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Walt Kordek, DNR*
Jim Fregonara, DNR*
Ellen Hrabovsky, Monongalia County*
Emily Grafton, Parkersburg

Subject: WV MN State Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2013

Meeting was called to order and attendees were welcomed by Penny Miller Chair. The meeting was part of the 2012 Annual Master Naturalist Weekend held at Davis and Elkins College. Penny thanked the DNR and the State Advisory Committee for their contributions to building the 2013 State Master Naturalist weekend.

2013 conference participants will soon receive a survey to rate the classes and services offered and the location so that planning can begin on the 2014 conference which will be held from June 13-15, 2014.

Curriculum Subcommittee (Ellen Hrabovsky)

Ellen reported that the committee's research showed there are approximately 45 state Master Naturalist (or equivalent) programs in the US with much variation in program requirements. Most states include Soils and Geology as core classes. Fish are an important fauna that our program neglected by our program.

The committee motioned that: Geology, Soils and Fishes be added as three new required classes of three hours each, that Habitat Improvement be reduced by 1 hour to a 3 hour class and that the Nature Interpretation & Teaching and Recording & Preserving classes be changed from core to elective classes. As this was a committee motion, no second was required. On a voice vote from each chapter and the Director-At-Large, the motion failed on a 5-4 vote.

Tom Zeitz motioned that the curriculum proposal be reconsidered as individual questions:

- to combine Soils and Geology into one class and make this a core course
- to change Nature Interpretation & Teaching and Recording & Preserving from core to elective
- to add a Fish core course

and that the questions to voted on again by the individual chapters. Motion passed on a voice vote by each chapter.

Attendees at the State Meeting

Canaan Valley:	Andy Dalton, Elaine George, Karel Schubert, Sarah E Myers, Herb Myers, Arlene Karesh, David Karesh, Pat Stephan, Dave Stephan, Linda L Cronin, Karl Mulac
DNR:	Jim Fregonara, Walt Kordek, Dan Cincotta, PJ Harman
Kanawha Valley:	John Wilkinson, Roger Hardway, Sharon Cook, Joan Steven, Marilyn Witbeck, Pat Burkett
Marion County	Randy Kesling
Monongalia County:	Ellen Hrabovsky, John Bocan, Bernie, Howe, Carol Frear, Ray Frear, Barb Howe, Carol Nix, Denise Gwinn, Jayne Teeter, Lynn Keener, Don Keener, Annette Tanner, Mike Bergen, Ruth Bergen
Nature Nuts (Parkersburg):	Russ Flowers, Sue Flowers, Bob Butler
Ohio Valley:	Penny Miller, Scott Shallaway
Potomac Valley:	Tom Tsakeris, Eldon Winston, Virginia Winston, Nancy Johnson, Clark Dixon, Ora Dixon, Laura Clark
Tygart Valley:	Tom Zeitz, Russ McClain, Jim Van Gundy, Jane Birdsong, Anne Wakeford, Peggy Jones, Pete Rykert, Marshall S Kerr
New River	Emily Browning, Carol Friend
Other	Michael Davis, Dean Joyner (Rivanna – Charlottesville, VA)