

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 12, 2014  
Location: REI Clackamas

## Welcome

- Welcome: **New caretakers: Justin (Benson Plateau Section), Robert (Upper Muddy Fork Crossing) (Pace), Rick (Indian Heaven North)**
- **Attendees: Steve Q, Bill H, Karla, Ruth, Steve P, Ron, Tim L., Tammy, Chris, Jeff, Dennis B, Robert C, Bob A, Leif, Justin, Rick, David, Jerry, Liz, Tyler, Busdriver, Roberta – 22 people!**
- Absent: Dana, Tim D, Jim

## Past Events

- 2014 Stats: **9 work parties; cleared logs with the largest being 38"; 900 volunteer hours; 70 specialized hours; maintained 28 miles; 122 volunteers on projects.**
- Feb 16, Brushing at BOG: **Karla cleared out blackberries, spurge laurel, and cleaned all drainage.**
- Feb 18, MMT #4, Eagle Creek: Ruth and Roberta: **Cleaned 1<sup>st</sup> ¼ mile AGAIN! It rained, AGAIN! Will do it AGAIN!**
- Feb 23, Holly Pull, Jeff - **South of Moody St. cleared out 300 holly plants.**
- Feb 26, Oneonta logs and slide, Bill and Roberta: **Two logs remaining (duck under logs) the slide was corrected by using a green log to make a cribbing. Lots of cross cut sawing due to being in wilderness.**
- Mar 1, Wayfaring movie: Tammy: **Attended by Tammy and Roberta; featured Scott Harriet movie. A % of proceeds went to PCTA.**
- March 8-9, Ultralight Fest: Tammy: **At The Mt. Shop, talked with hikers and was able to recruit more volunteers. Many hikers had little info about the PCT – information was well received.**
- Chris Sanderson: Hike the Hill in February – **In Washington DC = promote PCTA and meet with Senate staffers aides to discuss the significance of the PCT. Two items pushing for 1) Appropriations for Land Conservation Fund; and 2) Fed. Land Transaction Act. Looks like presidential funding will, in 2015, be reapproved for Land Conservation Fund. The experience highlighted how important our participation is in working/maintaining the PCT.**

## Future Events

- March 13: **PCT Thru-hiking talk by Ashley Lowe @ Clackamas REI**
- Mar 13 Eagle Creek: Dennis: **5 volunteers to clear slides before the foot bridge: Slide material even with the hand rail! Will move out remaining logs; hikers reported lots of debris near 4 mile bridge.**
- Mar 22 OSU Tree School: David:
- Mar 22-23-24 Warner Pacific College Crew: **Busdriver John: 6 volunteers signed up: John and Gentleman Bob will scout 03/14. School will be providing the food.**
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> **Leif: will clear 400 trail to Eagle Creek.**
- Mar 28 Saw Instructor Recert: **4 signed up so will be one day – 28th**
- Mar 29-30 Gorge Waterfalls 100K/50K, [gorgewaterfalls50k.blogspot.com](http://gorgewaterfalls50k.blogspot.com) (Herman Creek TH to Benson St Rec Area) **Roberta's portion of this run has been cleared by Bill.**
- Apr 5 Mt Hood South Saw Certifications: **Will be for re-certs only, will be only one day – 04/05**
- April 9 next Caretaker meeting
- Mt Hood 50 on July 14 per website [www.mthood50.com](http://www.mthood50.com)
- Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: [www.mountainlakes100.com](http://www.mountainlakes100.com)

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- Named Crews
  - New Seasons Crews: **Jayme has 40 people willing to work, wants 4 work parties, no longer than 90 minutes travel and being able to be back at a Carpool Store by 5:00pm, on a weekday (prefers Mon & Tues)**
    - April 15 : Roberta – Pacific Crest Falls tread work
    - Late April: Busdriver John will confirm
    - May 20: Roberta – possible invasive plants
    - Later: Leif – Lolo Pass North
  - Urban Youth Crew: July 11-12: **Dana or Employee will be leading**
  - Packwood Glacier Crew: **Bill target date - Aug. 22-24<sup>th</sup> - received inquiry from last year's New Hampshire volunteer.**
  - WTA to work at Muddy Meadows on Mt Adams in September – **N/A**
  - Boy Scouts, Stan Schultz, inquiry regarding end of March hike up Eagle Creek –**N/A**

Potluck date?. **According to Brice the last weekend in September = Saturday 09/27**  
**This year we will have to pay for parking; there are some areas that are outside of parking payment zones.**

Wilderness First Aid – set a date? **Typically a 2 day event. November is preferred. Will check with LeeAnn and see if we can have in Estacada Library (David R. will confirm).**

## Reports

Budget. Kim **N/A**

- Tools. Leif
  - **New hard hats – at meeting for the taking. Three dozen were purchased for caretakers, and high-hour volunteers, and use in regular volunteer work.**
  - **Brusher Parts to purchase**
  - **Fuel containers to purchase**
  - **All saws that are reconditioned are labeled with an individual name.**
  - **Need to check out the canopy in PDX cache for promotional events**

Trail Skills College Fri, April 25 – Sun, April 27: Jeff Booth - **Classes are full except higher level classes. Expect full enrolment soon. Organizing committee meetings. All on track!**

- Saw Certification: Kim leading cross cut; Leif chainsaw  
 Saw Sharpening class is full  
**Bill and Kim provided chainsaw and cross cut cert and re-certs in southern Cal. for bucking only, March 4 – 11. This was a new program and was well received. Especially when receiving a 2 year certification.**

Caretaker/Crewleader Roles and Responsibility: Kim **Work has commenced on defining Surveyor and Scout.**

- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
  - Trip to Kilimanjaro in July. Barbara Niece to cover. Barbara plans to attend April meeting  
**Barbara will utilize Tammy's email info so communication will not be impacted.**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup> REI in Hillsboro, and April 8/9 REI Downtown Tammy will attend**  
**REI recruiting days not yet set.**  
**MT Shop invited to come back and have a special day to promote PCTA and recruit.**  
**Received email regarding Get Out Doors day at Ft. Vancouver on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Dave help set up with cross cut saw demonstration, but will need 4 more volunteers to help; Busdriver John able to help. Rubbing art project for kids will be available.**

## Discussion Items

- New Meeting Recorder needed: **Tammy to send to the volunteer list.**

- Gresham Outlook looking to write a story: **Cari Hachmann is the reporter – focus on wilderness. She is on our volunteer email list now.**
- Distributing remaining FS awards: **Still have some awards not distributed. Between now and Trail Skills College, please let Roberta know who's on your crew so we can deliver awards.**
- Wygant Trail – Tyler discussions with State Parks – update? **No real movement. In general this does not benefit PCTA but does provide experience.**
- Paul Martin Smith passing: **Long term volunteer, and instructor at Trail Skill College – well remembered in high regard. A card was signed by caretakers present.**
- Do we need to order more business cards? **Yes**
- A number of caretakers did not receive their NW Forest Passes. **In many cases the package received was beat-up and re-packaged. Karla, Bill, Steve P. got their shirt but no pass. (Note: Roberta received a pristine envelope with shirt but no pass; some others received beat-up package with shirt and pass) Roberta will report and get passes to those who deserve it but did not receive it.**

## **Round the Room**

**Bill - his section is under snow but reports that Tom Linde's section is clear.**

**Ron – Benson Bridge hopefully open by Memorial Day but more likely by Independence Day**

**Tim L – snow pack is low; snow level 4K' probably. May log out their section earlier. BCH is adopting Reilly Horse Camp (near Ramona Falls)**

**Leif – snow is like late April already.**

**Chris – heading to Latvia!**

**Dennis – Eagle Creek is Eagle River. So much water! Many more waterfalls.**

**Gentleman Bob – rumor has it that the roads are impassable north of Trout Lake due to snow.**

**David – will finalize location of the Mt. Hood South saw cert tomorrow; likely along the Clackamas River**

**Liz - heading to DC in April**