

**WVSAC MEETING**  
**Master Naturalist Conference Planning**  
**Teleconference**  
**March 3, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Hrabovsky.

In attendance were:

- Ellen Hrabovsky, Chairman
- Andy Dalton, Vice Chairman
- Bernie Howe, Secretary
- Jim Fregonara, DNR
- Emily Grafton
- Penny Miller
- Sam Muncy
- Anne Wakeford
- Tommy Zeitz

The purpose of this meeting was to plan the 2016 Master Naturalist Conference at North Bend State Park on June 9 through June 12, 2016.

Chairman Hrabovsky announced a change in her mailing address and reminded all chapters to remit their \$50 checks for support of our website.

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2016 are Penny Miller, Sue Flowers, and Tommy Zeitz.

Andy Dalton presented the status on the activities and program for the conference:

**Preconference (Friday)**

- Blennerhasset Island tour  
(Participants meet at Lodge at 9:00am; first ferry leaves at 11:00am)
- Kayak/Canoe trips (2) led by Ken Zebo, North Bend SP Naturalist, 9:00am and 1:00pm
- Biking on the Rail Trail led by Clark Dixon (to be confirmed)
- Tour of Harrisville with guide. Tour will start at 1:00 pm

## Saturday

- Bird Walk, 6:00am (Jerry)
- Aquatic Habitats & Mussels (Doug Wood)
- Project Learning Tree (Kim Maxwell)
- Insects (Dr. Dave McShaffery)
- Birding trip (Pat Collins)
- Geology of Rt. 50 (Ed Crisp)
- Mammals (Jeff McCrady)

## Sunday

- Bird Walk, 6:00am (Jerry)
- Geology (Clo Simard)
- Nature Walk (Ken Zebo)
- Wildflower/Ferns Nature Walk (Cindy Burkart)
- Nature Photography (Mike Williams)
- Turkeys (Bill Healy to be asked)

Chairman Hrabovsky will meet with the DNR Webmaster to assure all information is posted for the Conference.

A motion was made by Sam Muncy and seconded by Andy Dalton to keep the instructor stipend the same as last year at \$120 for a half day, \$200 for a full day and \$320 for both days. Passed unanimously.

DNR will provide support of \$2500.

Chairman Hrabovsky reminded everyone that reservations for lodge rooms must be made by phone and not done online. Lodge rooms and cabins have been blocked by Kristi Steed, North Bend SP Group Sales Coordinator. Camping sites are first come; first served.

Andy Dalton requested guidance on reporting volunteer hours to DNR. Jim Fregonara will follow-up with Scott Warner on this.

Motion to adjourn by Sam Muncy; seconded by Andy Dalton.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bernie Howe*, Secretary