

**Fermilab Natural Areas  
Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2010**

**1. Introduction and call to order by Rod Walton 7:01 PM**

Attendees:

Rod Walton	Dick Untch	Shawna Coronado
Tom Peterson	Jim Volk	Jolie Macier
Rachel Bridger	Mitch Adamus	Robert Lootens
Jon Cooper	Jim Kenney	Sue Sheehan
Paula Lambertz	Kent Collins	Susan Dahl
Jeff Simmons	Denis Bowron	Gordon Koizumi
Debra Pearl	Marlene Rosecrans	Dan Shanahan
Evalyn Campbell	Mary Jo Murphy	Drew Carhart

**2. This Past Season –Rod Walton and Bob Lootens**

- *FNA intern* sponsored this season who worked in the field and helped with restoration activities for 10 weeks of the season
- *Summer accomplishments:* This past summer the FNA intern and summer student collected and processed seeds from over 114 native species. This included many early maturing species from both woodland prairie sites.
- *Prairie harvests:* FNA provided assistance and support for the two fall prairie harvest days in which the community comes and volunteers to collect seed. FNA also supports an additional harvest day that is dedicated to high school groups
- *Arbor Day:* FNA provided money for native shrubs for planting. There were 65 trees and shrubs planted last year. Plantings were placed in accordance with Femilab's ELM plan.
- *Third Thursday Clean-up:* FNA provided support to for this volunteer trash-pick up day. This is every third Thursday during the warm months. Volunteers get together and clean up the site.
- *Habitat Restoration Volunteer Group:* FNA supports this group which meets the third Saturday of the throughout the year. Volunteers work on restoration on site, cutting buckthorn, eliminating invasive species and collecting seed.
- *Outreach:* FNA attended the 2009 Batavia Library Volunteer Fair. This helped us to get out into the community and let people know about our natural areas here.
- *Interpretive Walks:* We offered several interpretive walks lead by Ryan Campbell, Bob Lootens, and Tom Peterson, during the summer inviting people onsite to teach about the natural areas.

**3. Where We Are Going – Rod Walton**

- *Tax Status:* We are very close to receiving our own tax exempt status separate from FRA. We have held off grant writing until our status is secured. Fundraising events are also on the horizon.
- *Upcoming Projects* include: Updating our website, offering public tours, and restoration in the savannah. We have applied for grants to fund research on invasive species and other projects. We are seeking legal counsel and people with grant writing skills to volunteer their time
- *Newsletter:* In the last couple months we have instituted a periodic news letter thanks to volunteer and FNA member Paula Lambertz.

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**4. Current Treasurers Report – Jolie Macier**

- 28 paying members
- T-shirt and rain barrel sales as income
- Paid out: Insurance, Intern, IRS fee, Arbor Day support, Batavia chamber of commerce (this will be discontinued this year).
- Came into the 2010 with about \$5,000
- We are working on a reminder for membership renewal. We also want to set up a way for new and renewing members to use their credit card on our website.

**5. Report of the Tours Committee- Dick Untch**

- The tours committee is working to get information out the public on the natural areas at Fermilab.
- They have come up with a map and brochures to make natural sites more accessible via a self-guided tour which target key areas around the laboratory site.
- Grants are needed to design and print the map
- Safety has been taken into consideration: emergency information will be on the maps

**6. Board Member Election**

Ballots passed out to vote for new members to fill the place of those members whose terms are up:

- Our board members are:  
*Jolie Macier*  
*Jim Volk*  
*Shawna Coronado*  
*Mitch Adamus*

**7. Fermilab Friends for Science Education (FFSE)- Susan Dahl, *President of FFSE* and Sue Sheehan, *Fermilab Education Office***

- Overview of FFSE's relationship to the laboratory as well as their mission to enhance science education for pre college public and private schools
- FFSE founded in 1983
- 501C3 non profit
- Saw a need to be able to apply for grants to promote science education that FRA would otherwise be unable to do through the DOE
- Provided classes in prairie education and seed collection, such as the Junior Prairie Rangers program
- Structure- have a formal relationship with FRA this involves a cooperative education agreement.
- Board represents: teachers, Fermilab staff, and people from the general public
- Hold an open house every year in cooperation with the laboratory (FNA will have a table there)
- Make scholarship contribution
- Provide collaborative membership opportunity
- Newsletter twice per year as well as an annual report to their 200 members
- Served over 3200 students and 2800 teachers in 2009

**Meeting adjourned 8:23pm**