

Fair Hill Nature and Environmental Center  
Minutes from the Board of Director's Meeting  
February 6 2008

Attendees: Ron Perkins  
Guy Palmeri  
Joe Clancy  
Holly Hannum  
Jim Sopa  
Karen Aspinwall  
Mario Gangemi  
Tina Freudenberger

- \* Ron began the meeting with an introduction of the attendees to Tina Freudenberger who came to the meeting to learn about the nature center and potentially become a board member. Ron explained some of the various programs, and gave an overview of the board's responsibilities.
- \* Ron explained that if voted on the board, Tina would be involved in the finance aspect of the Nature Center. Mario nominated Tina to be on the board of directors and the motion was seconded. There was unanimous yes by board members attending the meeting to bring Tina onto the board. Any board members not in attendance can voice their Yes or No vote via e-mail.
- \* Ron brought up a reorganization of the board to include committees or work groups that will focus on specific aspects of the Nature Center. We discussed how to group the functions of the Nature Center and the board and came up with some suggested "committees" and who would be headlining each committee.

Jim Sopa – Membership  
Tina Freudenberger – Finance  
Joe Clancy – Public Relations  
Guy Palmeri – Business Relations  
Karen Aspinwall – Newsletter  
Holly Hannum – Schools – Education  
Paul Cahill – Facilities Management

These groups are not all inclusive. Each group leader is not expected to run the committee by themselves or to work without help.

Mario suggested that each committee head prepare a report for the board meetings one week prior to the meeting. This will give each board member a chance to review the information and formulate questions prior to the board meeting.

- \* Board meetings will be held every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Nature Center.  
Each meeting should have a report of the latest updates to each committee
- \* March newsletter will be worked on by Karen and Chris at the Nature Center. Karen and Chris to have news letter ready to go by February 22 with articles submitted by board members.
- \* Ron indicated that he would like to focus on the following items in the next 3 months:
  - Increase size of the board
  - Sponsorships - calendar
  - Corporate sponsorship
- \* An Eagle Scout is working on a project to build a pavilion across from the Nature Center where the picnic tables are located. The board unanimously approved, however we need final approval from DNR
- \* Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm