

Lewis and Clark Chapter Master Naturalist Program



June 23, 2015
6:00pm – 8:00pm
IDGF Regional Office

Officers:

Billy Wilson – Chair of Steering Committee

David Eberle – Vice-Chair of Steering Committee

Carol Ebbs – Treasurer

Karen Loeffelman – Secretary

IDFG Wildlife Biologist Andrew Mackey

6-7:30 Andrew Mackey

Present: Alice and Rod Campbell, Emily Corsi, Debbie and Sam Duncan, Carol Ebbs, Steve Ford, Karen Loeffelman, Gary and Nora Pearson, Steve Ullrich, Billy Wilson

Andrew Mackey, Wildlife Biologist for ID Fish and Game, as well as the Farm Bill Coordinator, gave an overview of the USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – a brief history and how he manages the wildlife/plant life aspect of the program. He also passed out handouts on the SAFE (State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement) and CP33, the Habitat Buffer for Upland Birds Initiative.

Andrew also spoke on the "Hunt Idaho EXPO" taking place in August and gave an overview of some of the workshops planned for August 22 as well as the chance to try various hunting weapons on the evening of August 21. See the fishandgame.idaho.gov website for more information. He also discussed the Idaho Access Yes! program and how public land in that program can be utilized for not only hunting, but other activities year round.

Finally Andrew had an elk collar and tracking device used in the Elk Habitat Research Project. He spoke of the number of volunteer opportunities available:

- banding pheasants
- investigating Access Yes land use
- measuring wildlife counts on land before and after CPR is implemented

Anyone interested may contact:

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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

7:30-8 Steering Committee Meeting

Present: Billy Wilson (Committee Chair), Carol Ebbs (Treasurer), Karen Loeffelman (Secretary), Steve Ullrich

The steering committee meeting was very informal. There was no Treasurer's report or approval of the minutes. Most of the discussion centered around the next set of meetings and realizing it's hard to gather everyone together in the summer.

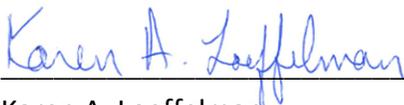
Billy has been in contact with Sara Focht in Boise to get some advice on how to make sure we are on the right track to getting our Chapter going and staying on course. We are still working on adapting ByLaws for our Chapter. Sara has sent an example from the Boise Chapter. Another one of her suggestions was to encourage members to read a chapter in our binders before an educational meeting on that subject. For example, our next educational training will be July 9 by Courtney Couch on "Fire Ecology in the Northern Rockies." Therefore, we should read Chapter 9 on Forestry before the meeting. We also talked about Journaling and how important it is to the work we do as Master Naturalists. See Chapter 3 in the binder.

Finally, Billy is planning to attend the Mater Naturalist Rendezvous in September. Any other members that want to attend be advised that registration is now open and more information can be found on the Announcements page on the website.

8pm Wrap-up

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 9 from 6-8pm at the Fish and Game Office in Lewiston. Please read Chapter 9 in your binder on Forestry for the Courtney Couch presentation entitled "Fire Ecology in the Northern Rockies."

Minutes submitted by:



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