



Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.



Minutes of Caretaker meeting, August 13, 2008

(Note: Robert's Rules are out the window. The minutes will be strictly informal and I hope informative, especially for those who weren't there and also for those who were there, but fell asleep. For those who were awake, please read them carefully and reply with any additions or corrections. They will not be read at the next meeting. Before the next meeting, I will send the final copy to Steve to put on the website.)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:30 PM

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Bob Arkes, Bill Hawley, Steve Queen, Roberta Cobb, Becky Wolf, Jim Webb and Jack Konner. Also present were Ron Northway of Trailkeepers of Oregon and Dana Berthold, PCTA Regional Representative.

Jack Konner made an announcement that due to health concerns, he no longer can go out on other Caretaker's work parties. He will continue as Caretaker, along with Patty, on his section, as it consists of many things that he can do, such as: scouting, planning, picking up and returning tools, paperwork, etc., along with overseeing the actual work. Now that he has all this extra time, he offered to take the job of Secretary and record the minutes. Since no one else wanted the job, his offer was unanimously accepted. If anyone out there wants the job, please don't hesitate to speak up.

Steve Queen announced the tragic death of dedicated volunteer and PCTA Board of Directors Member, Andrea Basque in a climbing accident. John Vhay will attend the Memorial Service and represent the Mt. Hood Chapter. Steve will obtain the address and send condolences.

Dana Berthold announced the scheduling of a Portland based Trails Skills College for June 5, 6, & 7, 2009. It will be sponsored by Trailkeepers of Oregon and the PCTA, with a grant from REI. A registration of about 100 is projected. Requests for applications for administrative positions covering: Logistics, Publicity & Registration, On-site Class Coordinator and Off-site Class Coordinator will be sent out.

Steve Queen stated that we have \$2,000 for training. Bill Hawley requested gas reimbursement for his certification sessions. GIS training was also requested.

Bill Hawley announced that he had purchased five crosscut saws and that they would need to be sharpened. It was suggested that this might come out of the training budget as that is one thing that they would be used for.

Steve Queen announced that Henry Panter cannot make the current meeting night. Steve will examine the possibility of changing to a different night.

PCT Day at Cascade Locks will take place Sept. 6, 2008. There will be a Work Party, a Hike, a Slide Show and Refreshments, Raffles & Presentations. Leaders and participants for all these activities are requested.

Steve Queen announced that he is working on maps for all Caretaker sections.

Changes in Caretaker Sections for 2009: Tom Linde and Bill Hawley have adjusted their sections to include Brice Hammack's section. Bill's section will be from Junction Lake to Road 68 and Tom's section will be from Road 68 to Road 43 at Trout Creek. Jerry Bentz and the West Cascade Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen will take over Richard Walker's section in addition to their current section. Larry McLaughlin's section is still open. Changes will be effective January 1, 2009.

Trailwork Reports:

John Vhay: Wahtum Lake & Benson Plateau is clear.

Bill Hawley: Junction Lake to Crest Camp. 38 trees cleared and treadwork. Finishing reroute on Sept. 5. Drainage work Oct. 4 & 5.

Lower half of section was completed June 18; upper portion completed on August 9. Someone(?) had partially logged out lower half. Bob Arkes: Riley Creek to Road 23. Bridges are in. Log out complete to snow level.

Ron Goodwin: He complained about people doing unsupervised trailwork. This is an ongoing problem that should be discussed with the Forest Service.
Timberline to Barlow Pass. Trail is clear. Cairns installed last year have held up well. Two signs were installed.

Jack Konner: Top Spur to Lolo Pass. Five logs cleared from Top Spur trail; 23 from Top Spur to Lolo Pass. One mile of brushing and tread repair. Top Spur to Ramona Falls Wilderness. Scouting Aug. 14. Work Party Aug. 23.

Jim Webb: Trout Creek to Road 41. Lower half of section was completed June 18; upper portion completed on August 9. Someone(?) had partially logged out lower half.

Becky Wolf: Road 42 to Jude Lake. Northern part is cleared. Roger Bell says that the contractor must complete work done last year on the rest of her section.

Roberta Cobb: Barlow Pass to Wapinitia Pass. Section complete.

An additional Forest Service radio repeater for Benson Plateau was discussed

Dana Berthold announced the Greenstone timber sale on the PCT. There will be a 500' buffer zone. The Palomar gas pipeline by Clackamas Lake is in the discussion stage. It will involve a 100' swath. It is projected for 2010-2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be Sept. 10, 6:30 PM at REI Clackamas.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Konner, Secretary