

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 Leadership Meeting, March 9, 2011

Steve Queen called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Caretakers/Members present were: Steve Queen, Geoff O'Neil, David Roe, Jack Konner, Steve Plant, Ron Goodwin, Ruth Weston, Ernie Strom, Roberta Cobb, Bob Arkes, Kim Owen, Pam Owen, Tammy Turner, Erin O'Donnell, Bill Hawley, Leif Hovin, Jerry Bentz

Introduction of Erin O'Donnell, new chapter secretary, to the group.

Past Events

- February 15, 6:30pm, Alta Planning & Design
- February 18, Warren Gap log out, Bill Hawley.
- February 19, Chapter annual meeting.
- February 22, Oneonta Trail, Bill Hawley.
- March 5, Chain and crosscut saw re-certification, David Roe and Joel Starr.
- March 8, Herman Creek Road, Bill Hawley.

Future Events

- March 8-10, Columbia dispatch closed. Dispatch duty officer can be reached by calling 360-891-5140.
- March 11, West side volunteer appreciation day (Clackamas River RD).
- March 16, Herman Creek, Bill Hawley.
- March 19, Chain and crosscut saw re-certification, David Roe and Joel Starr.
- March 22, TSC committee meeting, Alta Planning, Tammy Turner.
- April 9, Hopkins Demonstration Forest trail maintenance, Leif Hovin.
- April 12, Safety and review class for C level sawyers, Bill Hawley.
- April 15-17, Trail Skills College, Cascade Locks.
- May 1, Search and Rescue rappelling, Multnomah Falls, Ron Goodwin.
- May 13-15, Westfir training.
- June 3-5, Allingham training.
- June 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Get Outdoors Day!, Water Center, Vancouver (Ryan Brown, GP, 360-891-5176)
- October 1, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Potluck, Hoyt Arboretum.
- November 5-6, CPR and Wilderness First Aid, Mason Marsh.

Miscellaneous Items

- Bill Hawley will be taking another crew up Herman Creek to clear some logs laying the length of the trail. Does not want to put email out for volunteers to due the nature of the work. Looking for other caretakers that would be willing to assist. Email Bill for info.
- Ron Goodwin mentioned that anyone interested in watching a search and rescue training, there would be one taking place at Multnomah Falls on May 1st.
- Steve Queen discussed some feedback from the annual meeting. All thought that it went

- well. Jack received 15 new email addresses. David Cobb, who will deliver a talk on photography, will be the featured speaker at next year's meeting.
- Steve sent out an email asking who needs new t-shirts.
 - Steve is currently working on a Google calendar.
 - Leif is working on getting a phone number and tax number on our communications.

Training and Safety Report (Steve Queen)

- Steve discussed chainsaw and crosscut recertification on March 19th and David talked about the training that took place in Estacada. The class was limited to 12, but thought it went well with assistance from the Forest Service. They will allow for 18 participants on the class held on March 19th and still have 7 spots available. There was a discussion about printing the class workbooks for students or having them print them themselves prior to the class. They also used Steve's "go-no go list" pocket guide and might consider using it for TSC. Rangers also provided instructors with pre-signed certification cards, which was helpful. Bill discussed how there would be a "C" level training for certain individuals at the TSC so they can have more instructors. David mentioned that starting next year they may due away with the length rule associated with certifications, and instead go with level of complexity.
- Bill is working on the safety review (classroom portion of the recertification) that can be done in town so that it can be used in conjunction with the field training. He needs a time and a place to hold this. The benefit is that then all you need to do is get a review on a field crew. Bill was looking for level of interest/time/place. Other option is to go to other training in Estacada on March 19th.

First Aid Report (Bill Hawley)

- Steve and Bill discussed how it will be required that you have first and cpr to get recertified and that individuals will be responsible for getting the documentation on their own. Kim talked about how the forest service is really starting to enforce the that the classroom and field portions be separated. Bill's offer of a special classroom session will hopefully make it easier by breaking the process up from a full day to several partial day classes. Also, you are allowed to do your field portion before the classroom portion.
- Steve proposed the idea of having everyone participate in the Mason CPR recertification every other year. Most agreed this would work. Mason is scheduled for November 5th to 6th.

Trail Skills College Report (Tammy Turner)

- TSC is only 6 weeks away. Tammy said that they have lost their Food Facilitator. She mentioned that she, Becky, and Halle would tag team the role in the event that they don't have someone new. It was decided that Friday night would be a taco bar.
- Tammy talked about how Ryan O is meeting with Class Coordinator Robin to assign classed and to figure out what they will be doing with the people on the waiting list. Registration is currently at 180 participants (last year was 160 on the highest day).
- There will be full day classes added to Friday. These will all be beginner level classes.
- There are too many people coming with RV's for available RV spots at the campground. A little concerned with the overflow of people at Cascade Lockes.
- Bill had an inquiry about using some of our training budget to have Dolly support in the "C" level training held at TSC. She will be there for a T-W-TH training and can stay Friday to help with additional training as part of the event. Kim said that we don't have money allocated to training so it might be necessary to allocate funds from somewhere else in the budget, but he will talk with Dana to find out where that money should come from. Bill informed the group that if the training takes place there is room for 4-6 additional people. He

is working with Ryan to make sure that we only have true "B" level people as part of the training. Let him know if you are interested in participating.

Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- For this year's budget we have received a third of what we received last year.
- \$1500 for 10 work weekends.
- Roy Boys has a direct account with PCTA in Sacramento and will bill directly to the organization.
- \$1000 for tools and tool caches.
- \$200 for first aid kits
- Budget for power supply maintenance is the same as last year
- \$550 for packer fuel, this was cut slightly from last year.
- There is no budget this year for instructor travel. This money comes out of Dana's budget.

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- Jerry asked if anyone needed any additional tools. Some suggested lightweight spuds. Jerry also said we need to meet OSHA standards if we are on any US Forest Service outings.
- Bill talked about how some of the rock rakes are missing pins in them that should really be replaced.
- Kim provided several copies of Lester Kenways latest catalogs for tools, etc.

Communications Report (Steve Queen)

- There have been a lot of non-trail related communications going out to the email distribution list. Steve posed the question 'What is appropriate for us to send out to this list?' There was a lengthy discussion about what this list should be used for. In the end, the majority of the group felt that only those things related specifically to our section of the PCT, and our chapter of the organization, should be communicated to the group. As well as if a partnering organization asks us to solicit volunteers.
- Bill talked about one of our caretaker's sections that has been decimated by a clear cut. He proposed purchasing 300-400 trees and planting them on each side of the trail. It was noted that this section of trail is on private property and we probably could not replant on private land. Kim suggested that Isaac and Dana might have a better idea of what we can do on private property and that there may already be something going on at a higher level to fix the problem. Bill wanted to know, if we were able to get permission and the trees, is this something people might be interested in doing as a group. Steve will discuss the idea with Dana.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm