



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by President Clem.

Members present: Pete, Valle, Selma, Derek, Don, Cheryl, Kirby, Dave P., Dennis, Phil, Clem, Lori, Gail (quorum of 6).
Visitors: Leslie, Jennifer, and Betsy.

Secretary Report: Minutes of January 10, 2012, Annual Meeting were approved (motion Cheryl, 2nd Valle) passed unanimously, they will be posted on our MN Chapter website. Please check for new announcements and calendar items on the Chapter website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>

Treasurer Report: There is \$1307 in bank account, all outstanding checks have been cashed and dues from 8 members deposited. Grant balance needs updating, but we are within \$50 of spending the funds (per Pete). There is a bit of shuffling to be done to account for dock.

Guest: Leslie Van Neil works for the IDFG on the Multi-Species Baseline Initiative, and is headquartered in the WDC, she attended to tell us about her needs for volunteers. She has work to do in several areas: assembling field kits; leaf litter sorting (looking for snails, slugs); crocheting or knitting yarn snails and slugs to give as door prizes and awards; donations of educational books for their library; sorting/labeling of photos. Also, spread the word to your friends and neighbors, if they come across a snail or slug, take a picture and go online to report the sighting. Contact Leslie at leslie.vanniel@idfg.idaho.gov.

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Karen (absent)

- Committee recommends that 2013 Classes should be organized and held. A motion to hold the classes was made by Valle and 2nd by Gail – passed unanimously. A discussion of fees ensued and it was decided to leave the nonrefundable fee at \$75 per student (motion Dennis, 2nd Dave). Committee will continue to meet regularly to put together the schedule, contact instructors, send out applications and press releases, etc.

Volunteer Services (Citizen Science/Public Outreach): Co-Chairs – Dave and Selma

- Many volunteers are needed for the recently funded Multi-Species Baseline Initiative, studying rare carnivores, amphibians, mollusks, snails, slugs, and beetles. Michael Lucid is looking for a few individuals to train in identification and classification of the areas common slugs/snails – no experience necessary. <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/baseline> 2) Clark Fork River Delta Restoration (Kathy Cousins) including monitoring vegetation, baseline study, planting during construction, documenting plantings, and more. 3) Rare plant surveys with Derek Antonelli – no funding for this activity, volunteers only.
- Volunteers for activities associated with WDC classroom field trips, working with Tom Whalen and Erin Mader – please contact Selma Bair who will be coordinating. There is a orientation scheduled for Feb 12, 9:00-noon at WDC. Field trips for school classes are scheduled for every week in May.
- Our facebook page is in need of an administrator.
- See attachment for full list of activities.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Library Presentations: February 9th – Michael Turnland will speak about Idaho Birds; March 9th – Derek Antonelli will speak about Hager Lake; and April 13th – Clem Yonker and Lori Getts will present their bluebird nest box and kokanee hatchery projects. There is a flyer in the Library and dates will be announced in the Bee and Sandpoint Online.
- Please submit articles or pictures for the next quarterly newsletter deadline March 30th .

Issues:

- Please pay yearly \$10 dues by May.
- 2012 Certifications – Volunteer and Training hours must be logged and counted by 30 March for annual certification. Sara uses a calendar year for her reporting, but we use a “fiscal year” for certification.
- New IFWF Grant proposal is due June 1, 2013. We have been asked by Idaho Trout Unlimited to team with them on a kiosk aimed at bull trout and native fish education. Dennis and Don will form committee to study how we can write proposal to leverage TU funding team together. A motion was made to create a Memorandum of Understanding between IDMN and Idaho TU (motion by Lori, 2nd by Dennis), passed unanimously.
- Next General Meeting will be held March 12 at 9:00am at the WDC.

Back Burner Issues:

- Open House at WDC this summer – needs, hours, sign ups to man
- Work crew at WDC on Wednesdays this spring/summer – per Pete.
- Earth Day in April

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

Library presentation Saturday February 9, North Idaho Birds, presented by Michael Turnland attracted 54 attendees. Nine signed our sheet asking for more MN information with 6 asked for 2012 Class Applications.