

Lewis and Clark Chapter Master Naturalist Program



October 21, 2015
6:00pm – 8:00pm
IDGF Regional Office

Officers:

Billy Wilson – President
David Eberle – Vice-President
Brittney Hauptert – Treasurer
Karen Loeffelman – Secretary

Citizen Science Presentation

6-7pm Jen Bruns

Present: Rod Campbell, Debbie and Sam Duncan, Steve Ford, Heath Fuller, Lorna Inglet, Barry Johnson, Karen Loeffelman, Gary and Nora Pearson, Steve Ullrich, Billy Wilson

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

7-8pm Steering Committee Meeting

Present: Billy Wilson (President), Karen Loeffelman (Secretary), Jen Bruns, Heath Fuller, Nora and Gary Pearson, Steve Ullrich

The steering committee met after Jen's presentation on Citizen Science, where we did a couple of demo presentations on how to recognize the steps of the scientific method and how to present that to children in an educational setting. At the steering committee meeting there was no Treasurer's report since Brittney wasn't present. The last minutes were accepted.

Billy talked with the other Chapters at the recent Naturalist Rendezvous and found that some of them had Bylaws and some of them didn't. Bylaws were not required by Sara Focht in Boise, so we decided to not proceed at this point to try and get any in place for our Chapter. We have also never written any official job descriptions for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary positions, but felt at this point they were pretty self-explanatory. No official disclaimer has ever been put into place, but we are still trying to schedule meetings on different days of the week (T-Th) giving all Chapter members chances to attend. It was decided that Officer positions will last one year and then new members will be elected to serve.

There was continued discussion on whether to allow volunteer hours to count towards our total of 40 hours if they were completed outside the three agencies we were initially restricted to for volunteering (IDFG, State Parks, Forest Service). We felt this was reasonable to allow members a chance for picking up volunteer hours as long as they were volunteering for something that was within the scope of the Mission Statement of the Master Naturalist

Program. [*The mission of the Idaho Master Naturalist Program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to actively work toward stewardship of Idaho's natural environment.*] A motion was made to accept this ruling by Gary Pearson and seconded by Karen Loeffelman. The motion passed unanimously. Any members that have volunteer hours outside of the previously mentioned organizations can report them if they haven't already. We are asking all members to please make sure their hours are current for Volunteer and Education times by the end of the year for Sara's convenience for reporting.

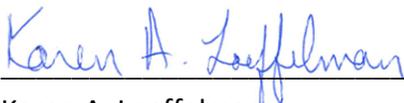
Billy is organizing some additional volunteer opportunities and just waiting to finalize some arrangements. Jen mentioned a chance for picking up hours by volunteering at the big game check station along the South Fork of the Clearwater River during the week of 11/14-11/20. You would be getting a tally of hunters, what was harvested, what units they were hunting in, etc. Please contact Jen or Bill Seybold for more information. Check stations are open from 9am to dusk. Volunteers are especially needed on weekdays. Billy is monitoring Asotin and Tammany Creeks for water quality and could use someone to help him once a month for about an hour. You do not have to have completed the Water Steward training, as Billy is certified. The next monitoring date is November 14. Please contact Billy if you are interested. And finally, as a lesson from Dave Eberle, you are welcome to approach any agency and ask them for a project or volunteer opportunity. That's how Dave got most of his hours.

Billy reminded everyone that if pictures are taken by us of other members of the public, especially children, you need permission before posting their photograph on the website or our Facebook page.

8pm Wrap-up

Our next Chapter Training Meeting is scheduled for October 27 from 6-7:30pm at the Fish and Game Office in Lewiston. Bill Seybold will offer training on Mammology. Please read the associated chapter (12) in your binder before the meeting. Following that we will have an official Chapter Meeting from 7:30-8pm. Additional training sessions have been set for Nov. 12 (range management) and December 9 (pollinators). Members attending tonight's presentation can claim one hour of educational training. Steering members can claim an hour of volunteer time.

Minutes submitted by:



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