

The Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows
Steering Committee Meeting
April 5, 2011

Present: David White, Sandy Vorce, John Bartenstein, Don Miller

The next meeting is scheduled tentatively for May 3, 2011

Mini-Grant: An educational mini-grant of \$30 was approved for Naomi Wharton for her scavenger hunt educational program.

Meadow Restoration: The burning of slash from the meadow restoration program last Saturday was successful. The slash in various piles was brought to one burn area and burned there. By about 5:00pm the work was done and the fire was out.

A landscape architect named Sarah Carrier is moving to Arlington and said she would like to send some suggestions of plants to be introduced into the Entry Meadow. **Don** will talk to her about having an interesting diversity of plants in the meadow.

Maintenance of the Restored Meadow: We will monitor re-growth of the woody plants. We may not need to mow for a year or two. Mowing can create disturbance in the soil which can encourage growth of invasive plants. Stumps: a stump-grinder makes less disturbance than a stump puller. A man has been advocating getting rid of all the stumps.

There may need to be a workday in the fall to cut back re-growth of woody plants. **John** will do a write-up of the burn as a major step in the meadow restoration process.

Paula Jordan Proposal: It was agreed that we will encourage Paula Jordan to do her proposed project. **David** will contact her.

Nominating Committee: David is willing to be Chair again this coming year. John said he would like to be a member of the SC for one more year, then step down from the SC. He thinks it is time for new blood. Meetings of the CLC might be a good place to find interested people.

Annual Report: The financial section is due from **Mike**. Then decisions need to be made on photographs. David said he has plenty of photos. If next year is our tenth year, we should make it a special retrospective report, looking back over the ten years.

Would Elizabeth Clark like to do a report on her study in AGM?

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miller

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