

TO: WVMNAC
FROM: Elaine George

DATE: February 23, 2011

SUBJECT: WVMNAC Teleconference Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2011 DRAFT

WV Master Naturalist Advisory Committee

In Attendance:

- *Andy Dalton, Canaan Valley
- *Barbara Koster, Kanawha County
- *Beverly Riffon, Monongalia County
- *Elaine George (recorder), Canaan Valley
- *Jim Fregonaro, DNR
- *Jim Van Gundy, Davis and Elkins College (retired)
- *Melissa Brodsky, Marion County
- *Nancy Little, Potomac Valley
- *Sheldon Owen, WVU Extension Service
- *Tom Zeitz, Elkins

Absent:

- Bill Church, Gilmer County
- Ellen Hrabovsky, Monongalia County
- Ellen Murphy
- Jim Waggy, Kanawha County
- Pamela Glasser, Upshur County
- Penny Miller, Ohio County
- Russ McClain, Davis & Elkins
- Sheila Ables, Gilmer County
- Stephanie Swaim, Potomac Valley
- Walt Kordek, DNR

Ohio County, Upshur County and Gilmer County chapters were not represented.

Old Business

1. September 20, 2010 minutes: Russ McClain (D&E) was marked as an attendee. Melissa (Andy) motioned to accept the minutes with above ammendment. Approved.
2. Electronic communications/webpage: Melissa recommends using Yahoo!'s Small Business Web Hosting for WV MNSAC's webpage. It is simple and, with private domain name, costs \$131 per year. Jim VG and Melissa will develop a format for the website using Yahoo! and float a draft for input from the entire SAC. Each chapter will share in the \$131 cost; Melissa will provide the final cost when she has it.
3. Curriculum Review: No progress.
4. Annual Meeting Subcommittee: The annual meeting will be the weekend of June 10th thru 12th. There will be a social function on Friday evening, classes and field trips on Saturday and business meeting on Sunday morning. DNR will underwrite the cost. The subcommittee includes: Andy (chair), Jim VG, Russ, and Tommy.

New Business

1. Chapter Updates

a) Kanawha (Barbara) – has a waiting list for classes. Evening classes on weeknights with Saturday field work if necessary. Maximum class size is 25. Meet in Cross Lanes.

b) Marion (Melissa) – planning late Spring classes. Meet one Saturday per month at Prickett's State Park. Fee schedule is relaxed: \$85 for new students, \$30 for returning students or \$5 per individual class.

c) Canaan Valley (Andy) – had electives only in 2010. Core classes will start on April 11 and run one weekend per month thru July, Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Meet at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge. May work with Tommy to offer electives in 2011 and core classes in 2012 in Elkins.

d) Monongalia (Beverly) – Classes will run from March to October on Thursday evenings with field work on Saturdays, if necessary. Have been meeting at the Monongalia County Extension Office but have recently been offered classroom space at WVU. Classes are advertised in the local paper and community bulletin board on local tv.

e) Potomac Valley (Nancy) – This is fifth year and the smallest class, 23. There will be a kickoff weekend followed by a two class day once per month.

1. Publicity. All agreed that we need to make people more aware of the MN program in the state. Possibilities include: WVU Extension Services, WV Library Commission, WV Public Radio, Wild West Virginia magazine, and articles in local newspapers. **Action: Check about getting an article in Wonderful West Virginia magazine. Jim F**

2. Instructor Needs. General discussion.

3. Classes for annual meeting. **Action: Suggest three classes to be held at the annual meeting to Jim VG or Andy by Tuesday, March 2. All**

4. Activities for annual meeting. Suggestion that we find a volunteer activity such as working on the field across from the DNR office.

5. Encouraging New Members. No discussion.

6. Ways to Share Resources. No discussion.

7. Needs for Chapters to complete Training Manuals. Ellen will rewrite the Trees and Shrubs section. **Action: Suggest what new chapters and what revisions are needed in the manual to Jim VG by Tuesday, March 2. All**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm by teleconference.

ACTION ITEMS

8/17/10

~~ALL – There will be an organizational meeting of the SAC on Monday, September 20 at 10a in Elkins. JVG will notify all of the location.~~

9/20/10

Send list of instructors to Penny for dissemination. All

Get list of MNs needing a patch to Walt. All

~~Jim V to send email soliciting dates for the next WVMNAC meeting, a teleconference.~~

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