



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes May 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Clem.

Present: Phil, Cheryl, Kirby, Dave P., Dennis, John A., Pete, Kath, Clem, Lori

Secretary report - Motion by Dennis (2nd Dave) to accept April Minutes – passed unanimously, they will be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis – Balance \$1418 General Fund / \$550 Donations. Income of new class fees = \$720, current member dues = \$230 for total of \$950. Expenses of \$804 total (\$790 for new class). We should break even on the income/expenses for new class and have a few binders left over for next year. Fish feeder income to be counted and deposited. We owe \$92 for post office box rental.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- FSWP – offering Wilderness First Aid class 16-18 May, and Star Peak Trail work day June 7. see website: <http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org/>
- Arbor Day activities are planned at Memorial Field on June 7, 9:00-1:00.
- A botany/wildflower hike with Brian Baxter is scheduled for June 14, contact b_baxter53@yahoo.com or check the Scotchman webpage to sign up and for directions.
- IDAH2O Spring Snapshot - Sign up by Tuesday May 20 at www.uidaho.edu/cda/idah2o/specialevents or contact Marie Pengilly, Volunteer Coordinator, 208-292-2540 or mpengilly@uidaho.edu

Lynette absent – Public Outreach

Communication Committee – Lori acting Chair

- Newsletter items due to Boise (Sara Focht) by 15 July.

Training Committee – Karen (absent)

- Comments from Kath O'Siggins – 2014 Class member: Training is good – some comments/suggestions: would like more hands on and outside classes / apply lessons to real world. Perhaps assigning a WDC project for the class to do while taking the classes would promote involvement.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- Working hard on finalizing grant before May 30 due date. Expecting a letter of support from Chip Corsi, IDFG. Budget justified for \$5000 limit. This grant funding would allow a Phase I effort – just to get things started in developing ideas and the planning for full fledged kiosks and educational displays down the road. The whole development plan could span several years and \$25K+.
- Current goal is to get ready for opening to public and MN on Duty volunteer dates this summer – see

sign up sheet for dates

- Audio/Visual installer has met with McKees and may be willing to volunteer time to set up system (computers/interactive kiosks).
- Kath is willing to assist in developing information/postings to help volunteers at WDC assist public with questions.

Issues:

Pete – Work days in May are Wednesday 9:00-noon, in June on Fridays. Currently have heavy equipment working on east side rock berm removal, then grass will be planted. Parking will be expanded and the building next to fish raceway is being evaluated – it may be removed. MBI trailers will be moved in June and a new Mollusk Study trailer will be parked here in June-July. Dock has some winter damage that will be evaluated and fixed. Sheriff/enforcement boat will be docked elsewhere to make more room for public use.

Volunteer recognition and MN graduation on Friday, May 30th 4:00-8:00pm at WDC. Jack Nisbett will deliver address after recognition events and graduation. Food will be provided by the IDFG. Bring chairs and a beverage. New class will receive name badges and hats, 2013 certified members will receive certificates and pins.

Betsy Hull has withdrawn from the MN 2014 Class, but she will be available for speaking or leading a field trip.

Dues: most members have paid dues, we will send another reminder, then contact members to be sure they would like to continue getting e-mails.

Next meetings – Tuesday, JUNE 17TH, (the 3rd Tuesday just this month) 9:00am at WDC

Tuesday July 8, 2014

Tuesday August 12, 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 10.35 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

The volunteer recognition event on 30 May was well attended, thank you everyone for your participation. The certification pins for all members who qualified in 2013 were backordered and will be awarded when we receive them from Sara.