



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:06am by President Gail.

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

Secretary Report: Minutes of February 16, 2012, were accepted and approved, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website.

Treasurer Report: There is \$951.45 in bank checking account. Checks have been written to reserve Oden Hall - \$50 rent and 200 deposit; Clark Fork Senior Center - \$75 and \$50 deposit. Checks to Jan (awards) and Gail (banner reimbursement) have also been written but have not cleared. Graduate fees of \$5/each, Student fees for 2012 of \$10/each, and printing fees for course books \$17/each, are due to Sara by 6/30/2012. Total will be offset by \$300 Grant from IDFG. A spreadsheet will be created to track Grant costs separately from Chapter funds. A full copy of 2012 budget will be sent to all board members and Pete. Report was accepted.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon

- 2012 ID MN Training syllabus was sent out to Chapter members, students and instructors earlier this week. The Pot-luck and kick-off meeting with both classes 5:00-8:30pm at Oden Hall Friday March 30 is in the final planning stages. Jack Nisbett will be keynote speaker Friday and on first class, Saturday March 31st.
- We currently have 12 signed up to take the 2012 Training.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave

- Grizzly Bear Study project leader will provide training in late May.
- Wolverine Project with FSPW – good Facebook page to see results, project is well funded and staffed.
- Dave and Cheryl met in regard to school field trips at the WDC. Some volunteers will be needed to back up and help teachers at each station. Derek explained his wetland station, talk about nature trail, trees, animals, biodiversity, etc. Please sign up and volunteer if you wish, contact Dave.
- Jon and Derek still need material for Tri-fold table top display at ID Forest Owners Assoc. 19-21 March, please send photos with captions in WORD by Saturday.
- Earth Day – Gail needs volunteers (Valle/Dave) for Sunday April 22, 1:00-4:00p at Charter School to sell blue bird nest boxes. Jan announced escorted Bay Trail walks on Earth Day.
- 17-18 May in Laclede, 5th graders at Riley Creek Campground, volunteers needed, contact Gail.
- If we want to man a fair booth in August, a \$75 deposit is required.
- Ag Week Booth, Fairgrounds, 8-12 May, no fee. A planning meeting will be held Tue 20 March, Denise will attend and make recommendation whether or not our Chapter should participate.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Send all newsletter articles in WORD to Valle (vallejoy@dishmail.net) and she will edit. Once articles are final, Lori will send on to Linda Kahn and Sara for inclusion in quarterly MN newsletter.
- Continue to send pictures with captions to Connie for inclusion on our Facebook page.
- Graduation and 2012 Class information will be included in next newsletter.
- March 18, Sunday at 10:00am there will be a presentation about native orchids at the Spokane South Side Senior Center.

Old Business:

- ID Wildlife Foundation has a new administration. Future grant applications will need to be more specific and project related to promote the Foundation. New grant proposals are due this summer and they will need work to make them acceptable if we wish to apply.
- Some of the money on the current grant can be reallocated, Pete would like ideas for their use vetted through him. For example, he is considering temporary structures for covered areas at WDC use that could be taken down and stored when not in use. They should blend into nature and perhaps use different wood for the poles, stand up to the wind, and be a visual barrier.
- Discussion of other grant purchases and ideas was held, perhaps a new sign could be erected at the intersection of 95 and Lakeshore with the WDC information.
- Jon is putting together a book order to the MT Press for our library and using Grant funds. He will send list to Pete who will place the order.
- Plan for WDC volunteer work, we have made 20 hour commitment, but how to do this is not clear. Perhaps IDFG will come up with a list of items that need volunteers instead of MN creating tasks to do? Discussed a one day trial summer Open House advertised for the public and staffed by MN volunteers to test and see if there is local interest.

New Business:

- The WDC will have lawn and grounds maintenance crews working Fridays starting in late March. Gail will meet with them and begin forming the plan for the native plant restoration around the pond. Volunteers will be needed for weeding, planting, maintenance, bring your own tools.
- Idaho Wildlife Summit is scheduled for 24-26 August, we may need representation at the meeting, some arrangements are being made for computer participation. Can be discussed this spring/summer.
- **The next meeting will be on Thursday April 19, 2012, 9:00am** at the Waterlife Discovery Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

3/31/12 Post Script: A letter of Appreciation from G. Kirk David was received by Jon Bair for his presentation and participation in the 2012 Family forest Landowners & Managers Conference & Exposition held in Moscow, ID. “Steering Committee appreciates your contribution to educating family forest landowners and managers about the opportunities and circumstances involved in successfully operating a working forest for the myriad benefits provided to humans, wildlife, and the future of our planet.”