



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes November 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order on a very snowy day at 9:15am by Vice-President Clem

Members present: Clem, Dave, Phil, Denise, Derek, Pete, Tom Whelan, and Lori

Members absent: Gail, Jan, Ann, Connie, Cathy, Rob, Jon, Valle, Cheryl, Matt

NOTE: Future meetings will require absent board members to designate a proxy for any votes, please notify someone attending if you will not make the meeting and your absence will be excused. (see By-laws for more information)

Secretary Report: Minutes of October 20, 2011 were accepted and approved, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$951.45 in bank checking account. Since the last meeting costs of \$23.55 were incurred for the printing of checks requiring 2 signatures, the debit card was canceled. Upcoming fees of \$15/per graduate are due to the state Master Naturalists. Pete and Gail are working with Sara and the Waterlife Discovery Center budget may pick up these costs.

Old Business:

- Brochures are close to final, they will go to Sara for printing soon.
- A motion and vote to accept the MOU with DEQ passed.
- Erin Meader, Program Coordinator for Pend Oreille Lakes Commission has received a grant which will allow her to spend some of her hours working at the WDC.
- State Meeting held in Boise was attended by Derek. None of the other chapters are set up as IRS approved charitable organizations. He reported on the activities of the other ID Chapters as follows:
 - Boise Chapter: conservation education with 3 local organizations
 - Upper Snake/Idaho Falls: similar set up to ours, they do both citizen science & education.
 - Henry Fork/Island Park: majority citizen science
 - Pocatello: mix of citizen science and conservation education
 - McCall/Pond St Park: conservation education
- Chapter By-Laws and the State Policy Handbook (SPH) were reviewed by those present. The SPH includes definitions, training requirements, course content, volunteer service guidelines, reporting, ethics, and risk management. Our chapter by-laws will not supersede the SPH, but will include additional information not covered: Mission and name, membership requirements, voting and proxy rights, finance and fiscal year, annual and remote meetings meetings/voting, board members duties and terms, vacancies, absenteeism, elections, committees, and amending the by-laws. The current draft was discussed and changes proposed, corrections will be made and sent with these minutes to all members for final review. A vote on adoption will be taken at the next meeting with a simple majority ruling.

New Business:

- Volunteer opportunity is available to assist with the Kokanee spawn at Granite Creek with Clark Fork Fish Hatchery in November and December. Please contact John Rankin to get details and dates.
- The Chapter needs a representative for Education/Field Trips to WDC as part of our WDC adoption

proposal. Action: Cheryl

- There may be an opportunity to partner with the North Side School students and do some citizen science training with youth, perhaps form a Junior Master Naturalists Chapter? Action: Tom Whelan
- Phil has information on advanced training opportunities through U of I.
- Derek attended the Rare Plant Conference sponsored by the ID Native Plant Society. There is a potential project in the Priest Lake area – a revisit to conduct a plant inventory 60 years after the first was done. More info will be available at our next meeting. Action: Derek
- No meeting in December. The **next meeting will be on Thursday January 19, 2012, 9:00am** at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Committee Issues/Reports:

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Nothing to report

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Dave took a survey on the top organizations/projects the Chapter would like to focus volunteer efforts and of 10 respondents they are in this order: 1) Idaho Fish & Game 2) Waterlife Discovery Center 3) Friends of Scotchman Peaks 4) USGS Grizzly Project 5) Idaho Conservation League (ICL).

Training/Field trips: Chair - Jon

- Nothing to report

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

ADDENDUM

Since the meeting, the following has occurred:

- An e-mail motion/vote was requested by Gail to adopt partnership Memorandum of Understanding with IDAH₂O. The voting so far shows 8 Yes and no dissenting. (Cheryl, Matt, Derek, Denise, Dave, Clem, Gail, Lori)