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**FEAWM  
Full Membership Meeting  
Thursday, March 26, 2007  
USDA-NRCS  
Amherst, MA**

**Present:** Ron Grzelak, Patrick DeFalco, Doug Loux, SSA, Holyoke; Karen Regish, USDA-NRCS, Amherst; Joe McDanel, WARB; David Mendoza, Barnes Air National Guard Base; Renee Squires, MEPS; Jeff Anliker, Retired USDA; David Levin, Retired VA; Walter Cienaski, OSHA

The meeting opened at 8:15 with introductions.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January 18, 2007 full membership meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurers Report:** Jeff reported the balance was same as last month (\$8900.07) less an \$8.00 fee for the credit card machine and less \$10 for meeting refreshments.

**Activities:** Patrick reported that bowling night was a huge success. Approximately 70-75 people turned out for the event at Westover Air Reserve Base Bowling lanes. They would like to hold another bowling event at Westover in the upcoming months.

The activities committee has scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual FEAWM family picnic for Saturday, June 9, 2007. The committee is looking into holding the picnic once again at Nonotuck Park in Easthampton. A suggestion to hold the picnic at the Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee was also made. The cost of last year's picnic was \$8 per person or \$15 per family. The committee hopes to keep the same cost for this year's event.

**Awards:** No Report

**Education:** A retirement seminar featuring Steve Marder as guest speaker will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding the seminar has been sent out to agency heads and is posted on the FEAWM website. The committee is hoping for 100 people in each session.

**Federal Relations:** A committee meeting will be held next Thursday.

**Pay and Benefits:** Patrick is working with Albany, NY to come up with a proposal to include Berkshire County. They are hoping to have a proposal together for July.

**Website P/R-** A meeting is being planned to develop a FEAWM display to get information out to the public.

**Guest Speaker-** Compliance Assistance Specialists, Walt Cienaski, from OSHA gave a presentation to the group. A mechanical engineer and retired air force pilot, he has been working for OSHA for 13 years.

Walt commented that since OSHA existence in 1970, employee fatalities have decreased by 60%. Their mission is to protect the American work force. With 10 regional offices and many individual state area offices, the main work of OSHA is dealing with private sector businesses. Specific inspection statistics or establishment searches can be found at [www.OSHA.gov](http://www.OSHA.gov).

**Other:** A nominating committee was formed to elect new officials for the upcoming year. Nominations will be made at the May 2007 meeting. The nominating committee members are: Linda Repaski, USF&WS; Joe McDanel, WARB; Patrick Defalco, SSA.

A proposed change to the by-laws was presented to the committee to include an Executive Director position to the Board. The proposed change was accepted as written.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Recorder: Karen Regish