Chapter Meeting Minutes
Boone’s Lick Chapter
Missouri Master Naturalists
March 12, 2015 @ 6:30pm
MU Extension Office

PROGRAM: The Eclipse of a Generation: The Total Solar Eclipse on 8/21/17 at 1:12pm, presented by Dr. Angela Speck, Astrophysicist and Director of Astronomy in the Physics Department at the University of Missouri.

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) Legislative Updates
Robbie will be sending an email with updates about the MDC-related legislative issues that will be decided in the upcoming April 7th election. Some good news about the MDC Conservation Commission: David Murphy has been confirmed as the Vice Chair – he has been the director of the Conservation Federation of Missouri and is a major supporter of conservation efforts.

2) MMN Dinner Sets
Sally Swanson showed us a sample of the Dinner Sets we are providing to our 26 new training class members for free, and selling to current members for $30. The set will contain a tote bag with the MMN logo, a steel plate and utensils, a mug with the MMN logo, and a handkerchief to use as a napkin. We will have a set to display on our table at the Advanced Training Conference in May. We can also consider selling the sets when we have booths at events (e.g., Earth Day). If you are interested in purchasing a Dinner Set, please bring a check for $30 made out to “Boone County Extension” to our next chapter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Advanced Training Conference Lodging
Registration is now open for the Advanced Training Conference in Springfield (May 1st to 3rd). As of now, there are no rooms available at the Ramada Plaza Hotel at the Oasis Conference Center site, but more rooms may become available on March 28th. However, there are rooms available at nearby hotels (Comfort Inn, Drury Inn, Hampton Inn, and Holiday Inn).

2) Meeting Agenda
Robbie suggested that we no longer provide printed copies of our meeting agendas each month in order to save trees. Instead, she can send out the meeting agenda via email to the group before our meetings, and anyone that would like to print it out and bring it can do so. We will also see if we can use the projector to display the agenda during our meetings. The motion was made and seconded, so from now on we will not provide copies of the agenda for future meetings.

3) Chapter Directory
Robbie suggested that we create a Chapter Directory that includes pictures of members along with a short description of interests/hobbies/etc. Currently, there is an outdated Membership Roster from 11/21/2013 in the “Members ONLY” section on our website (http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/blcmemberinfo.aspx), so we could create a new version and post it on the site so that ONLY members can access it. Some members are worried that posting their email address in the directory might mean they will receive spam emails, but if we keep the directory in the “members only” section of our website, and remind everyone to only send MMN-related information when emailing members, it would be okay. Robbie and Jill will work on a template for the directory, and share it with the group at our next meeting for further discussion.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Phebe McCutcheon, MMNTreasurer@gmail.com
We have $2,081 in our account.

Advanced Training Committee: Linda Karns, MMNATrain@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

Linda shared some upcoming Advanced Training Opportunities:

- Bluebird Seminar on Saturday February 14th from 1-2pm at Songbird Station.
- Spiders! March 9th and 16th from 12pm to 1:30pm at the Moss Building, Hillcrest Drive
- Learning About Birds by Ear: March 22nd at 2pm at Songbird Station.
- Chip Taylor Lecture: Thursday April 23rd at 6pm in 22 Tate Hall

Reminder: March 28th is Earth Hour from 8:30-9:30pm, Learn more here: https://www.earthhour.org/

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 hour milestone: Stacy Barr, Patti Brown, Jan Martin, Jeanie Scott-Pillen, Kenneth Weston, and Marlene Willick.
- One member reached the 500 volunteer hour 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
We will have a booth at Earth Day on Sunday April 19th. Our focus this year will be the Pallid Sturgeon. We would like to purchase a poster display stand that we can use for MMN events. It would cost around $300. Motion was made and seconded to approve this purchase.

Hospitality: Sally Swanson, embroiderit@socket.net
No report.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 9th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office

In attendance (36):
Barr, Stacy; Bergin, Christi; Bergin, David; Bobbitt, Laurie; Boehner, Matt; Bohlmeyer, Becky; Brinkman, Barbara; Brinkman, John; Conklin, Kay; Doyle, Carolyn; Egbert, Chris; Flynn, Carolyn; Garrett, Betsy; Harris, Jackie; Jones, Bruce; Karns, Linda; Lindstrom, Janet; Martin, Jan; McCutcheon, Phebe; McCutcheon, Tom; Meili, Brendon; Meili, Jim; Meyr, Gerald; Mueller, Don; Neuschafer, Joy; O'Brien, Dennis; Osbourne, Janeen; Remelika, Corinne; Scholes, Robbie; Scott-Pillen, Jeanie; Swanson, Bobb; Swanson, Sally; Tomes, Sonya; Willick, Marlene; Wilson, Emily

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Jill Edwards, Secretary, Boone’s Lick Chapter 3/15/15