



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, July 8, 2009

Attendees: John Vhay, Dennis Beard, Ron Goodwin, Bozeb Beckwith, Jerry Bentz, Steve Plant, Becky Wolf, Steve Queen, Kim Owen, Bob Arkes, Bill Hawley, Roberta Cobb

Meeting called to order 6:33pm

Guests introduced: Dennis Beard and Bozeb Beckwith

Past Events

- May 23, Little Crater Lake to Road 42, Jerry Bentz, BCH.
- June 12-15, Tahoe Rim Trail Association training, Kim Owen.
- June 14, Little Crater Lake to Road 42, Jerry Bentz, BCH.
- June 19-21, Big Huckleberry, Bill Hawley.
- June 21, Barlow Pass Trailhead to junction with Lower Twin Lakes, Roberta Cobb.
- June 26-28, Indian Heaven Wilderness, Bill Hawley.
- June 26-28, Ramona Falls, Kim and Pam Owen.
- June 29-30, Wahtum Lake, John Vhay.
- July 2, Road 2000 to Sedum Ridge, Kim and Pam Owen.
- July 3, Top Spur to Ramona Loop, scouting, Jack Konner.
- July 5-6, Wahtum Lake south, Barb Adams.
- July 6-9, Forest Youth of Skamania County, Bill Hawley.
- July 8, Mount Adams (non-Wilderness), Bob Arkes.

Calendar and Announcements

- July 9, Timberline Lodge to Barlow Pass, Ron Goodwin.
- July 10, Junction Lake south, Bill Hawley.
- July 10-12, Road 42 to Jude Lake, Becky Wolf, OET.
- July 10-16, Buck Peak, AmeriCorps.
- July 11, Wahtum Lake, John Vhay.
- July 12, Road 2000 north and south (Timberline Lodge to Paradise Park), Ruth Weston.
- July 12, Wapinitia Pass to Little Crater Lake, Steve Plant.
- July 15, Top Spur to Lolo Pass, scouting, Jack Konner.
- July 24-26, Mount Adams (Wilderness), Bob Arkes.
- July 25, Top Spur to Ramona Loop Logout, Jack Konner.
- August 2-8, Eagle Creek, John Vhay and AHS.
- August 10-15, Paradise Park, AmeriCorps.
- August 15, Breitenbush Lake south, Jerry Bentz, BCH.
- August 15, Road 2000 north and south, Roberta Cobb.
- August 18-25, Horseshoe Meadow, AmeriCorps.

- September 12, Potluck, Champoeg Park.
- September 18-20, Berry Mountain, Bill Hawley.
- September 25, Barlow Pass south, Roberta Cobb and ALDHA-West.
- November 7, Wilderness First Aid training, Hopewell House.

Training

Nov 7 Wilderness First Aid at Hopewell House. Tell Steve if you haven't already that you plan to attend. Steve is also investigating the option for the \$47 first aid class (not wilderness) through the American Red Cross.

Kim: if you purchase food or supplies for training sessions, submit the reimbursements under Training rather than Supplies.

Budget

Budget for next year – Kim will put in about the same as last year. Will specifically ask for radios. Bill asked for an increase in the food allotment for camps. There will also be a request for travel expenses for training for certifications.

Current Status: allotted about \$5K for supplies budget, still have ~\$3500. We lost most of our good hard hats and strapping at the Trail Skills College. Jerry will get more hard hats. Steve will ask Andy Prah with TKO if they might have them. Bill will look for them in Dana's cache (post meeting: he did, they are not there)

We can start considering hard hats and the small folding saws as consumables.

Tools

Jerry can sharpen the K24 draw saws. He can make sheaths. If you buy a hand saw such as a K24 draw saw, be sure to get a sheath for it! They are dangerous without. We need some 5" fire hose for the K24 saws. The cross cut saws need better sheaths – the ones we have mostly have weak crappy ways of keeping them on the saw. Steve's cache has a lock on it with a new code word – ***** (ask Jerry if you need it). Jerry bought 5 more cross cut saws, not new but in good shape. No handles however. We need to plan to sharpen saws, make scabbards, etc, and we need to do this in the FALL – not waiting until Spring. Tools, especially saws, need to be marked. We liked the naming of the saws. Roberta will get that project finished, it just got dropped. Cache owners need to plan to inventory in September. Jerry has some hand tools. Contact him if you need some and he will arrange to get them to you.

Other News

- Busdriver John purchased two new Volunteer Ahead signs, with separate smaller banners to top it saying American Hiking Society. Bill plans to support the AHS volunteer vacation next year so keep the AHS banner please.
- Potluck: is on track
- REI asks if we are interested in manning a table during busy weekends (sales, etc) to promote our work.
- Emergency Communication Plan: needs to have Best Repeater to Use (and secondary) – Steve will update
- Central Dispatch has been really nice to use.
- Bill wants a radio chest harness. Last month Jack committed to trying to get one. Kim says if he can get radios he will try to get the harness to go with it.
- Chris Abell, a volunteer with us, wrote Bruce Starr asking for a law allowing volunteers to use chainsaws in wilderness. Just reporting the fact.
- The Mount Hood Chapter now has a presence on Facebook. We'll see how it goes. Facebook certainly relates to a younger audience than we currently have active, and can handle big picture files well.
- There's a new regulation for chaps. They have to meet the standard of 6170-F (old was –E)
- We reminded ourselves that we plan to continue monthly meetings year round, except for December.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Submitted: Roberta Cobb