

Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists  
Quarterly Meeting  
Saturday July 16, 2011  
Douthat State Park

**Attendance:** Beth Hawse, Fred Cramer, Fred Walters, Lynda Calkins, Sharon Vest  
Ann Stinnett, Laurie Spangler, Scott Spangler, Grace Boger, Jim Bush

**Call to Order:** 3:45 PM

**Old Business**

- ✓ **Secretary's Report** – Lynda Calkins motioned to accept the spring meeting minutes, Fred Walters seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.
- ✓ **Treasurer's Report** – Ann Stinnett presented the Treasurer's report. Our balance is currently \$ 1132.02.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- ✓ **Executive Committee Report** – no report given.
- ✓ **Curriculum Committee Report** - Lynda Calkins updated us on the 2011 Master Naturalist class which is now over. The practical has been given. There are still some activities that need to be completed (bird walk, etc). We discussed taking the next year and focusing on getting the 2011 class completed. We are considering offering the Master Naturalist class every other year.
- ✓ **Membership/Marketing Committee Report** – Rob Miller is moving so can no longer do the web activities for our group. Christina Komen recently did a publicity activity at the Roanoke City library. She has expressed interest in possibly doing the web activities for us.
- ✓ **Advanced Training/Project committee report** – presented by Fred Walters The postponed herpetology advanced training will be rescheduled this fall once our presenter has healed from his injuries. Again it will be held jointly with the Allegheny chapter. Fred Walters will keep in touch with the presenter regarding scheduling and let Beth Hawse know by email. He also said we are still looking at a class with Dr “Dendro” possibly on a Sunday afternoon in October.

Jim Bush mentioned that there is a Trees of Virginia seminar in August in Abingdon VA.

James Clark is working on getting Botany advanced training for us at a quarterly meeting.

Ongoing volunteer projects for our group include trail maintenance work at Icimani scout center. Jim Bush has done the bulk of the work on weekdays getting this trail carved

out. Chris Komen is working on a tree identification brochure for the trails. Lynda Calkins stated that Izaak Walton League is still interested in working with us on a trail in the Roanoke/Franklin county area.

### **New Business**

- ✓ The rest of the year will be focused on getting the class of 2010 and 2011 completed and certified and getting our projects going.
- ✓ Lynda Calkins will draft a letter to the Master Naturalists group regarding finishing up needed field trips, advanced training, volunteer hours, projects, etc. The executive committee will review it and the final version will be sent out by Laurie Spangler.
- ✓ Officer's terms were discussed. The bylaws will be reviewed to determine whether we need to do an election of officers this fall.
- ✓ Really good-looking ball caps with the Master Naturalist logo on them are available for \$ 16. See Ann Stinnett for purchase. Checks can be made payable to Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists or cash is acceptable, too.
- ✓ We discussed updates to our class contact list.

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Beth Hawse motioned to adjourn meeting. Sharon Vest seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM. We joined the Allegheny Chapter Master Naturalists for a picnic.

Minutes recorded and submitted by

Laurie Spangler, Secretary  
Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists