Central Wisconsin Wild Ones |Minutes

## 1/20/2019 10:20am| The Landmark Amherst, Wi

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| Meeting called by | Paul Skawinski, chapter president |
| Type of meeting | Board Meeting/ Brainstorming |
| Facilitator | Keri/Paul |
| Note taker | Keri/Paul |
| Timekeeper | Paul |

 | Pete ArntsenLauren NicholsPaul SkawinskiKeri Otte |

# Agenda topics

## Time allotted | 2 hours, 9 minutes | Agenda topic Announcements | Presenter Paul

Discussion: Initial Announcements from President

Conversation:

Douglas Tallamy, author of “Bringing Nature Home,” will be at the Lakes Convention on April 11 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point and at the Boerner Botanical Gardens in Milwaukee on September 25, hosted by the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium. Registration for both events opens soon. September meeting will likely be at the Boerner Gardens to take a tour and listen to Doug speak.

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Training registration opened up a couple of days ago. Training sessions are six days long, either six consecutive days or six consecutive Saturdays, depending on the session chosen.

Lauren Nichols, who was present for the meeting today, works for the Marathon County Land Conservation Department. Working to apply for grants to help restore an area of DC Everest County Park from turfgrass to natives, and Barker-Stewart Island Park to remove buckthorn in conjunction with Wausau Birding Club. Her goal is to incorporate native plants in high traffic areas to advertise healthy shoreline ecosystems. She is planning to add signage to identify native areas and if CWWO helps with her projects, our logo could be added to the signage.

Paul investigated our chapter coverage area and will appeal to the National Office to designate our Chapter area as Portage, Marathon, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood counties. The current official area on file with National is only Portage, Wood, and Waushara.

Ben is recovering from health issues at home; during his interim, Paul will absorb the Treasurer position and managing the chapter’s finances. Lauren offered to maintain online presence for chapter. Publicity responsibilities will be distributed among board and chapter members, i.e., sharing information with local bird clubs, The Prairie Enthusiasts, Botanical Club of Wisconsin, Audubon, etc. Paul and potentially Lauren will be reaching out to WisDOT to notify them of chapter’s presence in effort to have plant rescues on high-quality sites that are scheduled to be impacted by construction activities.

Paul and Keri are maintaining new chapter email account through Gmail: wildonescw@gmail.com.

MREA Booth is registered for. Paul will open a new bank account for the chapter at a Stevens Point area bank and will take care of sending a check for the booth registration fee.

Conclusion: See above.

Closing: None opposed.

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| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Appeal to National Office to expand covered counties | Paul | 1/25/19 |
| Outreach to WisDOT for plant rescues | Paul/Lauren | 5/1/19 |

## Time allotted | 2 hours, 9 minutes| Agenda topic Plant Sale | Presenter Paul

Discussion: Moving forward with planning for plant sale in May

Conversation: Plants will be purchased through a wholesale nursery near Wild Rose, WI. Paul and Keri will work together to design an order form. Plant sale will include popular species such as: anise hyssop, purple coneflower, swamp milkweed, butterfly milkweed, common milkweed, smooth aster, orange coneflower, and others. Pete will send a list to Paul that includes the species sold during previous plant sales. Plants will be for sale at $4 for non-members and $3 for members.

Conclusion: See Above

Closing: None opposed.

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| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Obtain species list for plant sale | Paul/Pete | February 10, 2019 |
| Put together order form | Keri/Paul | February 24, 2019 |

## Time allotted | 2 hours,9 minutes| Agenda topic First Chapter Meeting | Presenter Paul

Discussion: Planning for first chapter meeting in 2019

Conversation: Meeting to be held during the first 2 weeks of May at Portage County Library. Food will be purchased and provided to attendees. Pizza/Subs – low waste food options with a Bring-Your-Own-Drink-Beverage note. Zoom technology could potentially be offered to members not in attendance. Paul will open with an introduction to Wild Ones and our chapter, summarizing the chapter’s changes and goals moving forward. A speaker from the Wisconsin Monarch Collaborative will give a half-hour presentation. Beginner butterfly garden plant sale information/plants to be available at meeting as well. Paul will review membership benefits at meeting and they will be publicized as well: registration fee for field trips will be waived for members, participation in fall seed exchange, garden site nominations, national WO website resources, Quarterly Wild ones Journal newsletter, reduced plant sale prices.

Conclusion: See above

Closing: None opposed.

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| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Choose date & book meeting room at library | Paul/Keri | March 1, 2019 |
| Book speaker and finalize agenda | Paul/Keri | April 1, 2019 |

## Time allotted | *2 hours, 9 minutes* | Agenda Topic *Field Trip and Speaker Ideas* | Group

Discussion: Brainstorming for potential chapter field trips and speakers for meetings.

Conversation: Potential field trips were suggested as follows: Wild Ones National Office in Neenah, WI; Mosquito Hill for tall grass prairie tour; Tallamy presentation in Milwaukee in September at Boerner Gardens; UW Arboretum native garden tour; local native plant garden tours at homes; nursery tours – Prairie Nursery, Prairie Moon, Hickory Road Gardens, J&J Aquatic Nursery. Potential speaker and topic ideas: Paul (seed starting and propagation, rain gardens, native plant garden design, beginner butterfly garden with tour of yard); Lauren (shoreline restoration with natives); Keri (gardening for birds, backyard bird ID); organic/sustainable lawn care; water storage/management; Mike Reese (Wisconsin butterflies); UWEX Horticulture agent (propagation); lawn reduction; pesticide impacts and reduction; Lynn Markham (shoreline health, impervious surfaces, pollution); Shelli Dubay or Eric Anderson (small mammals); Nick Homan (shoreline restoration, native landscaping BMPs; backyard pond management); Jay Watson (native bees); Karen Oberhauser or Eva Lewandowski (monarchs and monarch citizen monitoring); UWSP entomology (beetles); Ben (native trees/shrubs); Owen Boyle or Brenna Jones (Wisconsin Monarch Collaborative); Pete Arntsen (meeting and prairie tour at personal property); Freckmann (native plants, climate change impacts); Sue Eiler or Mary Trainor (master naturalist program and edibles).

Conclusion: Chapter speaker meeting calendar is tentatively scheduled as follows:

May – Intro to Wild Ones & CWWO; Monarch Collaborative

June – Booth @ MREA + Pete Arntsen’s property (MREA weekend)

July – Agronomy from NTC (lawn care) and tour of Paul’s native garden

August – Lauren and Lynn Markham (shoreline restoration and impervious surfaces)

September – field trip to Boerner Gardens & Doug Tallamy presentation

October – seed exchange and native seed garden planting at Ben’s in Bancroft

November – winter native plant ID and winter garden interest

December/January/February – chapter meeting hiatus

Closing: None opposed.

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| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
| Finalize calendar/speakers for the year  | Paul/Keri | April 1, 2019 |
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