

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, May 11, 2011

Steve Queen called meeting to order @ 6:58

Caretakers/Members present were: Roberta Cobb, Tammy Turner, Dana Berthold, John Vhay, Ruth Weston, F. Scott Wagner, Bill Hawley, Geoff O'Neil, Ron Goodwin, Bob Arkes, Steve Plant, Jerry Bentz, David Roe, Jim Webb, Kim Owen, Steve Queen, Jack Konner, Erin O'Donnell

Steve made some introductions: Scott Wagener – with the Zig Zag Forest Service area. He explained how there was some extra stimulus money for some PCTA crew. Hoping to learn about what the PCTA is doing and hopefully coordinate some projects. Steve explained to him a bit about our chapter and our area. Caretakers from the Zig Zag area made introductions. Ruth, Kim O, Jerry B, Steve P, Ron G, Geoff O. The group discussed potential projects in that area that USFS funds could be used for. Dana confirmed that there are no dedicated PCTA AmeriCorps volunteers for the area this summer.

Past Events

- April 15-17, Trail Skills College, Cascade Locks.
- May 1, Search and Rescue rappelling, Multnomah Falls, Ron Goodwin.

Future Events

- May 13-15, Westfir training.
- May 13-15, Crosscut training, Idyllwild, CA, Kim Owen.
- May 14, REI outreach.
- May 19, Herman Creek PCT, Bill Hawley.
- May 21, Road 2070 north, Bill Hawley.
- May 21, Klickitat Trail celebration, Lyle, WA.
- May 30, Frog Lake scouting, Roberta Cobb.
- June 3-5, Allingham training.
- June 4, REI outreach.
- June 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Get Outdoors Day!, Water Center, Vancouver (Ryan Brown, GP, 360-891-5176)
- June 17-19, Nick Eaton/Gorton Creek/Deadwood Camp, Kim Owen.
- July 15-17, Logout Ramona Falls to Paradise Park, Kim Owen.
- September 3 (2-4), PCT Day, Cascade Locks.
- October 1, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Potluck, Hoyt Arboretum.
- November 5-6, CPR and Wilderness First Aid, Mason Marsh.

Miscellaneous Items

- Dana said it's about 140% snow pack right now. Everyone finds it hard to schedule outings right now due to the snow.

- PCT Day – September 3rd. Our chapter will be there with a table. (Jack & Dana) Dana said trying to bump up the fundraising aspect of the event.

Training and Safety Report – Trail Skills College (Tammy Turner)

- There will be a TSC debrief meeting coming up next week with her committee. Event went very well considering the weather. We didn't get all of the attendance sheets back, so we're not entirely sure how many people attended. Comments from instructors was that some classes end up 2 of a scheduled 7 or so.
- Bill said saw certifications had good attendance. Associate trainers were there as trainers so there was a roughly 3:1 student teacher ratio. Kim thinks the program was even better than last year and far better organized. Some new C level certifications. Bill discussed formalizing our trainer program. The committee will work on the organizational components so we can take it to the region level and expand into other areas. We evaluated more people that we ever have before. Gave evaluations to Forest Service 22nd of last month and still waiting on cards. A few recerts in chainsaw.
- Tammy thinks we lost at least 25% due to the weather. Max # of people that signed in was around 130, with around 180 registered. 100% of our instructors showed up. She has gotten some feedback from committee members saying that their positions were very difficult. More volunteers for the larger jobs would be helpful.
- Steve talked about the people that were turned away because the registration was full. Talk of deposits for future events to motivate people to show up once they've registered. A lot of food was sent home with people because we purchased too much. Volunteer hours will go to the group that was identified when you checked in.

First Aid Report (Bill Hawley)

- Bill H – discussion about a quick clot unit for every first aid kit associated with saw work. Can we afford to get some more?
- Bill has 6 saws that are rusty, that just need to be worked on to see how valuable they will be to us.

Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- In response to Bill's question regarding clot kits, yes, we do have money to purchase quick clot kits.
- Kim thinks we're all caught up on everyone's expense reimbursements.
- We may need to increase our budget next year for independent first aid to cover everyone's first aid & cpr.
- Wish list items – requests for a couple more underbuckers.
- Overall in terms of the budget we're in good shape

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- We have 4 underbuckers on order.
- We now have covers for almost every saw.
- Jerry will be around this summer in case anyone has any issues with tools.

Communication & Miscellaneous Items (Steve Queen)

- Tammy is now our volunteer coordinator, taking over for Jack.
- Dana noted that the font on the emails is very small – Tammy will fix this.

- Bob A created a list of all of the trailheads and junctions in Indian Heaven wilderness with gps coordinates and other data. Valuable information for trail crews, especially in the event of an emergency. Bob is prepared to do this detail for all of our sections.

Dana Berthold - Miscellaneous Items

- Talked about new Regional rep, Bob Woods, stationed in North Bend. Previously worked for the CDT Association and FL Trail Assoc.
- New IT Specialist, Jack Haskal – hiked PCT in 2006.
- There is a grant opportunity with port of cascade locks to put a pedestrian walkway on the Bridge of the Gods. May or may not happen. Would be equestrian friendly. Grant will be submitted in 2-3 weeks.
- Also working on fundraising for the Warm Springs crew. Crew leaders were just hired and are working on recruiting crew.
- Tomorrow 5/12 here at this REI there is a presentation on the PCT.
- We need to have a rep here for these events so that we can pass out information and have our PCTA sign up list.

Tammy - Trail Fest will be in Big Bear Lake, second week in August 2012. The following year will be in Wenatchee. It will be in August so that they will be on or near the trail so that people can access the trail during the event.

Ruth may ask for some extra help due to her foot not healing as quickly as she hoped. Kim and Pam will likely walk through there at some point.

Scott Burns doing a talk at 7:00 at Lincoln Hall at PSU on landslides and tsunamis. (Ron G)

Meeting ended at 8:26pm