour. We will need to consult with Fermilab as to which areas we can guide the public to. We also hope to feature specific animals on site. We estimate that these maps will cost several thousand dollars to print up in color. The wording of our site descriptions still needs to be worked out. We will need to find a graphic designer for the map.

c. Tom's of Maine Project-Rod

Unfortunately we will not be receiving a grant.

d. Volunteer Prairie Harvest

The annual Harvest will be held Saturday October 3rd from 10am-2pm.

5. New Business

a. Volunteer Day in Batavia City Hall- Bob

This provided an good outreach opportunity for FNA to the community surrounding Fermilab. It was a successful event and we should sign up to set up next year as well as look into doing this in other local communities such as Warrenville. Other ways of reaching out could involve resurrecting the newsletter concept. Shawna expressed the importance of keeping members updated on events as well as when their membership expires.

b. Batavia Chamber of Commerce- Rod

There will be a meeting on October 20 at 7pm at the Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice in Geneva for non – profit organizations. This is a quarterly meeting. They are planning a joint fundraiser. This may be something that one of our board members should attend.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:45