



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, January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:40 PM.

Caretakers present were: Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Jack Konner, Dennis Beard, Roberta Cobb, Kim Owen, Jim Webb, Becky Wolf, Ron Goodwin, John Vhay, Bob Arkes and Steve Queen.

Also present were Dana Berthold, PCTA Regional Representative, who introduced Isaac Daniel, a new Associate Regional Representative. Isaac will be working with Dana on the coming season's Windigo and Warm Springs programs.

Past Events

- December 18, Winter Meet-n-Deet, Stark Street Pizza.
- January 6, Annual Meeting committee meeting.

Future Events

- February 13, Annual Meeting, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters
- February 19, West Cascades Award Ceremony, Jacqueline Oakes
- April 16-18, Trails Skills College, Cascade Locks
- April 24, 26, 2010, Chainsaw and crosscut saw certification, Gifford Pinchot NF.
- May 14-16, Westfir Training.
- June 4-6, Allingham Training.
- July 9-11, Ramona Falls to Paradise Park, Kim and Pam Owen.
- July 9-11, Joe Graham to Jude Lake, OET, Becky Wolf.

Training and Safety Report (Steve Queen)

- Kim Owen - A crosscut saw certification is being planned at the coast at Camp Seaside.
- Bill Hawley - PCTA crosscut and chainsaw certification cards will be distributed this year that are good for the length of the trail.
- Jennifer Tripp can supply Wilderness First Aid Kits at \$52 for six or more.

Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- Budget allocations for 2010
Total Tools, Materials & Supplies: \$6,500
Total Equipment: \$400
Total Trail Crew Travel: \$300
Total Training: \$1,700
Total Fuel: \$1,700
- We have received five new radios that are tuned to Forest Service channels. They will be distributed to tool caches for use by work parties.

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- Bill Hawley - Joe is processing crosscut saws. He will supply covers. We have two new (old) handles.
- Jerry Bentz - Arden Corey is working on five crosscut saws. All saws should be numbered.
- Roberta Cobb - She will see that her saws are engraved. She will do a tool inventory. Other caches will follow.

- Bill Hawley - Chain brakes should be disengaged when starting chainsaws to avoid damage to clutch. This is contrary to Forest Service recommendations.

Annual Meeting (Steve Queen)

- All arrangements for the Annual Meeting are in order. Jennifer Tripp has informed us that meeting expenses will come out of the supplies budget.

Regional Representative Report (Dana Berthold)

- Forest Service Region Six will receive two million in stimulus money. The PCTA has hired four people for Southern California. They will be available to work during the summer in the Northwest.
- Four Northwest Service Academy and two Youth Corps SCA crews will be working in the Columbia Cascades region. Volunteer involvement by Mt. Hood Chapter members in these projects is greatly desired.
- Allocation of Stimulus Money: 13-18 weeks of crew time for Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Ten people for six week program on Warm Springs Reservation. Four weeks of SCA crews over two years in Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Discussion Items

- Bill Hawley - Better supply communication for tools and food is needed between crew leadership and volunteers on NW Service Academy crews.
- Kim and Pam will caretake the Road 2000 to Three Corner Rock section this year, in addition to their regular stretch near Ramona/Rushing Water. Due to the difficult access and short season, they are also looking for long term ideas that will help keep their Ramona/Rushing Water stretch maintained. Perhaps an associate caretaker to help with scouting, etc. or some other crew leaders to organize and lead additional work parties. Please contact Kim or Pam if you have suggestions.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 6:30 PM at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Konner
Secretary