

**Fermilab Natural Areas
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2008**

1. Rod Walton called meeting to order 7:05 PM.

Attendees:

Rod Walton
Tom Peterson
Marlin Bowles
Jolie Macier
Shawna Coronado
Bob Lootens
Jim Volk
Kent Collins
John Clayton

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Previous February 21 Minutes agreed and seconded by Board.
Previous March 6th Minutes agreed and seconded by Board.

3. Treasurers Report

Current Treasurers Report is agreed to and seconded by Board:

Treasurer's Report
3/7/2008 through 4/17/2008

Transaction Description	Debits	Credits
Balance Forward		1,416.6
Donations (10)		375.0
Payments	-	
Grand Total		1,791.6
Account Balance		1,791.6

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business

A. Secretary Position on FNA Board

Mitch Adamus was elected as an officer at the previous meeting. He is not interested in an officer position and is resigning the Secretary role. This was agreed to by the board.

To fill the position, Shawna Coronado is nominated as Secretary and voted into the position by the board.

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B. Discussion on committees and subcommittees

Rod Walton wants to implement a regular weekly working committee group to meet regarding on-going FNA issues. Meetings are open to any members of the Fermilab Natural Areas and a map will be posted online for all to access. The meetings will be 7:30 AM on Thursday mornings at the Roads and Grounds Office. Minutes will be posted for all attendees to review. The Thursday meetings were approved by the board.

Jim Volk mentioned the need to discuss additional issues, including subcommittees, outside of the standard board meetings. The Thursday meetings can sometimes address this need and will allow all to have on-going projects in work. The board agreed and will consider expansion of this idea in the future.

C. Chicago Wilderness Discussion and future contracts

FNA is now accepted as a Chicago Wilderness member. Chicago Wilderness asked FNA to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (a copy of this document is attached at the end of the meeting minutes).

Jim Volk suggested we “poll the board” on this issue – reading and responding the MOU and then agreeing to it next board meeting. This was agreed to by the board.

Jim Volk suggested this as an efficient way to agree to contracts and other issues in the future between meetings. The board agreed.

ATTACH CONTRACT FOR REVIEW

D. FNA Website

A Fermilab attorney contacted Rod Walton to have certain language changed on the website to reflect our limited liability and 501(3)(c) status. These changes will be made this month.

Rod Walton has approved the addition of a formal sign up area for contributors to sign up via the website.

An additional Calendar feature has been added for all members' convenience. Other Fermilab activities not associated with FNA will be added occasionally, particularly if it is related to nature and outdoor Fermi activities. The board agreed it would be good if we could have people sign up for the events directly from the online calendar. Jolie Macier is looking into that.

In the next few weeks will also add photos for public review.

E. FNA Speaking Schedule

Rod Walton will be attending and speaking for FNA at a Linking Watersheds symposium on April 22. It is a day long series of meetings on watershed management. There will be exhibit space available for FNA. Rod will be taking the small FNA display which is in the Fermi lobby currently. This includes brochures.

Rod Walton is speaking on 4/25 to a retirement home center on FNA.

The Warrenville Environmental Advisory Commission has invited Rod Walton to speak briefly on 4/26 at the Warrenville Arbor Day Celebration event.

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F. Grant Applications

Currently, the FNA is applying or has applied for multiple grants to achieve funding goals. This grant information is listed below.

- ALCAN in Batavia grant – rejected our grant application because they have used up all their money
- Application to Walmart for grant – not responded yet
- Waste Management Program application in – not responded yet
- Chicago Wilderness – project grant written to support an internship – have been told this is not a fit, but will reapply to small grant program next year.
- Grand Victoria foundation grant being prepared – only accept applications in August
- Patagonia also being prepared
- McKesson Pharmaceuticals being prepared

Jim Volk pointed out in the future that Fermilab attorneys need to review these and other grants so we make sure we have the correct legal approach.

Additional to grants, Shawna Coronado suggested corporate sponsors and promised to send a list over to Rod Walton which might be contributors. She sent an additional list to Rod of government grant possibilities within the State of Illinois.

G. Events and giveaways discussion

John Clayton suggested FNA find someone to donate so people feel and see our logo and build more public recognition. He suggested give-aways which might encourage a bond with “ownership” to FNA. The team agreed with this concept, but felt we needed further discussion and brainstorming before we could implement the concept.

The board, in considering this idea, agreed that it would help to find a marketing expert to assist with this.

Discussed several give-away products for possible consideration – memory sticks, recycle grocery bags, bookmarks, calendars, and photo screen savers were all possibilities.

Rod mentioned we need a good printer if we are to consider a coffee table book or additional photography products. Shawna Coronado suggested she knows local printers and will send the information to Rod after the meeting.

H. Brainstorming discussion for possible money making ideas for FNA

There were several ideas brought to the table for discussion in relationship to many money making ideas which might help bring FNA additional dollars.

Several suggestions included possible energy production above the natural areas prairie, possibly growing native/natural plants on property, and others, such as additional experimentation with the bison and the prairie and hosting a national conference.

Rod Walton suggested, along the lines of a national conference, hosting seminars for researchers which have been researching here previously on the FNA grounds. This would bring tourism dollars to the local cities and would help the FNA build money by bringing seminar registration dollars and building credibility among the scientific community.

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I. Future Meeting

Rod Walton suggested the next meeting date for FNA should include a tour of the FNA property. Jim Volk suggested late May. Next meeting is agreed to at 6:00 PM on 5/15/08.

6. Meeting adjourned 8:12 PM

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CHICAGO WILDERNESS

A Regional Nature Reserve

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into among the members (the "Members") of the Chicago Region Biodiversity Council (the "Council") listed below. The agreement creates a voluntary network of independent agencies and organizations defined by the Council which share common goals and have come together to achieve these goals through *coordinated* collaboration and cooperation.

Vision

We envision a future:

- Where accessible, interconnected, restored and healthy ecosystems contribute to economic vitality and quality of life for all residents in the Chicago metropolitan area;
- Where the region's abundant open spaces and natural communities are actively protected, restored, and managed to ecological health;
- Where people appreciate, take pride in, and provide support to our native ecosystems; and
- Where the resulting culture is one of conservation and stewardship of nature.

Mission

To realize this vision, Chicago Wilderness is a consortium of organizations that champions biodiversity and its contribution to the quality of life in the urban, suburban, and rural areas of the Chicago Metropolitan region. Together, we work across the region to:

- Raise awareness and knowledge about the biodiversity and value of nature in our region, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, and our homes through formal and informal education.
- Increase and diversify public participation and environmental stewardship.
- Build alliances among the diverse constituencies throughout the Chicago region to foster a sustainable relationship with nature.
- Facilitate applied natural and social science research, best practices development, and information sharing.
- Generate broad-based public and private support and attract resources to achieve our goals.

Basic Beliefs

We believe that:

- People's lives are improved by a connection with nature.
- Healthy ecosystems and biodiversity are critical to a thriving, vital economy.
- The natural communities in our region, some globally rare, need to be actively managed and conserved.
- Our work is regional in nature and can transcend political and socioeconomic boundaries.
- The decisions that we make are based on the best scientifically defensible information and research programs available.
- Regional collaboration is the most effective way to achieve our goals.