Chapter Meeting Minutes
Boone’s Lick Chapter
Missouri Master Naturalists
January 8, 2015 @ 6:30pm
MU Extension Office

PROGRAM: The Nature of Earth: An Introduction to Geology – Two Selections from “The Great Courses” Video Lecture Series with Professor John Renton: Streams & Weathering

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:

Phil Knocke (Volunteer Opportunities Committee):
2014 Timesheets were due December 31st, 2014. If you still need to submit your timesheet, please do so ASAP. So far 51 people have turned in timesheets. 46 of them were turned in before Dec 31st – those members will be entered into a drawing for a painted gourd oil lamp created by our very own Chris Egbert (Class of 2009). We will hold the drawing at our next chapter meeting (Thursday Feb 12th) – you must be present to win!

Phil shared some statistics from the timesheets he has received so far – the grand total of Advanced Training hours so far is 755 hours, and the grand total of service hours is 4359 hours. These numbers should increase as stragglers get their 2014 timesheets submitted.

The 2015 timesheets will have a couple of timesheet code changes and additions:

- COCP (Columbia Outdoor Classroom Project) is now CCUA (Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture)
- RBSP is now RBMSP (Rock Bridge Memorial State Park)
- A new code was created for Regional Volunteer Opportunities (REG). Regional volunteer opportunities include: Back to Nature with Native Plants (Lincoln University in Jeff City), Serve Jeff City Clean-ups, Trail Guides at Arrow Rock Craft Fest (Arrow Rock), Edgewood Trail Maintenance & Outdoor Education (Jeff City), and Prairie Garden Trust (New Bloomfield).
- The MRBO (Missouri River Bird Observatory) code has been removed beginning in 2015 due to lack of volunteer opportunities.

Clarification for 2014 timesheets: The presentation by the Raptor Rehab Project at the 8/14/14 chapter meeting has been approved for 2 hours of advanced training. Members count 1 hour of service plus travel time (timesheet code ADM), and 2 hours of Advanced Training (timesheet code not needed for AT).

NEW BUSINESS:
Congratulations to our new 2015 chapter officers, Robbie Scholes (President), Linda Karns (Vice-President), Jill Edwards (Secretary), and Phebe McCutcheon (Treasurer)!

Robbie encouraged all members to let any of the officers know if you have any ideas for chapter meeting presentations, or you can email Linda Karns at mmnvicepres@gmail.com with your ideas.

Robbie asked for two or three members to help with Mentor Call on Monday January 12th from 5-7pm: The mentor calls serve as a forum to ask questions and get answers about the Master Naturalist program. The discussions can be about administrative tasks, initial and core training, volunteer service opportunities or any other program component of interest. Participants learn about approaches other chapters have taken and some of the challenges and successes that are common to all chapters. Please email Robbie at mmnblpresident@gmail.com if you can help.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Phebe McCutcheon, MMNTreasurer@gmail.com
Phebe is travelling so could not attend this meeting!

Advanced Training Committee: Linda Karns, MMNVicePres@gmail.com
Please email Linda if you would like to join this committee.

Training: Suzanne Wright, frontdesk@pwarchitects.com
Please let Suzanne know if you would like to join this committee. This year, the class will meet at the Family Impact Center here in Columbia.

Project Approval/Volunteer Opportunities: Phil Knocke, MMNVolOpss@gmail.com
If you would like to join the Volunteer Opportunities Committee, please let Phil know. The current committee: Kay Conklin, Chris Egbert, and Phil Knocke.

Public Relations: Chris Egbert, MMNPublicRelations@gmail.com
If you would like to join the PR committee, please email Chris. We need one more member. The current committee includes Chris Egbert, Jill Edwards, and Carolyn Doyle.

Hospitality: Sally Swanson, embroiderit@socket.net
Please be sure to sign up to bring drinks, sweets, or savories to our chapter meetings each month. Also remember that we will no longer provide plates/cups/utensils, so be sure to bring your own!

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

In attendance (31):
Barr, Stacy; Bergen, Christi; Bohlmeier, Becky; Conklin, Kay; Donaldson, Meredith; Doyle, Carolyn; Edwards, Jill; Egbert, Chris; French, David; Garrett, Betsy; Harris, Jackie; Jones, Bruce; Karns, Linda; Knocke, Phil; Lee, Sharon; Martin, Jan; McKinnon, Laura; Meili, Jim; Meyr, Gerald; Myers, Sarah; O’Brien, Denny; Scholes, Robbie; Scott-Pillen, Jeanie; Silvey, David; Swanson, Bobb; Swanson, Sally; Sweets, Laura; Waters, Mary; White, Gail; Willick, Marlene; Wilson, Emily

MEETING MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Jill Edwards, Secretary, Boone’s Lick Chapter  1/9/15