

WVMNSAC
March 13, 2024
Zoom Meeting 9:00 AM

Present on Zoom: Steve Swank, Becky Linger, Scott Warner, Carol Nix, Andy Dalton, Mary Palmer, Mike Vernon, Kay Hart, Michelle Fonda, Emily Grafton, Rich Brager, Sam Muncy, Tommy Zeitz, Kieren O'Malley

Welcome: Becky Linger

Minutes: January 17, 2024 meeting – Mike Vernon

- Minutes approved

Treasurers Report: Carol Nix

- Balance \$6146.70 in United Bank
- Zoom payment for 3 months was \$50.85
- IRS Tax form 990 was filed as required
- The Dreamhost Web platform billed us \$132.20 and the domain name mnofwv.org cost us \$17.99

2024 Conference Committee Report – by Rich Brager

- Requesting 20th anniversary trifold displays from each chapter describing the origin and profiles of each group
- Instructors – Mary Palmer
 - Schedule is complete
 - Need to get all forms signed
- Volunteer Committee –
 - Meeting in the near future
 - Good participation
 - Volunteers will wear green bandanas
 - Working on food menu
- 20 years down – infinity to go
 - First time panel discussion Friday 9-12:00 AM at Cacapon State Park
 - Discussing how we can help our communities
 - Requesting representatives from all chapters to bring ideas to the table
 - Becky Linger suggests a list of talking points be made
- Registration for the meeting is not yet set, but the goal is April 15, 2024

2025 Conference Planning Committee – Andy Dalton

- Zoom meeting set for Wednesday March 27 at 9:00 AM to determine location and date for July or August 2025

Curriculum Committee – Mike Vernon

- Nothing to report

ByLaws/Succession Committee – Mike Vernon

- Eight major changes were made and accepted except for #8 (voting to change to an electronic system) and #1 h. (nomination of officers changed to an electronic ballot)
- Email ballots bring up problems with hackers
- Request motion to accept all bylaw changes
 - Motion: Mike Vernon
 - Second: Rich Brager
 - Vote: Carol Nix – no Mike Vernon – yes
 - Becky Linger – yes Andy Dalton – no
 - Mary Palmer – no Tommy Zeitz – no

Rich Brager – yes Emily Grafton – no
Kay Hart – yes Steve Swank – no

Motion not passed

- Request Motion to accept bylaw changes minus electronic voting and code of ethics communication
Motion: Mike Vernon
Second: Andy Dalton
Motion passed

Development of filtering MN Chapters – Mike Vernon

- Becky Linger – Greenbrier and Ohio Valley Chapters are not active
- Rich Brager – Described the Virginia program
- Scott Warner – Described opportunities and suggested a meeting for discussion
- Kieren O'Malley – Grants are available for non-profits
- Becky Linger – Set up an ad hoc committee to research incentives
Members – Mike Vernon, Kieren O'Malley, Rich Brager

Volunteer Hours to Include Travel Time

- Leave it up to chapters

Master Naturalist Manual – Scott Warner & Michelle Fonda

- Scott Warner – DNR has a 30 day turn around and a \$25.00 minimum
Local Press has a 2 week turn around with \$75.00 per copy and 50 minimum plus \$15.00 shipping and handling
- Michelle Fonda – DNR provides thumb drives
Printed copies are too costly for the DNR
- Rebecca Linger – Suggested perfect bound books and will research the cost
- Status of Manual Revisions – Tommy Zeitz
Will meet with Michelle Fonda next week

DNR Updates – Scott Warner

- Greg Phillips is on extended medical leave
- Contacts should be made to Sonya George at DNRMasterNaturalists@WV.GOV
- Michelle Fonda will be meeting with individual chapters about the Wild Yard Program as well as concerns of the individual chapters
- Three workshops of 3-4 hours each will be held at Charleston, Morgantown, & Berkley Springs to teach assessors of the Wild Yards Program

New Business – Tommy Zeitz

- Discussed discount incentives for recertification

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Tommy Zeitz
Second: Rich Brager
Motion Passed