**Biology Club Minutes for first Spring Semester meeting**

**January 25, 2010**

Present at the meeting were: Matt Wawersik, Elizabeth Francis, Rob McNown, Alec McKinley, Brian McNichols, Amanda Bessler, Becky Halvorsen, and Mark Stepaniak.

Here is a summary of what was discussed at our last meeting-

1. Topic for discussion: of the top 10 Scientific happenings of 2009…the best being “Dinosaur(s) survives extinction event”. **What dinosaurs have survived and are birds dinosaurs?**
2. Activities for Spring Semester:
3. Field trip to Mountain Lake Biological Station (Amanda Bessler)

* What interest is there for an extended (Overnight) field trip including Biology & SEEK?
* MLBS offers bird netting demos, possible career discussion or seminar presentation, cabin stay 4$/person, day hiking
* Approx 5hr drive
* Is mid-April a good time for this event?

1. Panel Discussion for “A Flock of Dodos” (Everyone)

* Is the copyright fee paid for this presentation? See Randy Olssen for permission
* Dates options for this event: March 16,17,18 or April 6,7,8 (M.W. out on 8th)
* Panel nominees: Gilchrist (not available March 30, April 14), Liberty rep (Name Orrel Roberts ?), Intervarsity rep (Alec), and Philosophy (Rob)
* The question being presented: how should evolution be presented in the classroom or is it even appropriate? Communicating science as theory

1. Coffee talks with faculty (Alec)

* Possible faculty include: Margaret Saha, Matthias Leu, Greg Capelli, Stuart Ware, Eric Bradley, Martha Case (at a later date)
* Date of next talk TBA

1. Stream Survey with Elementary School (Becky)

* Postponed until next year…? Cold water, liability issues, etc.
* Becky will not be here next Fall Semester to lead the organization of this activity….

1. Nomination of “Lame Duck” Officers:

* President, Alec McKinley; Treasurer, Brian McNichols; Secretary, Elizabeth Francis

1. Other Stuff:

* Getting ready for Activities Fair- Alec suggests having banner/signs, flyers, handouts, etc ready before the end of the semester since the fair is quite early in the semester.
* Have application for club financial support ready at the first of the year (Fall semester? not clear)
* **Meetings have been rescheduled for 4:30pm on Mondays.**