



## *Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter*

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### General Meeting Minutes April 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:12am by President Gail.

Members present: Gail, Derek, Clem, Dave, Phil, Pete, Jan, and Lori – w/Valle proxy (Board Quorum of 6)

Secretary Report: Minutes of March 15, 2012, were accepted and approved, they will be posted on MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$1544.91 in bank checking account. Lori submitted \$24.65 expenses for stamps and copies. Jan submitted \$30 mileage expense for geology class and field trip (Clark Fork) on 14 April (this began the discussion about reimbursement of mileage). All dues except 1 have been collected. Final check to Sara will be written and sent before next meeting (~\$385). Report was accepted. **Motion (Derek) was made to offer payment of 15 cents per mile to instructors and facilitators for milage incurred preparing and leading classes and field trips.** Motion passed unanimously with much discussion and clarification, there is already a budget line for these expenses. An offer should be extended to Marilyn MacIntyre for her mileage – this was an oversight on our part.

#### Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon (report submitted by Cheryl prior to meeting)

- Master Water Stewards will be happy to offer training to Master Naturalists if 8-10 students will committ to attending. Training is one day, 8 hours, providing tools for monitoring a creek or river. Perhaps offered in summer and counting for advanced training.
- 2012 Classes are progressing well.
- Friends of Scotchman Peaks will offer continuing education walks in fall on lichens/mushrooms.
- Jon Bair's Clark Fork/Hope Geology class on April 7 was very well received and he may offer follow-up geology field trip to all members. TBD

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Dave submitted Grizzly project form to board for approval. **Motion (Clem) to adopt Grizzly Bear Study as Citizen Science project was passed unanimously.**
- Earth Day – Sunday April 22, 1:00-4:00p at Charter School. MN have a booth and will sell blue bird nest boxes, staffed by Gail, Dave, Valle, Cheryl. All are invited to attend.
- WDC work days scheduled for Fridays, April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00noon, bring your gloves, hand tools, and pick a chore from the list. Hours count for volunteer time.
- Ag Week, Fairgrounds, 8-12 May, has been canceled.

Communication: Chair – Valle (report submitted via e-mail prior to meeting)

- 2012 Newsletter has been released by Sara Focht and it is available on the MN website:  
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/Spring%202012/Forms/AllItems.aspx>  
Our Chapter submitted several articles: Wolverine Project, Butterfly Gardens, Jack Nisbett/2012 Training kick-off.
- The WDC library has been inventoried and a book order using Grant funds has been sent to Pete.

Old Business:

- Other grant purchases need to be made, quarter coin operated fish feeding station (gum ball machine), Mutt mitts dispenser and refills – Clem will send information to Pete so they can be ordered. Book case on wheels – everyone keep eye out for deal. Gail is ordering native plants and protection for them.

New Business:

- Public Use Survey of Wildlife Management Areas available online at IDFG. Important to get input from public and volunteers for future decisions about viability of WMAs. Pete will have more information after roll-out presentation to IDFG end of month. IDFG vehicle at WDC available for surveys. If upkeep and use is documented, better chance of keeping these properties in system.  
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/portal/form/2012-wildlife-management-area-public-opinion-survey>
- **The next meeting will be on Thursday May 17, 2012, 9:00am** at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary