

## **WVMN State Advisory Committee**

Zoom Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2024; 10:00 AM

Present on Zoom:

Steve Swank, Becky Linger, Andy Dalton, Scott Warner, Carol Nix, Michelle Fonda, Mike Vernon, Kay Hart, Emily Grafton, Kieran O'Malley, Rich Brager, Tommy Zeitz

Welcome: Becky Linger

A procedural error concerning electronic voting was made at the annual business meeting. Mike Vernon suggested that the members be informed of the error and voting will be done at the next business meeting by certified members.

Discussion tabled for later in the meeting.

Approve Minutes for March 13, 2024:

Motion to approve: Mike Vernon  
Second: Emily Grafton  
Approved

Treasurer's Report: Carol Nix

\$10,084.18 in the account  
Expenses since conference: Zoom fees and non-profit business tax

Summarize Results of Conference Panel Discussion: Mike Vernon

Deming Method was used to develop ways to attract and keep new members.  
We need a committee to continually review these issues.  
Addendum was not included in the committee report.  
An adhoc committee was formed to put forward every idea and then review and put them in order of priority.  
Committee members – Lou Scavnicky, Andy Dalton, Emily Grafton, Rich Brager, Mike Vernon, Scott Warner, Kieran O'Malley  
Rich Brager to be the team leader.  
Becky Linger suggested we use our Zoom account and record the meetings.  
Mike Vernon offered to do this and take minutes.  
First meeting in January.

Advisory Committee Attendance: Becky Linger

Greenbrier River, Wheeling, & New River Chapter Presidents have not attended committee meetings or turned in reports.  
By-Laws require that Chapter Presidents be active at the state level.  
By-Laws have a description of officers and responsibilities.  
There is supposed to be a Presidents breakfast at the state meetings.  
Incentives for the state organization were discussed.

WVMN Manual Revision: Kay Hart & Tommy Zeitz

Sections that need to be written are maps, compass, and GPS, Recording and sharing  
Work in progress  
DNR can be consulted at [dnrmasternaturalist@wv.gov](mailto:dnrmasternaturalist@wv.gov)

DNR Updates: Scott Warner

Outreach in Education Program has hired four new positions to be involved in youth oriented programs and assist master naturalists.  
Michelle Fonda stated that there are 43 wild yard assessors and two trainers.

2025 Conference Updates: Keiran O'Malley & Kay Hart

Conference will be held at Blackwater Falls June 27-29, 2025  
35 rooms have been reserved  
If 30 rooms are taken conference rooms are free

Tabled Item: Changes to By Laws

Mike Vernon suggest that we revert to old way of voice vote at conferences  
January we will send out email request for nomination of officers  
Officers to be elected this year are President, Vice President, Secretary, and At Large  
Member  
Chapter President will be required to cc (carbon copy) membership emails to Becky Linger  
when done  
Mike Vernon suggest a state wide list of master naturalists emails  
Motion to have the futures committee form a universal membership list at the state level  
Motion: Mike Vernon  
Second: Emily Grafton  
Approved

Spring Meeting:  
10:00 AM Wednesday March 12, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Vernon  
Second: Andy Dalton  
Approved