



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes April 8, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by President Clem.

Present: Cheryl, Kirby, Dave P., Gail, Jenn, Dennis, Derek, John A., Kay, Pete, Clem, Karen, Lori (quorum 6)
Guest: Kate Walker kate.walker@idfg.idaho.gov (helping with Clark Fork Delta project)

Secretary report - Motion by Derek (2nd Kirby) to accept Minutes from March – passed unanimously, they will be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis, no spending so far in 2014, checking account balance \$1823.21 (\$1273 in General fund, \$550 in donations). Now collecting 2014 dues from current members. 2014 Student fees will be collected and expenses for new class will be paid. 2013 taxes have been filed and accepted.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- The Clark Fork Delta Restoration Project website is up and running. www.clarkforkdelta.org. (see additional info later in minutes)
- Water stewards introduction meeting on Saturday to talk about stream quality and observation monitoring (Apr 12 / May 3 at the Waterlife Discovery Center).
- FSWP – trail work will begin later in spring see website: <http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/>
- Earth Day activities are planned for several locations, see Sandpoint online or our calendar <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>
- SIDEBAR: we are covered through the IDFG in case of legal action against our non-profit – confirmed by Pete.

Lynette absent – Public Outreach

Communication Committee – Lori acting Chair

- Items have been submitted to Sara for the Spring newsletter. Sara will publish the hours for each state Chapter, the Pend Oreille Chapter is 2nd for hours logged – good job!

Training Committee – Karen

- 2014 classes begin this afternoon, and continue through May 18th with a final Field Trip to be lead by Derek and Jim Derrig (all MNs are invited to attend). More information about each class on calendar.
- We have ten applications, with 2 taking the Professional or Flexible Training Options.
- **April 29th class** will be about MN Chapter Projects Past and Future – our Board and Chapter members will talk about projects we have done and plan to do, the WDC, how we work with IDFG and other organizations. All Board Members are requested to take time to talk at this class. An agenda will be sent. (volunteered: Derek, Cheryl/Kirby, Dave, Gail, Dennis, Clem/Lori)
- Facilitators have been assigned – duties will be to open the building, greet the instructor and class,

help with sign-in and set up, Thank you notes/honorariums, clean up, and lock building.

- **Motion** by Gail to accept the Training Guidelines as outlined/written - 2nd Dennis – passed unanimously, they will be sent to Sara for inclusion on our website. (see attached)

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- Developing grant – but funding will not be available until August if we apply/win. Can match volunteer hours “in kind” for \$. List of budget items would include: monitors, chain saw sculpture, lighted sign, office equipment.
- Would like to plan for WDC to be open 1-2 days per week for 10 weeks in the summer on a regular schedule with 2 volunteers present and advertised to the public. Developing schedule.

Issues:

Pete – Volunteer recognition and MN graduation on Friday, May 30th 4:00-8:00pm at WDC. Food will be provided by the IDFG. Bring chairs and a beverage.

Final work on office in WDC will take place in May. The basement has been cleaned out and is dry, the pump is working, but there still may be some drainage issues. Shelving will be installed in basement to keep all items off floor. All items to be stored must be contained in plastic boxes to avoid damage by bats or rodents. Tables and chairs can be stored in Hatchery building. Parking may be expanded if buildings are removed. IDFG may be trimming 16-17 positions by July 1st. Budget is shrinking. Wayne W. has been promoted to Regional Director and moving to CDA. Barbara Moore is now the regional biologist.

Work days will begin for season in late April or May, will be on Wednesdays until Field Trip visits are over. See calendar for schedule. The rock berms and black plastic on the east side of the pond will be removed and planted with grass.

Clark Fork Delta Project - Kate and Derek are leading the vegetative team (plantings), John Albi is chair of photography. Surveys will begin in summer of 2014. Planning continues until the contracts are signed – early June. Should we write this up as a Citizen Science project to quantify our involvement and become an Affiliate/Sponsor? After discussion, it was decided a Project form will not be needed – this is an official project sponsored by IDFG – so all MN hours automatically qualify. We will discuss with Kathy/Derek getting on the list of Sponsors.

Next meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 9:00am at WDC

Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

The 2014 Class members are: Bonnie Jakubos, Rob Lilley, Kath O'siggins, Becky Reynolds, Lea Sammons, Denise Stouvenel, Gail Swan, Mary Wells, and Cindy Wolcott. Betsy Hull is joining as a Professional member.

April 29th overview of past, present, and future Chapter projects was a success! Thanks to all who participated.