



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Clem.

Members present: Pete, Derek, Dave P., Dennis, Selma, Clem, Lori, Gail (quorum of 5).

Secretary Report: Minutes of February 10, 2013, General Meeting were approved (motion Dennis, 2nd Derek) 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 \$1437 in bank account, all outstanding checks have been cashed and dues from 21 members deposited. 2012 Taxes have been filed and accepted

Committees:

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

- The March 6th Citizen Science project planning meeting for the Clark Fork Delta held by Kathy Cousins was well attended by Master Naturalists. This is a long term project that is still being defined and many volunteers will be needed.
- On April 21st a flowering rush pull is being organized. (invasive aquatic weed) See our calendar or Sandpoint Online for more details.
- Several events will be taking place for the Multi Species Initiative, POC: Michael Lucid and Leslie VanNiel see the calendar for more details.
- Friends of Scotchman Peaks is looking for volunteers to help with invasive weed identification on trails.
- The Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape program needs volunteers for many different projects, plant surveys will begin in May.
- Selma is working with Erin Mader on the 3rd grade class field trips to WDC on Thursdays and Fridays in May, please contact her if you would like to help.

Training/Field trips: Chair – Karen (absent, report by Clem)

- 2013 Training Committee has met weekly to put together the class schedule. We currently have 7 applicants. (see addendum on page 2) Sara will print additional curriculum (ready for 3 ring binders) and burn CD's. Instructors have been scheduled and press releases have been arranged with the Bee, Sandpoint Online, and other newsletters. Brian Baxter will lead a Field Trip at Pack River/Trout Creek WMA on Sunday May 19 for a fee of \$200, a discount of \$100.

Communication: Chair – Valle (absent, report by Lori)

- Derek's Hager Lake presentation at the Library had about 17 attendees last Saturday. 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. If we have additional programs in the future, let's use the WDC instead of the Library.
- Please submit articles or pictures for the next quarterly newsletter deadline March 30th.

Issues:

- Environmental Non-Profits meeting on March 11 was very well attended. There is a lot of overlap between our missions and projects.
- Pete suggested that we should think about leveraging a visit by Jack Nisbet into an Open House event at the WDC. We could use the event for fund raising, public awareness, and promoting our volunteers. Maybe even do a kind of Faire – get someone to do a David Thompson reenactment; have booths or activities and advertise to public. Late Summer? This could lead into having the WDC open for public on regular basis this summer.
- Earth Day – 20 April, 11:00a-4:00p, Dennis will send out a request for volunteers to man the booth. A Motion to participate and reserve a booth space if we get enough volunteers was made and passed unanimously (Dennis moved, Clem 2nd) We can use our space to talk about MN projects and have some blue bird nest boxes for sale.
- 2012 Certifications – Volunteer and Training hours must be logged and counted by 30 March for annual certification.
- Discussed the need for a WDC coordinator, someone who can organize a committee to staff the WDC during open house, set a schedule, coordinate tasks.
- MOU with Trout Unlimited has been signed and their logo will be added to our brochure.
- Brochure needs updating to reflect who we are – not just how to join. We need to update pictures, add more about WDC and update text. Communication committee will take a look and start making changes.
- 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 and team together.
- Sara Focht (our state coordinator from Boise) will visit Sandpoint May 20-24. We will plan a get together, perhaps graduation for the 2012 Class.
- Next General Meeting will be held Tuesday April 9 at 9:00am at the WDC.

Back Burner Issues:

- Annual certification for all members - Volunteer and Training hours must be logged and counted by 30 March.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

As of the March 20 sign up deadline we have 17 applications for 2013 MN Classes. Registration is closed.