

MINUTES
PCTA MT. HOOD CHAPTER MEETING
11/14/2012

Roberta Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM at the Clackamas REI

WELCOME

- * In attendance: Bob Arkes, Jerry Bentz, Roberta Cobb, John Cunningham, Tim Duncan, Ron Goodwin, Bill Hawley, Leif Hovin, Kim Owen, Pam Owen, Steve Plant, Steve Queen, David Roe, Chris Sanderson, Tammy Turner, John Vhay, Jim Webb, Ruth Weston, Becky Wolf.

PAST EVENTS

- * No stats - Merrit was on vacation
- * October potluck - recap of potluck, great food, great volunteers, and great fun. Comment was made that not as many volunteers attended. Consensus was that we would continue because crew leaders enjoy it. Discussion on place and date. Agreed mid to late Sept. at Arboretum. Bob Arkes will see about reserving.
- * Bill Hawley updated on Sasquatch Crew- early snow changed plans somewhat, but several projects were accomplished.
- * John Vhay reported on the "New Seasons " crew, very well received, a boardwalk was constructed at Carpenter Lake. "New Seasons" has 12 stores and will pay their employees for an 8 hour day to volunteer with a non-profit group. A great resource for us and the PCT.
- * Dave Roe reported on the chainsaw practicum held at Wind River. Two students attended which made for lots of individual training and instructor time.
- * Dennis Beard did power brushing on Roberta's section for the upcoming work project.
- * Kim Owen did a trail project with the Boy Scouts and Estacada Ranger Station at Roaring River Campground.
- * Ruth Weston reported on a recent Magical Mystery Trail Project #1 at Herman Creek.
- * see posted calendar for more.

FUTURE EVENTS

- * Annual Meeting - Sat. Feb. 2, 2013 at Gifford Pinchot USFS office. Featured speaker suggested was Erin Saver "Wired". She has a great slide show with inspirational journalling. Also suggested was Eric Riback again. Roberta will contact Erin first. Roberta will take care of swag with consultation with Steve Q.
- * see calendar for more events.

REPORTS

- * Budget - Kim Owen reported that we overspent this year in certain budget categories, but will check with Sacramento to move \$\$\$ around.

- * Tools - Jerry Bentz recommended that we winterize the saws and brush cutters; drain gas, etc. Also no money for anything extra. There is an extra radio for the Portland cache. Jerry needs an inventory of each cache. Tool Day at the Portland cache (Roberta's) will be set for sometime in Feb. Bill Hawley asked for a day to replace handles, sharpen saws, etc. for the Cascade Locks cache.
- * Trail Skills College - John Cunningham reported the dates being April 19,20,21, 2013 at Cascade Locks. USFS will probably help with funding. Sacramento would like to get more new volunteers involved, more entry level sessions. Will try to advertize more at New Seasons for their new program.
- * Training and Safety - Leif Hovin reported that saw certification will be April 27 and 28 at Wind River R.S. Dave Roe will also organize a certification at Estacada RS. Date TBA.
- * Volunteer Coordinator - Tammy Turner read an e-mail from Zachery Ridener. He has invited someone from the PCTA to come and talk with their group (Portland Hiking Meet-Up Group). Tammy also stated she is working on PCT Days at Cascade Locks.

DISCUSSION

- * Bill Hawley discussed the list of future trail projects for the Mt. Hood NF. He also reported on the Bridge Project in the Goat Rocks area for mid-July 2013. There will be opportunities for volunteers to expand bridge building skills. He also shared that there is USFS funding for approx. 7 corps crews along the PCT. To include funding for several Sasquatch/Skyline Crews for 2013 and also funding for a trail crew project in the Goat Rocks area. The Warm Springs Program will not be funded in 2013. The bridge over the Sandy R. has washed away. It was not removed quick enough this year.
- * Dave Roe would like some winter trail projects with manageable logs for saw training.
- * Kim Owen suggested a trail near Horse Tail Falls with some challenging tread work for a Magical Mystery Trail Project.

ROUND TABLE

- * Tammy Turner - Trail Fest 2013 will be in Seattle, Aug 9, 10, 11, 2013 Needs help with marketing and vendor fair committees and responsibilities.
- * Dave Roe - Saw certifiers will be having their annual saw program evaluation in Cascade Locks. Dave is working on a JHA for the entire PCT. Also he is keeping track of the progress of the National Guideline for saw certification, which would expand certification for 3yr intervals.
- * Bill Hawley and Dennis Beard - will be doing winter brushing projects at lower elevations on the Washington side.
- * Steve Queen- requests TCP's to be placed on the chapter website.
- * Roberta Cobb - stated we have some open sections and need more care-takers. eg. North of rd 2000, Ramona Falls to Paradise Park, Potato Hill area, and possibly Dave Welch's section if he moves, it is north of Indian Heaven. (14 miles of trail).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

No meeting in December 2012. Next meeting January 9, 2013 at 6:45 at REI.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Wolf, temp. secretary