



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes July 8, 2014

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

Present: Gail, Dennis, Dave, John A., Pete, Clem, Lori

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

Treasurer report – Dennis – Total Balance \$1844 – fish feeder collected \$27.25 and \$10 in member dues. General fund \$1144 and Donation fund \$700.

Dennis has received feedback from those not paying dues: please remove Foster and Hermie Cline, and Mary Pandrea from e-mail lists.

Motion to allocate \$100 for WDC Bldg educational costs was made by Gail, 2nd by Dennis – passed unanimously. Cheryl and Kirby will be in charge and will present receipts for expenses.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape projects – checking and spraying for noxious weeds on trails will continue in July and August. Stream restoration plans are delayed. Whitebark pine surveys in September.
- Watch for 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act activities through the season (Bull Lake in July)
- Idaho Trails Association is planning work day at Grouse Creek on July 9.

Lynette – Public Outreach - absent

Communication Committee – Lori acting Chair

- Items were submitted to Sara for summer newsletter.
- Will submit to Sandpoint Online announcement for Naturalist on Duty dates this summer.
- Calendar and Announcements on our website are updated regularly - <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>

Training Committee – Karen (absent)

- Karen is still listed as chair for this committee – unknown if she will continue, she has not resigned.
- Purpose for now is to keep MN in public eye for future recruitment. Unsure if new class will be held in spring – maybe skip a year? Discuss again in fall/winter.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby (absent)

- Naturalist on Duty schedule is posted on our website and on the calendar.

WDC Grounds – Gail

- Watering and reseeding continue – east side has had rock berm removed by work crew – really helps to keep the weeds down. Plants have been marked, trail may need more weed trimming.

Issues:

- Last month there was a discussion about requiring **volunteer hours at the WDC** – in the January 2012 minutes it is documented that a motion recommended 20 hours per member be devoted to the interior and grounds of the WDC on whatever volunteer activity the member chose. We will need make the members aware of this recommendation.
- **Elections** will be held at end of this year – if you are in an elected position, please look for your successor – talk to other members who may be willing to serve on the Board.
- Only a few Bluebird boxes remain and can still be sold to public. Some kestrel nest boxes are still available as well.
- **Bonner County Fair** – discussion about a booth – since Native Plant is not doing a booth we can share this year, and it is difficult to find volunteers to man booth for all the hours necessary, the consensus is to not have our own booth. Lori will check with Oz Osborne of the Lehman Wildlife Education Center to see if they would need MN volunteers.

Pete

- Will bring grass seed next work day (July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd)
- Porta potty will remain during summer
- Gravel will be spread over parking area
- IFFWF will hold a 1:00pm meeting at WDC on August 16th. The IDFG and MN's will present to them for approx 30 minutes – History, property and volunteer support, Grant application request and interior educational display development. Any MN's who participate in this meeting please be at WDC 11:30am, Pete will provide lunch for volunteers (IFFWF will separately have lunch).
- Still working on long term plan for WDC – signs on highway and dock, sheriff boat docked elsewhere, advertizing.

Next meetings – Tuesday, August 12TH, 9:00am at WDC
Tuesday September 9; and Tuesday October 14th.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

Naturalist on Duty is going very well. Thanks to everyone who is participating in this project!