



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014

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

Present: Gail, Phil, Kath, Lynette, Cheryl, Kirby, Dennis, John A., Pete, Clem, Lori

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

Treasurer report – Dennis – Total Balance \$1968 – May income \$50.70 and expenses of approx \$180, leaving \$1823 with an outstanding check of \$16. Donation fund is \$550 and General fund is \$1273. Income of new class fees = \$720, expenses totaled \$877 with some extra binders in storage already paid for. Current member dues = \$240 will be used for miscellaneous expenses to maintain our membership. Dennis will contact individuals yet to pay and report on their wishes. Fish feeder income/donations to be accounted for separately.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science – absent

- Round Lake has put out call for volunteers to help with presentations to campers this summer. See our website for more information and contacts.

Lynette – Public Outreach

- Four MN volunteers needed at WDC June 27th 9-11am before she can confirm with special needs school group – nature hike, macro-invertebrates, other stations.
- Remark by Pete – do not encourage groups with special needs or mobility issues to go to the dock area until safety rails are in place. Be attentive and collect remarks, critiques from groups and pass on to IDFG.

Communication Committee – Lori acting Chair

- Newsletter items due by 1 July. Gail will send photos of MNs at the Volunteer recognition event.

Training Committee – Karen (absent)

- no report

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- Options for facility use can be flexible, outside, board room, main room. Restroom can be opened from outside. Request for Board room/meeting table to make room more accommodating.
- Grant – if we get the funding and have equipment that is valuable and should be locked, we will need to control access more. The closet will be emptied and used for storage. Electrical outlet may be needed on east wall for TV mount.
- Recommend a Board Policy to encourage each member to put in 12 hours per year for staffing Naturalist

on Duty. It is an evolving concept – there are many considerations and stakeholders: members, public, IDFG, other organization who use the WDC Building and Grounds. This may not be well understood by the new class members. We want to be versatile, make other area information available, use the Chamber of Commerce, have maps and sell bird nest boxes.

- Committee will meet again this week.
- A filing cabinet has been cleaned for MN use. We can use for all our paperwork and brochures.

WDC Grounds – Gail

- DEQ will be visiting grounds on 27 June to evaluate demo site for erosion control.

Issues:

Pete

> The WDC basement may have someone (MBI interns?) sleeping there (mattresses) Pete will address with Michael Lucid. > The calendar/schedule for the WDC is done in CDA office. We will need to block schedule well in advance as the current “first come, first serve” does not give MN preference. We will want to get our dates for 2015 in place by fall of 2014. Some groups are grandfathered into the schedule (such as the Sewer Board). > Time tracking for all volunteers is being standardized/consolidated at the State level, we will be kept in the loop about changes. > Interior paint will be done in board room soon. > Pete has a hand truck for moving tables and chairs into storage in fish hatchery building, he will also bring some more tables.

Porta-potty has been removed from grounds now that school field trips are finished. Dennis will arrange another for the summer and have it billed to IDFG (per Pete).

Next meetings – Tuesday, JULY 8TH, 9:00am at WDC
Tuesday August 12, 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 10.35 am
Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum: