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Subject: WV MN State Advisory Council Quarterly Teleconference Minutes - April 3, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Jim Van Gundy, Chair. Teleconference capability provided by WVU Extension Service.

Annual Meeting (Andy Dalton)

(See our website mnofwv.org for schedule). Sessions will run Friday, June 8 evening, all day Saturday, June 9 and conclude on Sunday, June 10 around 2pm. No core classes will be offered. The group agreed that early registration - before 4/30 - will cost \$45 including lunch and dinner; regular registration will cost \$55. With the \$1400 contributed by the DNR, we will need 54 registrants to break even.

There will be more advertising for this year's meeting, including postcards sent to all Master Naturalists.

Curriculum Subcommittee (Ellen Hrabovsky, Melissa Brodsky)

Research shows there are approximately thirty state Master Naturalist programs in the US with much variation in program requirements. Most states require 40 hours of classes and then advanced training in the relative eco-region.

There was much discussion over potential additional core classes - soils, geology, fish - and the integration or modernization of the Recording and Preserving class. Everyone likes the flexibility offered by our current core and elective class setup. This issue, especially reworking the Recording and Preserving class, will be revisited at the June meeting.

The revised Tree section of the MN manual is done (Thanks, Ellen!) and is currently being reformatted in preparation for distribution. **Jim F** will check status. **All** will provide mailing list (including email and snail mail addresses) of past and present MNs to Jim VG, DNR and Annual Meeting Subcommittee as soon as possible.

Website (Melissa)

2012 payment for our website is now due along with 2011. **Each Chapter** should send \$32.82 to Marion County Master Naturalists, Rt 4 Box 569B, Fairmont, WV 26554 to reimburse the Marion County chapter for these two years. **All** should send updated class schedules to Jim VG for posting on the website as soon as possible.

Other

Marion County is looking for a co-coordinator to help Melissa.

First and second quarter minutes will be approved at the June meeting in Elkins.

All should forward agenda items for the June meeting to Jim VG as soon as possible.

Actions

Jim F to check status of new edition of Tree section of MN manual.

All chapters to provide mailing list of their members, including email and snailmail addresses, to Jim VG as soon as possible.

All chapters to pay \$32.82 to Marion County chapter to cover 2011 and 2012 website dues.

All chapters to send updated class schedules to Jim VG for posting on the website.