

**Fermilab Natural Areas
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2008**

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

Attendees:

Shawna Coronado
Mitch Adamus
Jim Volk
Tom Peterson
Rod Walton

2. Previous Minutes

Previous September Minutes agreed and seconded.

3. Current Treasurers Report

Current Treasurer's Report is agreed to:

Treasurer's Report
9/4/2008 to 10/2/2008 – Same as last month

Transaction Description	Debits	Credits
Balance Forward		
3,179.10		
Donations (9)		25.00
Payments		
Grand Total	3,204.10	
Account Balance	3,204.10	

4. Old Business

a. T-shirt Sales

40 t-shirts for sale - \$15 each. Total bill is approximately \$166. Profit should be about \$10 per shirt.

b. Bike Racks

Bob Lootens found bike racks. A five bike rack for the head of the main trail on prairie - \$128. This will be an experimental rack so that we can test the bike rack idea. FNA board agreed that we should ask for an excavation waiver and move forward with agreement from Fermilab corporate. Motion for bike rack purchase moved and seconded.

c. Guided Tours Sub-Committee

Reminder to sub-committee members – Mitch, Dick, and Shawna – to get started on this idea – must address by the end of the year. Mitch suggested a ski tour as well as a bike tour and others.

- d. 501(c)3

Howard Singer, Accountant, is helping set up the 501(c)3 process.

- e. Update on Conflict of Interest Statement Proposed last month

Jim Volk researched and wrote up a legal FNA Conflict of Interest document. The board reviewed, moved, and seconded the Conflict of Interest and adopted the Conflict of Interest as Article XI within the FNA By-Laws.

5. New Business

- a. Guest Speaker

Jim Kleinwachter is Speaker for the evening on how The Conservation Foundation and the Conservation @ Home program can be applied to Fermilab Natural Areas.

Partnering possibilities Jim suggests are corporate seminars, public seminars, and educational seminars on conservation (mosquitos, rain barrels, rain gardens, and how the public can bring the “natural areas” home.

Would publicize any association with Fermilab in “The Heron” which is the Conservation Foundation’s publication – have about 5,000 members who are ecologically sensitive, Suggests we “cross communicate” in this fashion with our own newsletters.

The Conservation Foundation also has native plant guides and magazine reprints which enhance public knowledge about each of our organizations.

Have a special brochure for the “higher contributors” to the Conservation Foundation, this is called the Prairie Oak Society. These special events for the contributors could be held here at Fermilab.

Eagle Fest at Starved Rock is a strong project for the Conservation Foundation. Taking a busload of people out for the eagle festivities happens regularly – it’s done through the Park District programs. Requires very little marketing cost, but would be a great educational activity idea for FNA.

Create conservation interest such as a rain garden or a rain barrel demonstration project which could be open to the public.

- b. Education Expansion Ideas

Blend Leon Letterman Science Education – Sue Sheehan – with FNA to build a high school educational program featuring FNA.

Additionally, we might be able to expand this to College Intern education and assistance.

- c. Proposed next meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM
- d. Adjourned