

Minutes: Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA
Caretaker Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2013

Location: Clackamas REI

Guest: Bill Crouse, Jim Webb's right hand man who sat on his left, actually sat on his left. Many people were absent because they were off doing trail work, visiting with grandchildren, or starting a commune. You know who you are.

Bob Arkes wasn't present but he is now called "Gentleman Bob"

Past Events:

Use of the online reporting tool is encouraged. It is hard to find but easy to use. Please use the Stand Alone Project Report form (Project List then Submit Standalone PRF). Roberta will share the log in and password that you need to access it. All of the Mt. Hood Chapter uses the same log in and password. President Roberta gets a copy of the on line report (you have to add her to the list) and you can add the name of your agency partner as well. Any way that the reports get done, even pen and ink, blood and sweat, is great! The signed copies of the JHA and sign in sheet still have to be scanned or mailed to Sacramento.

Becky had a great work party, good steaks, for which her crew says "Thanks". The work party intermingled with the Mount Hood 50 race, for 1 ½ miles. It was agreed that better communication with the race organizer is needed next summer.

Log out is complete and wow, the numbers!

Future Events:

Dave Welch and BCH resigned his section of trail. Tyler Marriot and his son scouted it. FS Dean logged it out. TA Heidi will be leading a work party there September 8,9,10. There will be culvert cleaning, brushing, and camping out.

A lot of good work will be done!

Reports:

Budget: Kim requests that you turn in your receipts as soon as possible before the fall/Fiscal year. This will help establish our budget for the next year. He also mentioned early on in the meeting that FS radios cost \$200 and can be signed out of the caches. He is able to program them for the most popular frequencies.

Tools: Leif reported that few repairs are needed, Dave Roe is looking at a sick brusher, but basically the needs are light right now. Tim Duncan requests buckets.

Trail Skills College: Jeff Booth met with last year's crack team of TSC people. This year's TSC will be April 25-27 to accommodate Easter. There is another TSC meeting coming up very soon. The saw weekend will be determined by the saw people.

Saw Certification: Kim Owen requested that we have a meeting and not talk about saws but we couldn't do it. Big year, many recertifications to be done. The saw people will be crowning a lead instructor for this year. Leif was the B sawyer helping a bunch of A folks in Washington at Tieton Pass.

Training and Safety: David Roe scouted out the Estacada Library and says that it is nice and free. Just perfect for CPR class and some crew leader stuff on November 16th. LeeAnn will teach the CPR. David will put down the deposit, so we all will clean up well. We expect to use the library from 8-5.

Dana: Not there. Presumed to be in the commune. Requests a B sawyer to help a group of A sawyers north of White Pass. Date isn't set. Kim says he will be at White Pass next weekend and will follow up with Dana.

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy PCT Days at Cascade Locks. She needs 2-3 volunteers who are trustworthy to help with the store on September 8th. Hours are 9-4. Tim Duncan's hand shot up for that. A Frisbee golf tournament has been incorporated into PCT days this year. No work party planned. Many vendors. On Labor Day there will be music and a gathering at Timberline Lodge. PCTA can have a table inside. I don't think anyone's hand shot up (yet). Tammy is experiencing a summer lull in volunteer enthusiasm. Tammy prefers us NOT posting our work parties on the PCTA website for now- experience of one person signing up for a work party and that person expected a ride from PDX.

Discussion Items

Bob Appling has resigned his caretaker section due to the fact that he is busy with his business this time of year. He has the north end of Indian Heaven.

Still waiting to determine where Karla's section will end on the North. She is also going to be canonized for making an early morning delivery of peanut sauce to a trail crew.

Snag Creek Bridge is on hold due to some snags between the state and the feds.

Tim Duncan explored the idea of using Google Trekker on the PCT and it turned into a high level issue and for now the answer is "no".

The loft door at the Portland cache is broken so please be careful if you have to go up there. Chris Sanderson will fix it next week.

[Round and around the room we go.....](#)

Jeff Booth: TA Heidi Brill is helping with invasive weed concern and how to get groups talking to each other. Seattle Mountaineers are interested and the goal is to be more organized.

Jim: Found another volunteer! This one doesn't have email so Bill Crause is committed to keeping him informed.

Chris Sanderson: Has a work party this weekend on his section. Running group is involved on this weekend or next. He will find out what their plans are. Kim Owen may be able to help if the running group is going out of the following weekend.

Kim Owen: Turned down for several work crews and looking for work on the trail. Wants to build cribbing on his section of trail. Needs an experienced sawyer for chain saw work on a side slope. And the crowd went wild...."Pig Pen"! It would be a 2 day project with 4 crew the first day and 8 crew the next. He wants to do it in the second half of August or September.

Leif: Talking to someone from the State Parks. Newest park is Cottonwood in John Day. There may be a chance for trail maintainers to help build new trail and get out of town this winter for a skill building weekend. The promise of food was mentioned. Many people were interested so we hope Leif will pass that on to his contact and keep us informed.

The meeting was adjourned earlier than usual.