Chapter Meeting Minutes

Boone’s Lick Chapter

Missouri Master Naturalists

February 12, 2015 @ 6:30pm

MU Extension Office

PROGRAM: Using Assessments to Plan & Carry Out Programs, presented by Dr. Jan Weaver, Executive Director of the Missouri Environmental Education Association.

This program has been approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training. Members count 1 hour of Advanced Training in addition to 1 hour of service plus travel time. Advanced Training does not require a timesheet code. The timesheet code for service/travel time is ADM.

BUSINESS MEETING:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) The new training class will begin training on March 3rd at the Family Impact Center in Columbia. The class is full = 25 students.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Photos: Chris Egbert (Public Relations Committee)
The Public Relations Committee would like to update the pictures that we use in the displays we take to events (e.g., Earth Day, Southfarm Showcase). Many of our display materials are outdated. If you have any pictures of Master Naturalist events and members, please share them with us! You can email pictures to MMNPublicRelations@gmail.com, or bring them to a future chapter meeting and we can scan them and return them to you.

2) Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count (February 13th to 16th). Attend the Backyard Bird Feeder Crawl on February 14th at 8am, meet at Songbird Station.

3) MMN Dinner Sets: Because using disposable plates/cups/utensils/paper napkins is uncool to the environment, and because we no longer provide disposable materials at our meetings, the Training Committee would like to purchase dinner sets to give to the new training class for free, and they would like to sell them to the rest of us. The set would come in a tote bag with the MMN Logo, and would include a steel dinner plate and utensils, a mug with the MMN logo, and a handkerchief for a napkin. The motion to approve this was made by Carolyn Doyle and seconded by Meredith Donaldson.

4) Roxie Campbell (Rock Bridge Memorial State Park) says that the Department of Natural Resources has declared 2015 as the “Year of the Water”. The Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park would like to help
sponsor a festival to happen at RBMSP (at the end of June or early July) that would include hikes, DNR water monitoring projects, and other activities for all ages. They are looking for additional sponsors for the event, and they will need many volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Roxie if you would like to help: roxie.campbell@dnr.mo.gov

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Phebe McCutcheon, MMNTreasurer@gmail.com
No report.

Advanced Training Committee: Linda Karns, MMNVicePres@gmail.com
To find out if an event has been approved to count for Advanced Training, please check the chapter calendar on our website: http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mncalendar.aspx
If you would like to request an event to be approved as Advanced Training, please complete an Advanced Training Approval Form in advance, you can find the form at this link: http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/mnadvtraining.aspx

Upcoming Advanced Training Opportunities include:
- Bluebird Seminar on Saturday February 14th from 1-2pm at Songbird Station.

Training Committee: Suzanne Wright, frontdesk@pwarchitects.com
No report.

Project Approval/Volunteer Opportunities Committee (Members are Kay Conklin, Chris Egbert, and Phil Knocke): Phil Knocke, MMNVolOpps@gmail.com

Phil announced the names of members that received initial certification, re-certification, and volunteer hour milestones in 2014:
- Thirteen members achieved initial certification: Laurie Bobbitt, John Brinkman, Jill Edwards, Judy McKinnon, Donald Mueller, Sarah Myers, Dennis O’Brien, Tamara Oberbeck, Clinton Prenger, Tracey Prenger, Sonya Tomes, Mary Waters, and Marlene Willick.
- Four of those members not only certified, but were re-certified in 2014: Jill Edwards, Sonya Tomes, Mary Waters, and Marlene Willick.
- A total of thirty-five members were re-certified in 2014: Stacy Barr, Nancy Bedan, Matt Boehner, Becky Bohlmeyer, Patti Brown, Kay Conklin, Meredith Donaldson, Jill Edwards, Chris Egbert, Louise Flenner, Jane Fore, David French, Cheryl Hardy, Catherine Harris, Jackie Harris, Linda Karns, Phil Knocke, Janet Lindstrom, Jan Martin, Phebe McCutcheon, Pat McDonald, Jim Meili, Gerald Meyr, Joy Rushing, Robbie Scholes, Jeanie Scott-Pillen, Sally Swanson, Laura Sweets, Sonya Tomes, Mary Waters, Carol Weston, Kenneth Weston, Mary Todd Williamson, Marlene Willick, and Emily Wilson.
- Six members reached the 250 volunteer hours milestone: Stacy Barr, Patti Brown, Jan Martin, Jeanie Scott-Pillen, Kenneth Weston, and Marlene Willick.
- One member reached the 500 volunteer hours milestone: Becky Bohlmeyer.
- Congratulations to all who achieved certification, re-certification, and volunteer hour milestones in 2014!
- Members that turned in their 2014 timesheets before December 31st were entered into a drawing to win a cool oil lamp made out of a gourd, created by our own Chris Egbert (Class of 2009). The lucky winner was Gerald Myer!
- If you still need to complete your 2014 timesheet, please do so!
Phil mentioned some upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Woodcock Survey will take place on Friday February 20th from 6-7pm (timesheet code RBMSP)
- There will be a butterfly count in April, more information to come later.

**Public Relations Committee** (Members are Chris Egbert, Jill Edwards, Carolyn Doyle and Carolyn Flynn): Chris Egbert, [MMNPublicRelations@gmail.com](mailto:MMNPublicRelations@gmail.com)
Carolyn Doyle has volunteered to join this four-person committee. Welcome aboard!

**Hospitality**: Sally Swanson, [embroiderit@socket.net](mailto:embroiderit@socket.net)
No report.

**NEXT MEETING**: Thursday March 12th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office

**In attendance (28):**
Bedan, Nancy; Bergen, Christi; Bobbitt, Laurie; Bohlmeyer, Becky; Conklin, Kay; Donaldson, Meredith; Doyle, Carolyn; Edwards, Jill; Egbert, Chris; Flynn, Carolyn; Hansen, Bonnie; Hardy, Cheryl; Harris, Jackie; Hazelwood, Susan; Jones, Bruce; Knocke, Phil; Lindstrom, Janet; Martin, Jan; McCutcheon, Phebe; McCutcheon, Tom; McDonald, Pat; Meili, Jim; Meyr, Gerald; Mueller, Donald; Scott-Pillen, Jeanie; Sweets, Laura; Tomes, Sonya; Wilson, Emily

**MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**
Jill Edwards, Secretary, Boone’s Lick Chapter  2/16/15