



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by President Clem

Present: Gail B., Gail S., John A., Dave P., Dennis, Kirby, Cheryl, Phil D., Mary Wells, Derek, Mary Haley, Clem, Lori.

Secretary report: Minutes reviewed and motion (Dennis/ 2nd by Gail) to accept was passed unanimously.

Treasurer report – Dennis – February income of \$20 dues paid and expenses of \$50 for speaker at KNPS meeting (There were 121 attendees and 24 signed our MN Interest sheet). Balance of General Fund \$1026 of which \$100 is allocated, Donation Fund balance is \$760 of which \$500 is allocated. Form 990-N was filed and accepted by IRS on 3/3/15.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Citizen Science (Dave) –

- IDAH2O – Master Water Stewards will be holding a Sandpoint training May 30, see Calendar for detail.
- Idaho Trails Association will be working on English Point Trail in the CDA Forest 8:00am on March 28, see Calendar.
- FSWP will be working on the Lower Scotchman Peak Trail, sign up on their website.

Outreach (Lynette)

- School field trips are scheduled for May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29. Additional volunteers are needed on May 1st and 8th. Please contact Lynette 627-2489.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl

- Receipts passed to Dennis for recent expenses against Grant monies. WDC Work Days scheduled for Thursday March 12th, 19th and 26th. Can use help cleaning, painting, putting up lights and blinds, building cabin wall.
- Naturalist on Duty (NOD) training will be in May, please contact Cheryl if you are interested to sign up for dates in June, July, and August.
- Vests for volunteers with patches or embroidery with emblem are being researched.

Communications – Bonnie (absent)

- Gail is updating Facebook and will write a paragraph for Newsletter about Jack Nisbet presentation.

Training Committee – John

- Collecting and organizing past information. Message has been sent to prospective students (40!) 2 responses positive and 2 undeliverable. Message going out to Instructors to update them on our plans.

WDC Grounds – Gail Bolin

- Will fix plant cages and stakes once thaw is complete.
- Ken sprayed the weeds last year and is willing to return and help with more spraying. We have thanked him for his efforts.

Pete Gardner

- Current pamphlet is confusing – We are Pend Oreille Chapter, located in Sandpoint, the WDC is in Sagle, would be nice to be consistent.
- Bird nest boxes are in the garage and can be sold.
- Work days with CDA volunteers will begin in mid April on Wednesdays, then on Fridays in June.
- Cross walk caution signs should be used only when needed, to get to forest trail across the street. Perhaps flags should be available for use when crossing?
- Still working on upgrade to highway sign and would like signs on the trail upgraded at the same time.
- There will not be any other IDFG staff or temps using the hatchery grounds or buildings this summer, Mike Lucid is being encouraged to move to a WMA.
- There may be some eagle scout projects (supervised by Lynette) this summer. (Dan Healy is available to volunteer – comment from Mary Healy) Pete needs to be kept in loop on projects.
- Pete attended a Backcountry Hunters and Anglers Association program. They are very vocal about protecting lands. At next volunteer recognition he would like MN reps and several speakers, at the CDA IDFG facility. It will be planned for this spring, before June.
- Pete will talk to Jack Nisbet about his interest in giving a series of lectures in Sandpoint that we could invite the public and MN's to attend, we would have to charge a fee to offset the expense.

Other Items of Discussion

A call was received at IDFG switchboard from a school teacher in Post Falls, call was referred to Lori Getts, who referred teacher back to IDFG and Lynette. The WDC building can only be reserved/scheduled through the IDFG CDA office, but volunteers to assist teachers will be coordinated through Lynette. In the future, maybe those volunteers associated with Naturalist on Duty would be called upon to assist teachers/students.

Dennis asked about confusion with the MN yearly cycles. Dues are collected and effective April; Hours are summed in 12 months beginning April, ending March for certification; Sarah collects hours for reporting annually ending Dec 31 for IDFG. MN Annual meeting is in January. Would there be an effective way to coordinate all our cycles? The Annual meeting can be determined by the Board. Hours can be counted very flexibly. **A motion to coordinate our year-end and calendar year to be January to December was made by Cheryl (2nd by Mary), Motion passed.**

When logging your hours there is now a drop down menu for the Organization hours were worked for, and a Subcategory for any IDFG hours worked. If you have additional subcategories, please let Gail B. know.

Upcoming Events (please check the website calendar for current events):

- March 28, 9:45am at the Sandpoint Community Center KNPS and our Chapter will host 2 members of the Kootenai Native Plant Society speaking about blue camas.
- Next Board Meeting April 14th at 1:00pm at WDC.
- Sip and Shop at PO Winery for KLT on April 14th 5:00pm.
- Bear program at KNWR 4/17/15 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 2:34pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary