



PAB Meeting Minutes – 11 Mar 08

Meeting began at 9:00 am: Those in attendance included – Steve Gatewood, John Aber, Anne Mottek Lucas, Alvin Brown, Mark Shiery, Sam Whitted, David Huffman, Paul Summerfelt, Mark Brehl, Kevin Boness, Kris Haskins, and Shaula Hedwall.

1. Feb Meeting Minutes – Review and approval postponed to Apr meeting (minutes had not yet been prepared).
2. Updates –
 - a) Paul Summerfelt - organizational status (transitioned to Volunteer effective Feb 29th), mailing address and website remain the same, no phone, potential contract pending for Membership Coordinator duties (website maintenance and PAB minutes).
 - b) David Huffman - current financial status stable, annual contribution requests will be sent out within the next two weeks.
 - c) Mark Brehl - SFA 05 Public Education display at Arboretum under development and will be constructed this summer/fall.
 - d) Mark Shiery - Hazard Mitigation Cost-Share programs: SFA 06 fully encumbered, and SFA 08 awaiting signed contract back from State Forestry.
3. 2007 Annual Report – Under development and will be forthcoming in next two weeks.
5. Status of Outreach to Other Agencies –
 - a) State Forestry – tentatively scheduled to meet with State Forester during May meeting: exploration of GFFP’s ability to assist with the Governor’s Recommendation to “*conduct and implement restoration planning on State lands*”.
 - b) SEDI – no formal contact from group following letter by GFFP in mid-Jan.
 - c) USFS Research Station – Interest by Station staff to continue existing MOU: will place on May agenda to review status of MOU and explore potential expansion and implementation.
6. Upcoming Events –
 - a) Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) roadshow – May 5-6: David Huffman will interface with Molly Hunter at NAU to work-out details of GFFP involvement during field trip.
 - b) Ft Valley Exp Forest Centennial Conference – Aug 7-9: GFFP approached about being co-sponsor. Paul Summerfelt will communicate with Station staff indicating our interest to participate.
7. Report – Project Monitoring Team. Ann Moteck Lucas provided a 3-page overview of past accomplishments, pending efforts, and other matters. Discussion occurred about refining this to include some additional information, and using it as a launch-point for discussion with the JFSP staff during the upcoming roadshow.
8. Jack Schultz/Smith Project – Alvin Brown provided an overview as to the background that led to the new alternative, then proceeded to outline the significant aspects of this alternative. Discussion occurred among participants as to a potential GFFP response. The BOD will meet and draft a response – response to USFS due NLT Apr 8th.
10. Roundtable – Sam Whitted introduced himself at the Summit Fire Dept rep to GFFP, and discussed the intent of the Summit, Highland, and Pinewood Fire Depts to merge their respective Fuel Management efforts into a single program.