



## Flute Reed Partnership Meeting Minutes 2010

July 15,

Present: Oscar Blegen, Virginia Hahn, Dusty Nelms, Betty OBrien, Richard Olson, Rick Schubert, Al Taenzer

Meeting called to order at 4:30

The treasury report showed \$1,778 in the FRP checking account. We have paid out \$625 for the trees we planted, but should get reimbursed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service grant.

Rick gave some history of how the FRP has been operating the last 3+ years. Virtually all decisions have been made at the regular member meetings. There has been only one official board meeting during that time. He then gave a brief update of the current condition of the board. He and Dick Betz the only board members presently and they are having difficulty agreeing on much, except the need to increase the number of board members.

Dick Betz and Rick's disagreement about calling this regular meeting of the FRP was discussed. Each position was outlined and the basis for each reviewed in the bylaws. (Copies of these positions are available in past emails.) Rick talked to attorney Bruce Blackburn today (7/15) and Bruce felt that the meetings referred to in Article III of the bylaws are board meetings and that Article II refers to regular FRP member meetings such as this one.

\* Motion by Richard, seconded by Virginia and approved 6-0, with 1 abstention:  
*This is an official FRP meeting as defined in Article II of the FRP bylaws. This meeting conforms with all other regular FRP meetings the last 3+ years.*

Discussion about increasing the FRP board from the current 3 to 5 or 7 members.

\* Motion by Al, seconded by Richard and approved 6-0: (Oscar had to leave.)  
*To expand FRP board to 5 members, with the election of new board members at our July 2010 annual meeting. The new board members terms will start August 1, 2010.*

Discussion of how to conduct our board elections, ie. informally like we've done in the past or more of a formal process. Rick had checked with and reported how other nonprofits in Cook County conduct their board elections, including the ATV Club, WTIP, North House, the Food Co-op and Arrowhead Electric. We then discussed if we should have a nominating process or just nominate candidates at the annual meeting. We also discussed who should vote, just the FRP members who attend the annual meeting or all members.

\* Motion by Virginia, seconded by Richard and approved 6-0:

*To hold a nomination process where anyone can be nominated or nominate themselves. The deadline for these nominations is midnight, Thursday, 7/22/10. Each candidate must submit a short explanation by the 7/22 deadline of why they would like to be on the FRP board and why they will make a good board member. Nominations without this explanation will be void.*

\* Motion by Richard, seconded by Al and approved 6-0:

*All FRP members are eligible to vote in the board election. Votes may be cast by email, regular mail before or in person at the annual meeting. One vote per membership.*

\* Motion to amend the above motion by Richard, seconded by Virginia and approved 6-0.

This motion changed and added the underlined sections to the original motion:

*Only FRP members in good standing (dues current) as of July 1, 2010 are eligible to vote in the board election. Votes may be cast by email, regular mail before or in person at the annual meeting. One vote per membership.*

Discussion followed about the election process itself. We want to find a local, impartial "election judge" to collect the ballots. We agreed that all FRP members will be emailed a list of the board candidates, their statements and a ballot on 7/23/10. There will be three open board positions, including Rick's, who's term is expiring. Each FRP member may vote for three people out of all the candidates running. The top three vote getters will be elected to the board. Votes need to be received by email or mail no later than the start of the annual meeting. Voting by members at the annual meeting can take place up to when the votes are tabulated. Results will be announced at the annual meeting.

Discussion about the new board appointing a committee to review the current bylaws and suggest changes for the membership to consider. Discussion about the expanded board selecting a board member to fill the current vacancy.

Discussion about the FRP annual meeting. So far, Rick and Dick Betz have been unable to agree on a date. Our bylaws require it to be in July of each year. Due to the inability of the board to decide on a date for the annual meeting, we choose Thursday, 7/29 at 7pm at the Hovland Town Hall. All of us agreed on that date and time. We'll check with Jan Hall to make sure this works for her.

Meeting adjourned at about 6:30pm.

Rick Schubert, Coordinator