



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm by President Clem

Present: Phil, Dennis, Dave, Brita, Kathy G., Mary H., Cheryl, Kirby, Gail S., Janae, Lynette, Clem, & Lori

Secretary report: Minutes were sent in advance of meeting. Cheryl moved to accept, Dennis 2nd. Minutes will be posted.

Treasurer report: Dennis – received \$30 in Dues, expenses \$20. General Fund \$1619 – Donation Fund \$729.

Last year 40 members paid dues, so far this year 30 have paid. IRS 990M has been filed and accepted. See below for remarks regarding WDC budget request.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Citizen Science (Dave)

- Friends of Scotchman Peaks will be doing more trail work this year – check website for info.
- Milkweed surveys this year sponsored by IDFG (Derek)
- Bee houses project? Make pollinator houses for mason bees.
- Bio-Blitz with Land Trust in May – see website

Outreach (Lynette)

- School field trips to WDC in May, lead by Tom Whalen
- Water festival May 19-20, waterfestival.bonner@gmail.com, Gail Bolin 627-3292

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl

- Earth Day – April 22nd - Clean Up the WDC Day with pizza lunch
- NOD Training Day scheduled for May 19th 10:00-12:00 for all Naturalists on Duty this summer. John Rankin will give presentation about fish hatchery history and fish runs.
- WDC Open House June 18th 1:00-4:00pm. Watch for article in the CO-OP newsletter.
- Discussion of Request for an annual WDC budget. Future plans include: painting a background wall, soft chairs, lighted drawers in cabin display, picture frames, paper, cardstock, signage, and refreshments. Discussion of our Chapter budget ensued and all present participated. Do we need an annual budget? Should we be proactive or reactive? We are not a money making or fund raising organization. Should Chapter dues be increased to fund projects? Should only Donations be used for projects?
 - A Motion (Mary / 2nd by Lynette) was made to have each Committee Chair send anticipated income/expenses information to Dennis so he can put together a simple annual budget. Motion passed.

Communications – Cindy Wolcott absent

Training Committee – Mary

- no report

WDC Grounds – Gail Bolin absent

Pete Gardner - absent

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Other Items of Discussion

- BioBlitz – Kanisku Land Trust still needs volunteers for 20-21 May at the U of I property on N Boyer. Details at <http://kaniksulandtrust.org/klt-2016-bio-blitz/>
- Brita Olson is a member of the Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group and is doing revegetation work along the Bull River on Highway 56. Her group is sponsoring 2 workshops on May 7th and 14th at the East Fork Bull River Rd Historic Guard Station, milepost 10 on highway 56. Start time is 9:00am MT (8:00 am PT)
- Dan Haley has a new job evaluating sensitive environmental emergency response for the train/railroad in case of a spill or derailment. If you would like to discuss special sensitive areas near the tracks, such as wetlands, waterfowl useage, lake crossings, etc., contact Dan.

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

- **Next Board Meeting Tuesday May 10th at 1:00pm**
- Please note Calendar items on website for May-June
- Update your Volunteer Hours – if you need help or your username/password, contact Lori 265-0634

Meeting adjourned 3:05pm

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary