



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes July 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:14 am by President Gail.

Members present: Pete, Gail, Clem, Selma, Phil, Karen, Dennis, Lori (No quorum)

Secretary Report: Minutes of June 21, 2012, were approved **motion (Clem, 2nd Dennis) passed unanimously**, they will be posted on MN Chapter website. Please check for new items on the Chapter Calendar on our website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>

Treasurer Report: There is \$1183.36 in bank checking account. There is one outstanding check yet to be cashed – \$50 (will bring bal to \$1158.36). Grant balance remains same as June: spent \$1755, leaving balance \$2915. We received notice from the IRS that requires our organization to file a postcard each year to keep our non-profit status. Gail has done this.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon (info provided by Cheryl via e-mail)

- In coordination with FOSP, we may be able to engage Brian Baxter (he charges a fee) on advanced training hikes later this year-- lichens, mushrooms, tracking hikes.
- ICL is sponsoring several hikes, see Sandpoint Online for schedule.
- Phil attended the Weather Spotter training provided by the National Weather Service and thinks it would be good advanced education for MN. Spotter reports can be called in to 800-483-4532 or online at www.wrh.noaa.gov/spokane
- Scout tour of WDC is planned for 1:00pm 31 July. Gail and Selma will meet and lead tour.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave (reported by e-mail from Dave, Phil and Clem)

- Grizzly bear project does not appear to need additional help. Contact Dave who has the information from Christina Boyd.
- Goat Peak Trail maintainance was done on 30 June, Dave and Phil participated.
- Phil Hough – FO Scotchman Peaks needs volunteers – see webpage for trails where work iss needed.
- ID Water Stewards class in July was full, they may schedule another class in fall, contact Ashley McFarland, U of I.
- Hager Lake project survey in July was done by Derek and volunteers, there will be more in September.
- Committee is requested to send out monthly list of Volunteer opportunities. Committee is also seeking additional members, please contact Dave Pietz.

Communication: Chair – Valle (Lori reporting)

- See Summer newsletter, <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/default.aspx>

under newsletters on the left side of page.

- Library window display is scheduled for October 24th – December 4th. We would also like to schedule some presentations with speakers during this time for MN and the public. Gail is looking into scheduling the conference room.

Old Business:

- We will share a booth (8x8) with the Native Plant Society 21-25 August, Gail Bolin is signing up volunteers to man the booth, set up and tear down. Committee to put together materials includes Selma, Clem, Lori, and Karen. Selma is working on booth background, Chapter business cards have been printed, pictures and project sheets are being worked on for attaching to background. MN Interest sign up sheet and copies of our Newsletters will be on table. Sylvia and Don (Native Plant) will be there to set up on Sunday 19th.
- WDC work days will continue to be on Thursdays, 9:00-12:00. Check the calendar for up to date information.
- The Farm Bureau will be at WDC on August 4th for a picnic.
- August 5th is Mark Taylor's Retirement party at the WDC, – mostly IDFG staff will attend but if you know Mark personally, you are welcome.
- WDC Open House is on hold for now, more discussion is required as well as commitments from members to staff. A Committee may be required. Also, the field guide to the grounds may need updating.

New Business:

- Avista gives grants to organizations who sponsor bulltrout education – maybe we should look into applying?
- Mary Toland from Native Plant would be interested in helping with school children education materials and a curriculum for the WDC.
- How do we get more members from both classes active in meetings and activities? Call everyone to get their opinion, check in with them to see if we can accommodate their schedule? Invite family and friends to participate? Change meeting times/day? Co-sponsor more events with our partners? Next month we will do afternoon meeting.
- **NEW TIME!** Next General Chapter meeting will be August 16, **5:00pm** at the WDC for all general members, Board members will meet at 4:00pm. Bring beverage of your choice (wine/beer ok) and if you wish, an appetizer (not required).

Meeting Adjourned at 11:08am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary