

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 8, 2014

Welcome

- Guest: Gary Marshall
- Absent: Jerry, Ruth, Becky

Past Events

- 2013 Stats
- Gorge Recreation Coalition: Dennis B. Dana will attend next month's meeting
- MMT 1, 2, 3: Ruth and Roberta
- Herman Creek logout Nov 21: Bill. Next log there needs grip hoist
- Trail 400 and SRD logout: Leif
- Teakettle logout Jan 1: Tim
- BOG/Ft Rains logout in December: Karla

- See Calendar.

Future Events

- Annual Meeting Jan 25
 - Send me photos! Especially horse pics.
 - Steve P. will bring the amazing sound system
 - Leif will coordinate refreshments
 - Publicity? We got in the REI email. Ron to submit to newspapers
 - Ron to take the volunteer table supplies from Tammy
 - Tammy not going to be there.
- [Bill Hawley, all of Indian Heaven, June 26 – 30th](#): The project will be run like two work parties.
- [Tim & Sara: weekend of June 1, possibly May 30/31, alternate June 14-15](#)
- [Becky's section July 11-13](#)

- Anish event Feb 1
- OSU Tree School March 22
- Mt Hood 50 on July 14 per website www.mthood50.com Roberta to contact the race organizers
- Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: www.mountainlakes100.com
- Gorge Waterfalls 100K/50K March 29-30, gorgewaterfalls50k.blogspot.com (Herman Creek TH to Benson St Rec Area)
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget Kim - No budget yet from Sacramento. However, please notify Kim of needs. This will expedite the budget process! MHC received \$200 for 3 radios. Kim inquired about first aid kits for the coming season.
- Tools. Leif

- Tool Day at Portland Cache Saturday February 1st at 8:00am. There will be lots of opportunities to sharpen, repair, paint/id, organize inventory!
 - Inventory Bill H. received 1 cross cut saw and other tools from Bob Appling for the Trout Lake inventory. Bill will complete the Wind River inventory.
 - Radios Replacement radios, and Spare radio chargers (Kim) Received replacement radios and has extra chargers. All current inventory is in good repair. Discussed where-about of Wind River radio – currently there are no radios. Bill H. will work with Dean to get a “Brick” for Wind River.
 - Jen “penciled” us in for 36 new hard hats
- Trail Skills College Fri, April 25 – Sun, April 27: Jeff Booth
ALL ON SCHEDULE! Whoo Hoo Jeff!
Classes are organized, registration will be available soon, website is up and running. All will be basically the same as last year except for 1st aid classes – more information to come.
 - Saw Certification:
 - Jen reports that Bloodborne Pathogen training is required. We should start working to get all crew leaders BBP trained but our priority is certified sawyers. Bill H. will help organize the Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP) training and saw safety lecture on Saturday March 29th. Details to follow.
 - David to check on saw seen at an antique store in Portland on Grand Avenue.
- Caretaker/Crewleader Roles and Responsibility: Kim – A virtual committee has been established. First on the to-do list is discuss caretaker roles and responsibilities.
- Training and Safety: Open
 - Jen says: Scanned copies of JHA and sign in sheet are okay, we do not need original in Sacramento. Please let me know if you want more postage paid envelopes sent to you or if you will have folks move to scanning and emailing.
 - When to complete a CA-1, “when in doubt, fill it out”, unknown severity that could lead to potential treatment. Not necessary for every band aid, ointment or tampon removed from a first aid kit ☺
 - Dana
Two out of three forest service meetings have been held! Yeah, very positive meetings! The Gorge meeting still needs to be scheduled. Dana is focusing her attention on the Foot Bridge project at Bridge of the Gods. Funding has been received for the Engineering Study! Claire Pitner, eastside zone recreation assistant for the Forest Service, will be attending the Gorge Coalition Project meetings in lieu of Dennis Beard.
 - Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
Mount Bell is offering to host a fund raiser for MHC/PCTA. They have space available at no charge to PCTA for these events.

Announcements/Reminders

- Columbia Dispatch prefers GPS locations in Degrees, Minutes, Seconds. e.g., N 46° 21' 05.292" W 121° 31' 09.588". Handy converter: <http://transition.fcc.gov/mb/audio/bickel/DDMMSS-decimal.html>
- Those of you working in Hood River RD: Please email both Claire Pitner and Kenny. Clare’s email: cpitner@fs.fed.us
- Gina Edwards is able to generate your sign up sheets. Just send her the list. Her email: gedwards@pcta.org. Also, she added a space for volunteers to enter their commute time.
- Gina says: There has been some confusion regarding Project Report Forms and I just want to clarify. Some volunteers have mentioned that under the “Volunteer” section (where you enter the names of all volunteers on the project), there might be an extra row for an additional name, but it is not needed (5 rows are present, but only 4 volunteers need to be entered). The form will not let you submit it if there are extra blank rows, but it was unclear how to get rid of these extra rows. All you have to do to eliminate extra rows is change the “total number of volunteers” field to correctly correlate with the number of volunteers in your project. This field automatically generates the number of rows based on the number entered. So, if you find you have an extra row check the number of volunteers you entered (change from 5 to 4 and the 5th row will be eliminated).
- Gina also says that scouting time can be lumped into your regular project report OR you can send in a separate one.
- New caretaker email distribution list. mthoodcaretakers@pcta.org
- Columbia Dispatch is on winter schedule

Discussion Items

- Another logout on Herman Creek? Bill H. will organize a work crew!
- Add Eagle Creek as a Caretaker Section – Everyone in support! In addition, MHC discussed adding Indian Springs cut off and the 400 trail as additional care taker sections in support of the PCT. Sacramento supports these inclusions. Dennis Beard is the new caretaker for Lower Eagle Creek (up to 7 ½ mile camp) and Busdriver John is the new caretaker for Upper Eagle Creek and the Indian Springs Cutoff Trail. John's PCT section is now officially Vacant. The 400 trail is also Vacant.