Boone’s Lick Chapter  
Missouri Master Naturalists  
January 9, 2014 Minutes

Attendance:
Becky Bohlmeyer  
Susan Hazelwood  
Jeanie Scott-Pillen  
Emily Wilson  
Jim Meili  
Tom McCutcheon  
Gerald Meyr  
Pat McDonald  
Kay Conklin  
Linda Karns  
Sally Swanson  
John Kochendorfer  
Phil Knocke  
Mary Williamson  
Jane Fore  
Laura Sweets  
Lottie Bushmann  
Mike Bushmann  
Robbie Scholes  
Patti Brown  
Carolyn Doyle  
Betsy Garrett  
Carol Weston  
Ken Weston  
Jill Edwards  
Jackie Harris  
Corinne Remeika  
Gail White  
Chris Egbert

Program:  Secretive Marsh Birds of Missouri:  Ethan Duke, Asst. Director – MO River Bird Observatory

Talk included a description of the Marsh Bird Project.  Protocols for counting the migrations were described, and photos of marsh birds were shown.  Distribution and sighting procedures also discussed.  A wonderful presentation!
BUSINESS MEETING

I. Old Business

A. 2013 Time Sheets – Appreciation was expressed to all who had thus far turned these in. Phil Knocke presented a summary report showing that more people have submitted this year, and, more have certified. The number of hours reported is higher this year as well. He also illustrated the distribution of hours worked for the primary agencies that were beneficiaries of our service.

B. Knocke attempted to present some pins from last year to people who certified, as well as to a few new individuals who previously certified for the year.

C. Spring Training Class – Information has been posted on the website for our new class this year. It will also be appearing in the Tribune. The orientation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4th, and the first class will be Tuesday, March 4th. Classes will again be held at Eagle Bluffs.

II. New Business

A. Betsy Blake and Amber Edwards from MDC came to the meeting to describe volunteer opportunities this spring at Prairie Forks. They need people to assist with their “Discover Nature” school field trips, held in March, April and May. Volunteers would accompany groups of students as they walked out on the prairie. No presentation is necessary – the primary goal is a hands-on experience for the kids. A typical time frame for the trip would be 9:00-3:00, or 10:00-2:00. Another program being planned is for Earth Day, on Tuesday, Apr. 22nd. Past programs had 18 different stations, which would need to be manned. People interested in assisting should contact Betsy at betsy.blake@mdc.mo.gov, or Amber Edwards thru the Prairie Fork website

B. Chris Egbert reported on the new Public Relations Committee. He had 3 volunteers who agreed to join him on the committee, and he reminded us that their purpose was to learn about community activities where there would be added value from the presence of representatives from the Master Naturalist group. The committee will keep track of events, and will solicit volunteers from our Chapter to attend.

C. Kent has updated information on the Web page. Officers and committee chairs should check to be sure their information is correct. This will match information displayed in the Dragonflyer. And, Jill Hill has graciously agreed to take over the producing of the Dragonflyer. Thanks, Jill!

D. There is a conference call scheduled with Syd Hime for Wed., Jan. 22, for
Officers. It will run from 5-7pm. Check with Emily for details.

D. Members were asked to make suggestions for future meeting programs. It was suggested that we have more of our partners come and describe the opportunities available with their organizations. Someone suggested we consider inviting kayaker Janet Morland to speak, or to get a speaker to present on fur bearers.

E. Question came up regarding how to access member contact information. We were directed to the Members Only button on the website, and given the password for accessing the information.

III Reports from Standing Committees

A. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Barr - N/A
B. Program – Becky Bohlmeyer
   a. Ideas for future programs were solicited above
C. Advance Training – Becky Bohlmeyer
   a. There is a program Feb. 8 at Prairie State Park from 1-3:00 on Birds of Prey
   b. MO Botanical Garden is having a program on Mar. 21-22 on Native Landscapes
D. Hospitality – Jeanie Scott-Pillen – Provider for this meeting was Jeanie Scott-Pillen. She circulated a list for others to sign up for subsequent meetings

IV Announcements

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 6:30pm MU Extension Building
Program not ready to announce

Business meeting will include distribution of certification and service milestone pins

Submitted by Pat McDonald, Secretary