

Nebraska Master Naturalist

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 9th, 2009

Time: 3pm – 5pm

Location: Omaha Zoo

Education Department (downstairs from Treetops Restaurant)

<http://www.omahazoo.com/>

Conference Dial-in Number: 402-472-0060

Attendance: Dennis, Mardell, Sara, Keanna, Anne, Donna

Teleconference: Phyllis, Brian, Patricia, Kristal, Annabel, Jeff, Scott

Agenda

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Steering Committee Meeting

- 1) Next meeting - January 2010
 - 3rd week of January, Thursday morning, January 21st, 10:00am-12:00pm, Ferguson House – booked 9:30am – teleconference with internet for PPT Adobe Connect capabilities
 - Meet new Assistant
 - Meet new Partners
 - See early draft of curriculum
- 2) Contact updates, sign in, email sign in for teleconferencers
 - New number 402-326-8628, 32-NU-NAT
 - Official website, naturalist.unl.edu
 - Official email, naturalist@unl.edu
 - Naturalist Network Listserv, NaturalistNetwork@listserv.unl.edu
 - All messages are reviewed before posting
 - All subscriptions are approved by the Coordinator
 - Steering Committee, NMNsteer@listserv.unl.edu
 - Executive Board, NMNexec@listserv.unl.edu
 - Advisory Board, NMNadvisory@listserv.unl.edu
 - Membership Committee, NMNmember@listserv.unl.edu
 - Marketing Committee, NMNmarket@listserv.unl.edu
 - Evaluation Committee, NMNeval@listserv.unl.edu
 - Program Committee, NMNprogram@listserv.unl.edu
 - Sustainability Committee, NMNsustain@listserv.unl.edu
 - Facebook, Nebraska Master Naturalist
 - YouTube, Nebraska Master Naturalist
 - Twitter, Nebraska Master Naturalist
 - Flickr, Nebraska Master Naturalist
 - Blogger, Nebraska Master Naturalist
- 3) New Members/Partners
 - Sara Krug, Fontenelle Teacher Naturalist training program
 - Patricia Fairchild, 4-H Curriculum Design, Leaders Curriculum

- Sarah Switzer, Calamus Outfitters, Nebraska Outfitters and Guides Association training program
 - Cindy Larson-Miller, Science Education online course development
 - Wants to put NMN online in the future as teacher certification
 - Rachael Herpel, Water Center outreach
 - Karie Decker, Nebraska Invasive Species Project
 - Developing invasive species teacher curriculum
 - Christine Jacobsen, Papio Missouri NRD, Education/Volunteer Specialist
- 4) Operating guidelines updates - send updated guidelines, map, and committees - committee roles and task list
- a. Steering Committee
 - i. Must attend 2 meetings a year via teleconference or in person for voting privileges
 - b. Roles of committees, non-voting members who do not want to serve on steering committee are identified as member programs
 - c. Roles of committee chairs, chair only one committee at a time
 - d. Election guidelines, will begin once individuals who want to serve on steering committee are identified – complete structure development and send to the group
 - e. Timeline for program
 - i. Curriculum draft completed February 1st
 - ii. Program pilot begin March-May, August-October 2010
 - iii. Pilot areas, Omaha/Lincoln, Kearney/Grand Island, Scottsbluff, Valentine/Niobrara
 - iv. Core manual, track supplements
- 5) NMNP positions update
- a. Assistant position
 - i. Combined assistant with Outdoor University half time position became full time position
 - ii. Seeking qualified candidates, almost ready to select search committee
 - iii. Seeking suggestions for minority search committee member - identified
 - iv. Many qualified candidates in Nebraska
 1. Advertise regionally
 2. Search Committee - Scott, Annabel, Aaron, Kristal, Keanna (if time allows), Ingrid
 3. Review all candidates, make short list, identify 2-3 candidates to interview, we pay travel expenses, search committee review, may have candidates give a presentation or demo of outdoor skills
 - b. Outdoor University Program Coordinator position
 - i. Should start early next year, position in development
- 6) ANROSP meeting update
- Excellent feedback in all areas of program development
 - Contacts with area programs on the same timeline as us
 - Partner with Kansas for a Great Plains curriculum
 - New Iowa State University (ISU) wildlife extension person is familiar with MN programs, and seems interested in partnering
- 7) Citizen Science
- Alycia Crall seeking to meet with us regarding setting up a place on CitSci.org for all of our citizen science projects - personalized for our program - no cost
 - Will be using this system for Papio South monitoring
 - Morning of Nov 5th, 9-10am, in person at 202 Hardin Hall UNL, and over Adobe Connect
 - Will record and post presentation
- 8) Curriculum update

- Format for curriculum decided
 - Sharepoint access for curriculum development, you will be notified of login info
 - Key contributors identified for each segment, some have already been contacted and accepted
 - Seeking two primary authors for each curriculum segment, will undergo review as an extension circular
 - Publish as Extension series
 - Logo undergoing approval process by UNL for publication
 - Graphics via UNL, some existing images
 - Compiling a 'training kit prototype' for programs, including necessary technology and resources when available
- 9) Teacher Workshop Curriculum - graduate student Kathleen Jones in College of Education to develop teacher workshop curriculum - Applied for EPA fellowship
- 10) Ecotourism Curriculum – Calamus Outfitters and Nebraska Outfitters and Guides Association to assist with development
- 11) NET TV - approached us to participate in educational television series, talks start in February 2010
- 12) Video project - working with NE Repertory theater, MS students, and Cindy Larson-Miller to develop YouTube short videos on 'Bike Trail Naturalist' and 'City Park Naturalist'
- 13) Marketing update
- Two displays developed, one solo standing board, one trifold display
 - Big display under development, travel ready nomadic snap design
 - Present at both Lincoln and Omaha Teachers Night Out
 - Attended several meetings and events
 - Web site construction underway, Explore, Contribute, Connect sections
 - Database development underway, discussing format for logins and forms
- 14) Sustainability update
- MOU in hand from NGPC