Chapter Meeting Minutes
Boone’s Lick Chapter
Missouri Master Naturalists
February 18, 2018 @ 6:30pm
MU Extension Office

PROGRAM: “Conservation Efforts in the City of Columbia,” was presented by Danielle Fox (Community Conservationist for the City of Columbia)

They need Habitat Advisors. For more information go to como.gov/sustainability/como-wild-yards or contact Danielle.

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Officer Elections were held. New officers are:
   President: Jill Edwards (Class of 2013) for 2nd term
   Vice President: Suzanne Wright (Class of 2005) for 1st term
   Secretary: Lori Johnson (Class of 2017) for 1st term
   Treasurer: Linda Karns (Class of 2011) for 2nd term

2) Milestones & Recertifications & Time Report (Phil Knocke)
   2017 was a record year for volunteering! 5,578 total hours. 960 hours of advanced training. 63 members reporting. It’s not too late if you haven’t turned yours in! There were 11 initial certifications, 52 recertifications; 5 people received 500 hour pins and Jan Martin received her 1,000 hour pin. The 2018 Excel timesheet is ready and available on the website. Jan Martin was the winner of the artwork donated by Chris Egbert. Volunteers are needed for the Mid-Mo Expo, but this has not been approved for volunteer work yet. Volunteers are also needed tomorrow at Rock Bridge Elementary 12:15-1:45 for seeding.

3) Recognition: (Linda Karns)
   Linda recognized Jill Edwards for wonderful work on the DragonFlyer newsletter and her leadership as President. Jill has also served as the chapter Secretary and is currently serving her 2nd term as President. She has been our public face for many events, and was recently been elected to the Extension Council. Super
achiever; she has already scheduled programs for 2018. Jill was awarded with a special pin as a token of appreciation from the chapter.

4) Training Class Update: (Suzanne Wright) No training will take place for 2018. The 2016 retention scores were down and with a new MDC Supervisor, every program is being reviewed. We will look at the chapter, re-energize inactive members, then reapply to provide another training class. We may need to re-evaluate the application process. Please reach out to people in your class who haven’t been active to encourage them to participate again.

5) Garden Maintenance Group/Schedule, EBCA Garden Updates: (Suzanne Wright)
We desperately need help with the Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area gardens. Suzanne created a sign-up sheet for those interested. The elementary schools all had native gardens installed, so they will need help as well. All interested to participate are encouraged to sign-up.

6) Ducks Unlimited “Wine for Wetlands” Event (Saturday, April 14th from 2:00-5:00, $40 single, $320 table) (Suzanne Wright)
This is a ladies’ event. Registration includes membership in Ducks Unlimited and if we can get 8 people interested, we may get a Master Naturalist table. If interested, please contact Suzanne Wright.

7) Becky Bohlmeyer– Mid-Mo Expo. Held by Extension. Educational topics include managing nuisance wildlife, soil testing, gardening over the age of 60, goats, poultry, small fruit and a host of other great sessions. This is a money-making event for Boone County Extension. Master Naturalists will have a booth there. A motion was made and passed to become a $250 sponsor.

8) Lauren – There will be a bat census survey on February 24th. Training will be provided. Details will be sent out via e-mail.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Linda Karns: MMNTreasurer@gmail.com
We raised $896 at the Christmas silent auction. There is $2,022.61 in the Club account and $3,582.34 in the Class account.

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:
• Genius of Birds at Columbia Public Library
• Bird ID training on March 9th and March 10th at Eagle Bluffs by the Audubon Society
• Landscaping with Missouri Natives Shrubs, March 7th 6:00-7:00
• Plant Propagation Tips & Techniques, March 21st at Stephens Lake
• Introduction to Grafting, April 18th at Reichman Pavilion.
• February 10th, Protect Your Watershed, Bonne Femme Watershed
• Wild and Scenic Film Festival this Sunday, February 8, 2018.
Hospitality: Sally Swanson, sal@socket.net

Public Relations Committee Chris Egbert, MMNPublicRelations@gmail.com
We are participating with the Great Outdoor radio show. If you are interested in helping out, let Chris know.

Training Committee: Suzanne Wright, suzwright@centurytel.net

Volunteer Opportunities & Project Approval Committee Phil Knocke, MMNVolOpps@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 8th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office; The Weather in Missouri; Eric Aldrich, Professor of Atmospheric science, University of Missouri

In attendance (42)

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Lori Johnson, Secretary, Boone’s Lick Chapter 2/14/2018