Minutes of the Boone’s Lick Chapter Missouri Master Naturalist Meeting

November 9th, 2017

6:30-8:30pm

The meeting was held at the University of Missouri Extension Building and convened at 6:30 pm.

Jill Edwards, President, introduced the speaker for the evening, Candace Sall. Candy is the Assistant Curator of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Missouri. She is also the NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) Compliance Coordinator. Her program was titled, Shoes Older than the Pyramids: Archaeology in the Mid Missouri.

Candy specializes in the study of pottery and has worked extensively in the Southwest United States.

Archaeology is the study of ancient and recent human past through material remains. When artifacts are excavated they are washed in the field, taken back to the lab for analysis and then stored in a facility. Access to the artifacts is provided to researchers and used in museum exhibitions.

Candy covered information about several archaeological sites in Missouri.

The Utz site which is a 300-acre site is part of Van Meter State Park. It was active in AD1450-1712 and thought to be a village of the Missouri tribe. This site was excavated by archaeologists from the University of Missouri at Columbia. The field work was conducted between 1961 and 1980. Here they found a bison scapula hoe, bones, pottery and pipes.

Candy next talked about the Arnold Research Cave in Calloway County, Missouri. Dating of fibrous and leather footwear found here documents a long sequence of shoe construction by prehistoric Midwestern peoples, beginning perhaps as early as 8399 calendar years before the present.

Arnold Research Cave is a sandstone dry cave and was excavated in 1955-1958 and again from 1979-1981. They found textiles, stone tools (some 9000 years old), bone and shell, wooden artifacts and buttons. There were 35 shoes with no matching sets. Some were deer skin and most of them were made from Rattlesnake Master. In addition, they found twined bags, twined fabric, tanned leather, painted gourd and a Atlatl fore shaft.

Candy concluded by reminding us that the new Museum of Archaeology will be opening soon at Mizzou North and encouraged everyone to visit.

There was a break for snacks provided by Karen Onofrio and Holly Sher. The Business Meeting followed.

Old Business:

1) Chapter Directory: Vikki Fencl from the Extension Office is working on the “Member’s Only” section with a goal of completing it in January of 2018. Jill will be sending out an email to request information from members that still need to provide information.

2) Donations for Memorial for Kay Egbert: Chris Egbert thanked everyone for kind words, cards and encouragement and said He was planning to place a bench at the Eagle Bluffs Garden in
memory of Kay with the money donated. Any donations can be made by cash or checks made out to Jill Edwards and brought to next month’s meeting or contact Jill for other arrangements.

New Business:

1) December Meeting (December 14th): Annual Chapter Potluck and 3rd annual Silent Auction and Raffle to benefit the University Extension. Sally Swanson reported that the chapter would furnish meat and drinks, and everyone is asked to provide a covered dish for the meal.

There will be a silent auction and a raffle. Anyone wishing to donate items for the silent auction can call or email Sally (sal@socket.net) cell: 573-424-1007. If you need someone can pick up your items.

2) End of year slide show: Kitty Peer has agreed to make an end of year slideshow. Photos from events/activities can be sent to Kitty: kitty.peer@gmail.com or 573-999-0108

3) 2018 Chapter Officer elections: The elections for chapter officers will be voted on during the December potluck meeting. There is a need for Chapter Secretary and chapter Vice-president. If anyone was interested in serving in these capacities they are to contact the nomination committee (Jill Edwards). Jill Edwards will serve as President next year and Linda Karns as Treasurer. The officer slate will be sent out via email in advance.

4) Extensions Council Elections: Becky Bohlmeyer’s term on the council is up. Anyone considering running for the council can contact Becky (kaiko5537@gmail.com) The duties include sitting in on hiring for positions within the extension, (e.g. 4-H council), make salary suggestions for Vikki, help spread word about what Extension does. They meet once a month on the 4th Thursday.

5) Get Ready to turn in 2017 Timesheets: The due date for turning in timesheets is the end of the year. They will be accepted the first week of January as well. The results from the timesheets is sent to the State. This information is used by our Partners and helps with getting budget monies for Missouri Master Naturalist Program. The timesheets show the value of this program.

6) Ben Kreitner reported that the City of Columbia is planning a fix-it café for November 11th. Volunteers are needed to help repairable items to keep them out of the landfill. There is a specific need for volunteers with experience repairing computers and small appliances.

7) Suzanne Wright suggested giving members with new babies or those that are expecting a onesie with the Master Naturalist design on them. A motion was made and passed to do this.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Linda Karns

The balance for the Chapter is $1235.51

The balance for Training is $3740.09

Advanced Training: Linda Karns

Advanced Training opportunities can be found on the Chapter calendar.
Linda discussed the Missouri River Rendezvous being held in St. Joseph, Mo. This is a chance to share resources and information showcasing river related art, education, recreation, research, stewardship and commerce along the Missouri River.

Another training opportunity is “Landscaping with Native Plants in Winter”. This will be offered Wednesday, November 15th at the Daniel Boone Library in the Friends room from 6 to 8pm. Hosted by Office of sustainability-City of Columbia.

Hospitality: Sally Swanson

See information about December Potluck Dinner under new business.

There will be a signup sheet next month for those providing snacks for the 2018 year.

Public Relations: Chris Egbert

There are still slots for the Saturday morning radio shows.

Training: Robbie Scholes and Suzanne Wright

There will be a training class this spring and it will be held at the Impact Center.

Suzanne reported that there is a Ducks Unlimited event for ladies which will be held in February. It will be wine and craft beer tasting.

Volunteer Opportunities: Phil Knocke

If anyone has ideas for next year for volunteer opportunities please let Phil know.
MNNVolOpps@gmail.com

The last two Columbia Crawdads Stream Team Are November 11th and December 9th.

The last Hazardous Waste Collection is November 18th.

Meredith announced that the Stream Team would be meeting at Devils Icebox parking lot on Nov 11th to carry out monitoring.

The meeting ended with a demonstration by Sally Swanson on using flash fire to get rid of the fluff on milkweed seed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Berry