



## *Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter*

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### Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Clem

Present: Phil, Dave, Becky, Mary W, Cindy W., Dennis, Pete, Gail S., Gail B., Clem, & Lori, Guest: Beth P.

Secretary report: N/A

Treasurer report: January Annual Meeting lunch – 24 members and 7 guests – spent \$238. Balance of account \$2308, \$729 in donation fund. 25 Members have paid 2016 dues. The IRS form 990N was filed and accepted by the IRS for the Chapter 2015 tax year.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Volunteer Citizen Science (Dave)

- FSWP will have new trail work this spring. See website for all projects and activities.
- Dave will reasearch a group project for 2016.

##### Outreach (Lynette - absent)

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##### WDC Building Committee – Cheryl (absent – reported w/e-mail)

- Finishing up the Grant – most of the funds have been spent.

Communications – Cindy Wolcott has volunteered to Chair this Committee

##### Training Committee – Mary absent

- Discussed Training classes, maybe collaborate with CDA new chapter, or skip a year, or offer online options?

##### WDC Grounds – Gail Bolin

- waiting for spring

##### Pete Gardner

- Has anyone seen/spoken to Valle? Should we send a letter/note or ask if she needs ride to meeting.
- Pete will attend CDA Audubon meeting tonight
- WDC grounds projects will continue this spring. Trees, hatchery building, bats, etc.
- Last Friday over 600 nest boxes were constructed during volunteer nest box building day.
- Do we have any new Grant requests from IDFWF? Needs or Ideas?
- In regard to volunteer recognition, Pete will do this, but the Chapter will handle the costs (Pete will contribute to Chapter)

##### Other Items of Discussion

- Beth P. - spends much of her time at the CDA Wildlife Building at the Fairgrounds. She would like to see a MN

Chapter in CDA. This Chapter would focus on training and public education/outreach. There are several interested potential students in the CDA region. Training could be networked between both CDA and Sandpoint. There is concern about Volunteers vs Education experience – how do we keep new members engaged with continuing volunteer work?

- The Annual Meeting was terrific! Thank you Cindy for organizing with Tango.
- Future project – update WDC brochure.

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

- **Next Board Meeting Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**
- Backyard bird count – sign up at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org)
- Update your Volunteer Hours – if you need help or your username/password, contact Lori 265-0634

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary