



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:15am by President Clem.

Present: Pete, Derek, Gail, Dave P., Lynette, Phil, John A., Karen, Clem, Hiroko, Lori and enforcement officers Tom and Dan.

Welcome and Happy New Year, we are looking forward to a great 2014.

Secretary - Motion by Gail (2nd Lynette) to accept Minutes from December – passed unanimously, they will be posted.

Treasurer Report – Dennis absent – checking account balance \$1823.21

Volunteer Committee – Dave P.

We had a good 2013 – winter will continue to be quiet.

The Clark Fork Delta Project with Kathy Cousins will be gearing up in 2014.

FSWP – there is opposition to creating a wilderness area – send your opinion to Congress.

Communication Committee – Lori

Winter newsletter contains article written by Gail B. It is available on web site.

Outreach – Lynette – spring school field trips planning is beginning, dates in May.

WDC Grounds – David Yeats is out of town January – snow removal in parking lot will be handled by Sewer/Water staff and ice melt for sidewalks will be provided by Pete.

Training Committee – Karen – submitted proposal from committee for 2014 Training (see attached). Flexibility is main concern. Core training of 40 hours with flexible electives. Motion (Gail/2nd Lori) to accept proposal and for Training Committee to go forward with plan for classes. Passed unanimously.

Pete remarks: suggests inviting Jack Nisbet again for an Open House this summer – as we did in 2013 – in conjunction with volunteer recognition. He also suggests we line up substitutes for some training instructors.

Summary of remarks by Conservation Officers Tom and Dan: they use the WDC building for work space (office/desk not needed, tables work fine) and Bonner County uses docks. WDC building space priority is educational. They prefer to have no permanent displays – all movable and storage friendly – and good quality. Past displays have been focused on fish and water quality. Over 1000 school children have come to WDC on Field trips. Teachers feedback is very positive. The building and grounds are used to teach about insects, plants, and fish with hands on activities. Storage is needed for supplies because enforcement shed is not a good storage alternative. The basement could be used if shelves are constructed and items can be off floor in case of flooding. (Pete confirmed that shelving will be available and all items should be stored in labeled plastic tubs. Also, it is very important to contact the office to schedule building 769-1414). Tom also mentioned that the building has been broken into at least 3 times over the years and it is good to have the MN presence. Officers also want to be able to use the WDC – it is ideal for preparing for warrants and interviewing persons of interest in enforcement operations. It is considered a strategic location and an enforcement education facility.

Pete remarked that the WDC is not advertised for use, but there will be public access from dock in future and enforcement boats are not encouraging to public use. The office is being sheet rocked and wall finished – painting next. The basement sump pump will begin next Friday and then basement will be cleaned and work will start on shelving. Work days will CDA crew will focus on interior and MNs will not be needed.

Clem suggested that a long term plan is needed with buy in from all users. Lets all work together and make WDC the best it can be! The Building Committee will continue to put plan together for space and displays.

Next meeting – Feb 11 9:00am (then March 11 and April 8)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10a

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

See attachment with training proposal.