



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes June 21, 2012

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

Members present: Pete, Gail, Derek, Clem, Jon, Phil, Dennis, Dave, Lori (Board Quorum of 5)

Secretary Report: Minutes of May 17, 2012, were approved **motion (Clem, 2nd Dave) passed unanimously**, they will be posted on MN Chapter website. Chapter Calendar is updated on our website:
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>

Treasurer Report: There is \$1208.36 in bank checking account. There are two outstanding checks yet to be cashed – total \$50 (will bring bal to \$1158.36). Grant – spent \$1755, leaving balance \$2915. Pete explained that approximately \$1K of costs are being processed and reallocated from bookcase, internet, and plants to cover pier/boat launch re-building. Still on the list are shelters for picnic tables that can be easily erected and put away. A new WDC road sign for Highway 95 is being designed.

Chenelle Stevens (208-964-0262) would like to arrange a group “bear den” (scouts?) WDC tour on July 31 – Gail will contact her for details.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon

- Cheryl is working with Brian Baxter on advanced training hikes later this year-- lichens, mushrooms, tracking hikes. FSPW has Brian leading a Riparian Ecology Ed Hike this Saturday, 6/30/12, starting at 9:00am at the Heron Community Center then on to Ross Creek Cedars, all day, bring raingear, lunch, walking pole and contact Brian at b_baxter53@yahoo.com
- IdaH2O will have Water Stewards training on 20 July 8:00-4:00 in old U of I facility on Bowyer in Sandpoint. Class is open to the public and there is a fee, contact Ashley McFarland, 208-215-0407 if you would like to enroll.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Grizzly bear project is on hold because of the weather, however, help is still needed. 395 stations need to be checked regularly. Contact Dave who has the information from Christina Boyd.
- If you would like to volunteer to improve the Goat Peak Trail, a challenging project for those in good condition, please meet on Saturday 30 June 8:00am in Clark Fork (Lightning Creek). Contact Dave for more information.
- July 7-15 Derek Antonelli needs volunteers for plant monitoring and identification at Hager Lake. Contact Derek for more information and to sign up. No experience necessary.

Communication: Chair – Valle (absent)

- Summer newsletter articles are due to Lori for submission to Sara in Boise by June 29. We have an article written by Valle on hummingbird feeders, a photo essay by Selma Bair on Hager Lake project, and Gail is writing a story on our adoption of the WDC. See <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/default.aspx> under newsletters on the left side of page.
- The Plant Identification Course sponsored by Native Plant Society and ID MN last class was 21 June, an article will be written up to report for the Fall newsletter.
- Article on Cabinet Gorge fish hatchery will be written for Fall newsletter.

Old Business:

- Bonner County Fair is scheduled for 21-25 August, Theme this year is, “All Roads lead to the Fair”. The Native Plant Society is willing to share a booth with the Master Naturalists. A motion to participate and share the booth was made by Jon, 2nd by Derek, motion passed unanomously. We need volunteers to man the booth, at least 2 per 4 hour window, and we need more content on our tabletop tri-fold, a photo album, brochures, and poster for each approved MN project. Gail Bolin will coordinate volunteers.
- WDC work days will continue to be on Thursdays, 9:00-12:00. The next work day is this Thursday, June 28th, then skipping to July 12th. Check the calendar for up to date information.

New Business:

- On Tuesday, 26 June, there will be a IDFG Communications Commissioners meeting at the WDC to talk about Volunteer Programs. Any Master Naturalists are welcome to come meet and participate in lunch (volunteers are needed to cook).
- The Farm Bureau will be at WDC on August 4th for a picnic.
- August 5th is Mark Taylor's Retirement party at the WDC.
- Next General Chapter meeting will be July 19th, 9:00am at the WDC.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

P.S. On Thursday, Jack Nisbet dropped by the WDC at the end of our work day and let us know that he will be bringing a tour of 45 from Spokane to the WDC on Thursday July 12th at approximately 10:00am. This will be one stop on their tour continuing on to Hope following the fur traders route. Any MN who wish to meet Jack and these visitors are encouraged to be there.