

Lewis and Clark Chapter Master Naturalist Program



May 1, 2015
6:00pm – 9:00pm
IDGF Regional Office

Officers:

Billy Wilson – Chair of Steering Committee

David Eberle – Vice-Chair of Steering Committee

Carol Ebbs – Treasurer

Karen Loeffelman – Secretary

Lolo Trail

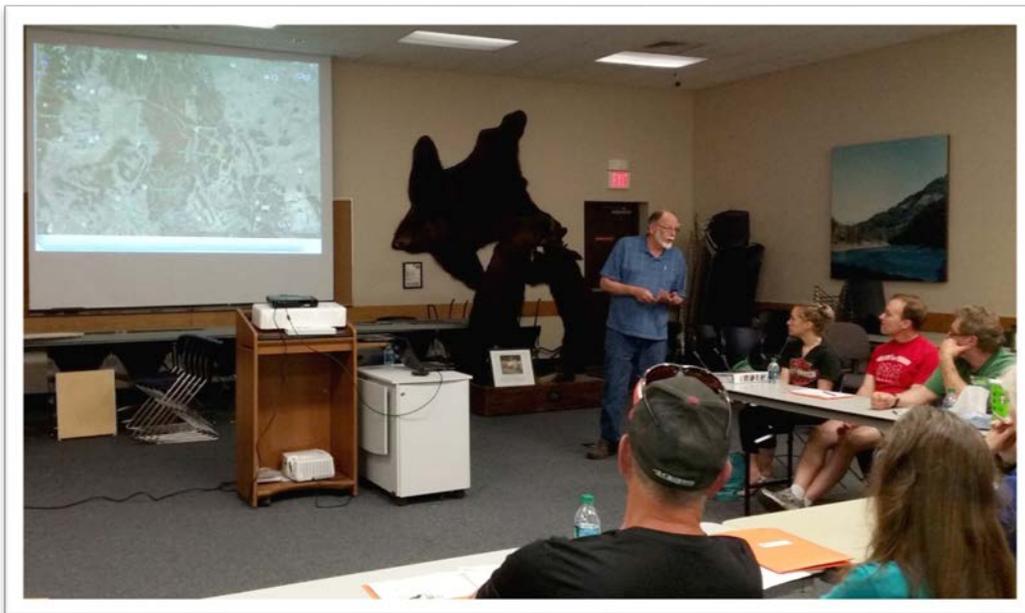
6-8pm Lolo Trail Presentation

Present: Jen Bruns, Debbie Duncan, Carol Ebbs, David Eberle, Steve Ford, Heath Fuller, Brittney Hauptert, Karen Loeffelman, Gary and Nora Pearson, Steve Ullrich, Billy Wilson

Chuck Raddon, a USFS retiree from Orofino and President of the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation, gave a presentation on the Lolo Trail. His many pictures included a lot of the natural history of the region. He also addressed the Lewis and Clark Trail maintenance work being done by his chapter. Twenty-five volunteers provide trail maintenance, historic sign restoration, and building cleanup for a week each July. It proved to be a very interesting topic and discussions continued after the presentation. Members that attended can report 2 hours of Core Training on their Education Timesheet. One of the books Chuck recommended is *The Clearwater Story*, which can be found and read online:

<http://www.foresthistory.org/ASPNET/Publications/region/1/clearwater/story/index.htm>

Special thanks to Gary and Nora Pearson for providing the snacks!



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

8-9pm Steering Committee Meeting

Present: Billy Wilson (Committee Chair), David Eberle (Vice-Chair), Carol Ebbs (Treasurer), Karen Loeffelman (Secretary), Heath Fuller, Brittney Hauptert, Gary and Nora Pearson, Steve Ullrich, Jen Bruns

A motion to approve the minutes from the 4-16-2015 meeting was put forth and seconded.

Carol gave a Treasurer's report to the Committee. More than half of our 22 paying members have paid the additional \$25 Chapter fees. Current Checking Account report:

Checking Account Activity

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance	\$525.00		\$ 525.00
Check Order		\$ 12.87	\$ 512.13
Deposit 3/25	\$330.00		\$ 842.13
Dividend	\$ 0.04		\$ 842.17
Check 1001 (binders)		\$560.00	\$ 282.17
<u>Deposit 5/1</u>	<u>\$375.00</u>		<u>\$ 657.17</u>
Total			\$ 657.17

There is also the required \$35 in our Savings Account to keep the Checking Account active. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was put forth and seconded.

The next topic of discussion was communications while Jen is on maternity leave. She will continue to monitor emails. Chastity at the Fish & Game office is our contact to reserve the room for meetings/presentations. Five additional binders have been ordered from Sara Focht. They will be delivered to Carol along with the payment invoice.

In an attempt to not duplicate efforts, Billy is the contact person for scheduling speakers for the monthly events. We will try to have 2-3 speakers/month so all members will have ample opportunities to attend and log in the required 40 hours of Core Training. Billy has assembled a spreadsheet of speakers and their topics for members to view. It is found on the LCMS website under Chapter Documents. Anyone with ideas for additional speakers, please contact Billy so he can arrange a time with the speaker.

Beginning with this meeting, we are posting hours for the training/volunteer times to be entered if you attended the event so we all have consistent times reported on our timesheets. Again, members that attended the Lolo Trail presentation can report 2 hours of Core Training on their Education Timesheet. Chapter members that attended the Steering Committee meeting can report 1 hour of Volunteer Time (Chapter Formation and Maintenance) for the meeting on 5/1/2015. Please remember to post your times online! We also discussed how to handle personal travel time to and from events. To keep it consistent, Lewiston is our base. Travel time to Lewiston does not count. Travel time from and back to Lewiston to an event

does count in the time for education/volunteer time. Beginning 5/1/2015, we will report this amount for each event so members can report the same times consistently.

For official Chapter meetings, we are scheduling 1 per month. Additionally, there will be another 1-2 presentations scheduled (rotating days of the week) with speakers that will count toward the 40 hours of Core Training required for the Education requirement. Our **May Chapter Meeting is MAY 14**. We will meet at 6 pm at the Lewis & Clark Discovery Center at Hells Gate State Park (<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/parks/hells-gate>) for an interpretive tour of the Park by Jeff Smith, Assistant Manager, before the meeting. If you do not have the Idaho State Parks Passport for free entrance, write the word "NATURALIST" on a yellow piece of paper and put it on your dashboard. This will allow you free entrance to the park. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 5pm at Hells Gate State Park before the May 14 Chapter meeting. Our 3rd event in May is scheduled for May 27 – topic to be announced. Meeting dates for June are scheduled for June 4, 17, and 23. Our **June Chapter Meeting is JUNE 17** when Courtney Couch will be speaking about Fire Ecology before the meeting. Tentative July dates are July 9 and 29.

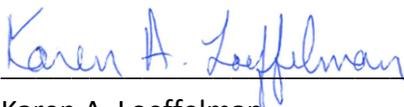
The Steering Committee received a copy of the Bylaws from the Upper Snake River Chapter. Members will review these and adapt them to our Chapter. We are required to have Bylaws to become a non-profit organization. We discussed if we needed to have job descriptions for the Chapter Officers written in the Bylaws as well. We also talked about adding a Disclaimer to events to indicate if they are required, open to the public, and/or part of Core Education Training.

Volunteer opportunities from Idaho Fish and Game, Idaho State Parks (Hells Gate), and USDA Forest Service will be posted on our Announcement page and Calendar page on our website, as well as on Facebook. Anyone finding other events to attend for training need to contact Billy or Karen to post for all members. If you attend an event that is not posted for access by all members, your hours at that event do not count.

9:00pm Wrap-up

Our May Chapter meeting is scheduled for May 14 from 6-8pm at Hells Gate State Park. Steering Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes submitted by:



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