Boone’s Lick Chapter Meeting Minutes

11/10/2016

6:15 p.m.  Arrival and sign-in.  Attendance: 35 souls.

6:30 p.m.  Overview of Climate Change: Causes, Trends, Impacts and Solutions
Presented by Carolyn Amparan - Climate Leader with the Climate Reality Project, a founding member of the Columbia Chapter of Citizen’s Climate Lobby, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Osage Group of the Sierra Club and Vice Chair of the Missouri Chapter of the Sierra Club.

7:30 p.m.  Business Meeting

New Business:

1. **Drink dispensers for Extension Council:** Becky Bohlmeyer introduced a motion that our chapter purchase three drink dispensers for use by the Extension Council and our group. The Extension budget has been cut in the last few years, so this purchase will help them serve drinks during their annual meeting, plus our chapter can use them too! Cost would be $20 for each, so $60 total. Emily Wilson seconded. The Extension gets 3 new drink dispensers, hurrah!

2. **New officers:** We will vote for new chapter officers at our December meeting/potluck (Thursday Dec 8th). Please check out the officer responsibilities shared in the November Dragonflyer, and consider being a chapter officer. Feel free to contact any of the current officers to inquire about their duties.

3. **Let’s Have a Silent Auction at our December potluck/meeting!** Last year we made about $700 for the Extension. Let’s make even more this time! Contact Sally Swanson or Suzanne Wright with questions.

4. **We need PICTURES for our December Meeting Slideshow!** If you took pics at any of our events this year OR when you were completing your service hours, please send them to Robbie Scholes: MMNblpresident@gmail.com

Old Business:

1. **Affiliation with Conservation Federation of Missouri** – waiting response from Syd, but if she says it’s cool, we are going to join. There is an overall fee, plus $1 per active member.
2. **Chapter Stream Team:** Chris Egbert is coordinating our chapter Stream Team. He met with Roxie Campbell (Rock Bridge Memorial State Park) about picking a stream. Our team will monitor a section of Gans Creek, located at the Gans Creek and park trailhead location in Rock Bridge Memorial State Park. Around 12 chapter members participated. Thanks to everyone for their help! Chris is working with Amy Meier to have Stream Team training for our chapter. Please let Chris know if you would like to participate in future events. NOTE: Roxie has suggestions for other stream monitoring locations if you have completed or plan to complete Water Quality Monitoring Training Level 1 or 2.

3. **Collection of milkweed seed (Stacy Barr):** If you have milkweed seeds/pods to donate, please bring them to the December meeting. MDC appreciates it! Sally Swanson provided some tips to separate the fluff from the milkweed seed – FIRE! You can put the fluff in a small metal can and light with a match.

4. **Chapter directory:** Robbie will bring a draft of the directory to our December meeting.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer: Phebe McCutcheon:** We have $1912.97 in our club account, and $2774.03 in our class account.

**Program & Advanced Training: Linda Karns:** Saturday November 12th at 10am there will be a Woodpecker Seminar at Songbird Station. Also Saturday November 12th at 10:30am there will be a “Networks in Biology” lecture for Saturday Morning Science. On Monday November 14th there will be a Science Café Columbia program at 6pm at the Broadway Brewery – this month’s topic is Strange Earthquakes in Missouri. The final meeting of the “Our Columbia Waters Plan” series will be Monday November 14th at 5:30pm at the ARC – see the October Dragonflyer for more info. Check the chapter calendar for more information about these and other upcoming opportunities.

**Training: Suzanne Wright:** Suzanne has a new email: suzwright7002@gmail.com. The 2017 training will be on Wednesdays. Robbie Scholes is going to co-chair the Training Committee with Suzanne next year, then Robbie will take over in 2018.

**Project Approval/Volunteer opportunities: Phil Knocke:** The planting event for the new rain garden at the Big Muddy Wildlife Refuge scheduled for Saturday November 12th has been CANCELLED. If you helped Chris Egbert with our chapter stream team monitoring, please use timesheet code DNR. If you helped with the Rock Bridge stream clean-up event on October 22nd, use timesheet code RBMSP.
Public Relations: Chris Egbert: The PR Committee is awesome! We met tonight’s program presenter Carol Amparan at our information booth at the Sustainable Living Fair.

Hospitality: Sally Swanson: Next month is our annual holiday potluck, please bring a dish to share. Also, please sign up to bring sweets, savories or drinks to our 2017 meetings – the sign-up sheet is next to the attendance sheet. Also please bring an item to donate to the silent auction!

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8th @ 6:30 pm, MU Extension Building
Annual Holiday Potluck & Chapter Officer Elections with 2nd Annual Silent Auction & Raffle to Benefit the MU Extension