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**General Meeting Minutes January 26, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Gail.

Members present: Gail, Derek, Ann, Don, Tom, Clem, Dave, Phil, Jon, Pete, Erin, Jan, and Lori

Secretary Report: Minutes of November 17, 2011, were accepted and approved, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$951.45 in bank checking account. Report was accepted. There was discussion about how to increase the funding level of our bank account. Pete will pay some expenses from the IDFG funds available at the state level to get the Chapter started. So far, student fees are the only monies we have collected and we have spent only for small petty cash items. A motion to require \$10 annual dues from all members beginning on their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the program was made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed. A process will be put in place to collect these dues. Other fund raising will be explored.

Old Business:

- Chapter By-laws were discussed briefly, everyone has been sent a copy of the final document. A Motion to accept was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.
- Books needed for MN classes this spring have been edited at the state level. We will order the 500 page texts from Sara who will need 3 week lead time to print them for \$17 each.
- Discussion of volunteer hours recorded in MN database – all hours worked for partner organizations or spent in learning about Idaho's natural resources, history, ecology, etc., should be recorded. Hours donated by our volunteers help IDFG to apply for grants and justify funded activities.
- We received the Grant from Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and we will be getting about \$4600 and in kind contributions from Lake \*a\*Syst Program, IDFG, Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District, and Trout Unlimited funding for projects at the Waterlife Discovery Center (see attached detail). Pete (IDFG) will manage the budget and pay for items with IDFG p-card.
- A motion was made and passed to require all members of the Chapter to devote 20 hours of their volunteer time per year to the WDC in any capacity they would like to contribute. This will help ensure that our Chapter will provide the support needed for the Grant.
- MOU with Idah2o Water Stewards was voted on via e-mail in November and was passed. Gail signed the agreement and a copy will be sent back to Ashley McFarland for her files.

New Business:

- Discussion of Graduation for 1<sup>st</sup> year Chapter members. A Release to publish names and pictures may be needed. Should we have a ceremony/party? Perhaps during kick-off for new class in March? Sara Focht may wish to attend if she is available. Pete would also like to recognize volunteers from other organizations and may have funds for a Keynote speaker.
- 2012 MN Class Schedule Committee presented their plan for this year – Saturday classes 9:00a-3:00p

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for 7 weeks with a Friday evening kick-off orientation meeting. Outline for course work includes: Intro to MN, nature field notes, ecological concepts & ecosystems, geology, aquatic, wetland, and forest ecology, mammals, ornithology, and plants. Classes will take place at the WDC and other relevant local destinations. A Motion was made and carried to contact the instructors and offer reimbursements for fuel and limited personal expenses. Individuals interested in the course will be required to complete an application and interview before being accepted. All accepted students will be required to pay a non-refundable \$75 fee for supplies and instructors and the class size is limited to 15.

- Class Evaluation form may need to be edited. Jan will send to Clem for a first pass.
- Motion to accept MOU from Pend'd Oreille Bay Trail was passed.
- Derek presented a Citizen Science project proposal that he will lead this summer at Hager Lake (south of Nordman, west of Priest Lake). This survey follows up on first survey of area done 60 years ago on an area with rare native plants that has been protected by conservation easements. A motion to accept this as a Chapter project was made and passed. Derek will report on activities and progress.
- **The next meeting will be on Thursday Feb 16, 2012, 9:00am** at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

### Committee Issues/Reports:

#### Communication: Chair – Valle

- “Landscaping with Native Plants in the Idaho Panhandle”, a book produced by the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society was donated to our Chapter by Carol Jenkins. A Thank you note will be sent by Lori.

#### Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Grizzly Bear Project lead by USGS and Univ of Montana needs more volunteers, contact Dave if you are interested.
- The Wolverine Project (Scotchman Peaks) is setting up stations with cameras. Phil Huff is coordinating.
- Riley Creek Campground needs Water Festival Volunteers May 17-18 8:00am-1:00pm.
- The display case at the Library may be available to us this summer/fall. It would need poster display, banner, tri-fold, brochures – Gail will check.

#### Training/Field trips: Chair - Jon

- ID Forest owners Association Meeting will be held in Moscow, ID 19-21 March, 2012 and Jon has been invited to give the Master Naturalist presentation and also participate in the poster session. A motion was made and passed to pay for Jon's attendance at this conference. We also need to work on the poster and presentation materials he will need to take with him.
- A class on Latin naming of plants will be conducted 6:00pm on 2 February at the Events Center

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary