

Minutes – CEC Meeting – Via Zoom and Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center September 01, 2022

Present: Jim Takala, Mark Baumann, Doug Hoffbauer, Keith Nelson, Nancy Nilsen (virtual), Rick Pierce, Gary Rantala (virtual), Jay Juten

Others: Mary Tennis, Keri Cavitt, Cacia Wauters, Jim Gottschald

Chair Jim Takala called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Roll call was taken. Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Feature Program

Master Naturalists: Bruce Ueland, Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus, Joyce Hein, Rubin Stenseng, and Ryan Hueffmeier

- Boulder Lake is a sponsor sight for Master Naturalists
- To become a Master Naturalist, you need 40-hours of training – yearly 40-hours of volunteering and 8 hours of advanced training – non-profit
- 90 people are in Master Nat in SLC
- Partnered with Upward Bound

Project Highlights

- Boulder Lake destination based ELC – open 7 days a week. 22 campsites provided by Minnesota Power. 22 miles of trails
- Formal and informal education
- Boulder Lake takes on interns

Administrative Update & Financial Statement/Budge: Mary Tennis and Jim Gottschald

Updates are postponed until next meeting

Regional Director Update: Keri Cavitt

- 5 committee members are up to renew or step down from serving the CEC Board.
- At the end of the year Keri will be in touch regarding the decision to renew or step down.
- We have no term limits in St. Louis County.

Business Items

Discussed Boulder Lake Budget, funding sources, if Land and Mineral could do scholarships.
Land and Mineral Department – needs more education for a scholarship to become a possible option

Next meeting - Thursday, October 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m. – St. Louis County Depot

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cacia Wauters