Fair Hill Nature Center Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2010

Attendance:
Joe Clancy, David Vanaskey, Holly Hannum, Dan Schnekenburger, Guy Palmeri and John Bowlsbey

I. January Minutes
Minutes approved as submitted

II. Treasures Report
While no treasures report was submitted for the month Tina indicated via email that there was nothing new or worrisome and she would circulate the report as necessary. Approval was granted for disbursements of funds for cleaning service at $200, chamber event in April for $400 and $500 for membership drive. Membership drive efforts included the approval of a Pay Pal account.

III. School Report.
Busy winter with various programs offered including Maple Sugaring, Go Dog Go and Blue Bird Boxes among events that were well attended and supported. Our members come for these events. Thanks to Joe Clancy and family for their assistance in removing the snow. Frog Frenzy and Spring Trail Day are upcoming and school/education classes start March 23rd. Staff will be trained on CPR and there is a Lime Disease presentation planned. Eagle Scouts are seeking projects through FHNC and lastly but most importantly Striker has been found!

IV. Old Business.
Facility repairs are underway with good progress on the back porch. Greenfest planning committee is formed and working towards a successful event on April 24th. Content for newsletter to Jon with goal to get newsletter out as soon as practical in order to announce Greenfest, membership drive and other key center happenings and events.

V. New Business.
Dan provided an update on the capital plan efforts including all state legislators have been spoken to. Lobbying efforts need to be made to the Department of Natural resources. Efforts will be most likely for 2011, with a possible three year phase in. Joe working membership drive and looking membership categories, dues amounts and ease of payment process. Note card concept suggested as well. Approval of a budgeted amount was granted. Cecil County Chamber Card Exchange participation/hosted by the FHNC is April 14th. Maryland Home and Garden Pilgrimage and FHNCs high profile opportunity on May 16th with approval granted to spruce the center up for the event. Strategic plan draft to be circulated to the board with comments, suggestions and ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

VI. Next Meeting.
April 14th 6:30 at the Fairhill Nature Center