



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes February 16, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:07am by President Gail.

Members present: Gail, Denise, Cheryl, Jon, Derek, Clem, Dave, Valle, Pete, Jan, and Lori

Secretary Report: Minutes of January 26, 2012, were accepted and approved, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$951.45 in bank checking account. Budget for 2012 was presented, inflow includes 2012 student class fees of \$75/ea and member dues of \$10/ea, outflow/liabilities add up to approx \$2300 which leaves balance of approx \$250. Report was accepted.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon

- 2012 ID MN Training syllabus is almost final. Instructors are scheduled. Still planning on Pot luck and kick-off meeting with both classes 5:00-8:30pm the evening of Friday March 30. Jack Nisbett will be keynote speaker on first class, Saturday March 31st. Pete asked if we could engage him for the Friday evening kick-off as well, Cheryl will contact Jack. IDFG will pay Jack's fee and provide hotel room. Pete will recognize 3 other IDFG volunteers and provide the main course for the pot luck (BBQ?) Chapter members will bring side dishes and desserts (please contact Gail for the sign-up sheet). Spouses/partners of members are welcome and invited. We may move from the WDC to another venue if we need more space. **A motion to approve the request for Jack and the search for a venue was made and passed.**
- The single point of contact for all prospective 2012 students will be the secretary who will send information and application forms to all who inquire from both the PO Box and the Chapter e-mail account. The application form is on our Chapter website, press releases are going out to community in newspaper, online forums, calendars. The current deadline for applications is Thursday, March 1st, which may be extended if we do not have at least 15 applicants. The syllabus committee and board members will screen all applicants with an interview questionnaire that is being developed.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Grizzly Bear Study project leader would be happy to provide information to one of our classes. Dave will follow up on this.
- Tom Whalen will need some volunteers for the school field trips and WDC projects this season. There is a meeting scheduled for 2/21 10:00am with Tom, Cheryl, Erin, and Molly.
- WDC will be supported by 20 hours per member per year in volunteer time - interpretative, maintenance, and operational. A coordinator for the WDC may be needed. We will revisit after 2012 classes.

- Current chapter adopted projects include: the Waterlife Discovery Center Support, Hager Lake Study, and Bluebird Nest Boxes at Rapid Lightning Creek. There are many other projects sponsored by IDFG and our affiliated volunteer organizations which count for volunteer hours.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Give all newsletter articles to Valle and she will edit. She has several articles in her files on different facets of North Idaho wildlife and naturalist topics that would be of interest. She would like to submit one about butterfly gardens for the next deadline. Our goal is to have at least one article in each quarterly newsletter.
- Jon and Jan will work on the display materials for our many presentations, tables, and displays this year. We need a tri-fold table top poster display, banner, and brochures. Check on prices and timing. Will be used for ID Forest Owners Assoc meeting in Moscow 19-21 March (Derek and Jon will attend), Earth Day April 22nd (motion was made last month and at this meeting to participate and staff this booth), Farmers Market (suggested we have bird houses available in exchange for donations - \$5 each box to go back to the IDFG), and Library window display. Motion was made and passed to cover expenses for the display materials.

Old Business:

- Pete would like the Chapter to manage the bookkeeping for the funds associated with the Grant from Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation. We need to be sure to stay within the grant guidelines and spend the money appropriately first, before Chapter funds, verifying disbursements. Current commitments: TV (Pete); Mutt Mitts (Jan); Education Library (Jon); School Field trips expenses (Cheryl); Wall mount display case (Tom/Jan); Landscaping (Gail); Book case on wheels (Jan); Fish Food Dispenser (Tom/Gail).

New Business:

- New Grant applications will be due this summer, we should work with Sara.
- Do we need to form a Fund Raising committee? Discussion tabled until after 2012 Classes begin.
- Idaho Wildlife Summit is scheduled for 24-26 August, we need representation at the meeting, more discussion will be held this spring/summer.
- **The next meeting will be on Thursday March 15, 2012, 9:00am** at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary