

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Oct 11, 2017

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Tami Keller-Sheets

Welcome

- Welcome:
- Absent: Freefall (Tahoe), Carole (England), Brooke (vacation), Kim and Pam, Underbucker, Dana, Jerry, John, Josh, Karla, John, Sara, Chuck, Vanessa, Christie, Summer, Hillary, Marijke, Scott.
- Attended: Steve, Kelley, Tami, Rosemary, Rick, Chris, Ron, Rob, Ruth, Tammy, Becky, Tim, Steve, Jane, Bob, Diane, Peter, Robert, Thomas, Frank, Leif, John, Bill, Roberta

Breaking News:

Eagle Creek Fire/Gorge Trails Recovery Team

Dana: We had 30 people at our first "orientation" at Walking Man! 6 of those folks also took my 3-hour "Trails 100" classroom session. Both went quite well. A few of these folks are interested in becoming leaders. I told them the best thing to do, in addition to the formal training, is go out on a lot of work parties, whether or not those work parties are related to this "Gorge Trails Recovery" initiative.

All three of the 101s are nearly full. So, if we want to add capacity, that's probably a good place to add more leaders, either on the same dates or on additional dates. Current dates we have are Oct 15 (Kelley and Chris), 28th (Brooke, Chris, and Rick), and Dec 9 (Roberta, Rick, Brooke).

Today in my 100 class I used the 100 curriculum document, and Ryan's powerpoint. For those of you teaching the 101 class, we are hoping you'll cover material from both 101 (Brushing) and 102 (Tread/Drainage). No need to be fully comprehensive, it's just a sampler. The course curriculum is here: <https://www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/trail-skills-college-course-curriculum/>

- Dana: Ellen/Emily are sending paper handouts of the 101 course you can give to your students. They will be stored in the Stevenson Cache.
- Dana: Wants to make sure crew leaders are comfortable with what we're asking you to do.
- Dana is meeting today with Steve (TKO) and Megan (FOG). Discussion about centralized/unified listing of projects.
- Preference is for additional 101 sessions.

Indian Heaven (East Crater) Fire

- PCT remains closed across all of Indian Heaven Wilderness

Leadership re-org

- Roberta will step down as Chair in September of '18. Steve talked about the history of the chapter and the pinch points that cause the chapter to change and grow. Some of these pinch points were the need for a Volunteer Coordinator, Caretaker Meetings, Partnership Crews.

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

As always, thank you to Pace for doing this analysis.

| Mount Hood Chapter Stats - September 2017 | | | | | | | |
|---|------|--------|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | YTD | | | YTD | | |
| | Sept | Sept | | Sept | Sept | YTD | |
| | 2017 | 2017 | | 2016 | 2016 | Diff | |
| Total Volunteer Hours | 767 | 15,234 | | 1,593 | 16,688 | -1,454 | -8.7% |
| Specialized hours | 45 | 2,241 | | 232 | 2,831 | -589 | -20.8% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Number of Trail Crews | 3 | 87 | | 9 | 122 | -35 | -28.7% |
| Miles Logged out | 0 | 158 | | 2 | 259 | -101 | -39.1% |
| Miles Maintained | 7 | 74 | | 9 | 57 | 17 | 30.7% |
| Feet of Rehab/Recon | 686 | 14,280 | | 3,164 | 20,159 | -5,879 | -29.2% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer hours by Category | | | | | | | |
| Trail Maint - crews & scouting | 301 | 8,666 | | 1,296 | 9,944 | -1,278 | -12.9% |
| Trail Maint - support | 398 | 2,839 | | 242 | 3,010 | -170 | -5.7% |
| Trail Skills Training | 0 | 3,381 | | 18 | 3,476 | -95 | -2.7% |
| Outreach Events | 69 | 347 | | 39 | 258 | 89 | 34.6% |
| | 767 | 15,234 | | 1,593 | 16,688 | | |

16,400 hours in '15, 19,200 hours in '16, 17,000 hours in '17

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Sept 15-21: Sasquatch Crew on Mt Adams (shortened)
2. Sept 16: REI Huddle in Tualatin: Tammy and Bus Driver
3. Sept 19: NSM Crew at Bald Mtn: Pace and Hillary worked on tread.
4. Sept 24: BOG Cache Move: Kim, Dana, et al. Nice Spot
5. Sept 30: Lewis and Clark crew at Paradise Park Trail: Chris K. Put in two new drains.
6. Sept 30: REI Huddles at Hillsboro, Clackamas, Portland: Tammy, Bus Driver and John Vhay.
7. Sept 30: Mt Adams North treadwork: Brooke and Pace. 5 people on the north end. 3.5-miles of drains.
8. Oct 2: NSM Crew at Hidden Lake Trail and Little ZZ Falls: Roberta, Pace, Little Brown
9. Oct 4: Big Huck Scouting: Little Brown. Road access for middle section doesn't work.
10. Oct 7: Annual Picnic at Clear Creek: many
11. Oct 9: Logout Upper Muddy Fork: Pace. 4 people and got to use rope puller.

Future Events

Next Month: See calendar on website. Changes are frequent.

Next meeting: November meeting will be held at Estacada Library on Saturday, Nov 4 starting at 12:30pm. Lunch at 11:30.

Beyond:

Columbia Cascades TSC: April 20-22, 2018

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Rosemary.

- Working with Gorge Trails Recovery Team. TKO may train separately. Discussed process for requesting crews, emails sent to crew participants by Caretakers personally, and timing for events.

Event Coordinator: Tammy

- Annual Celebration Date. Working on scheduling may be 2/3/18 or 2/10/18. Will be held at Fort Vancouver.

Partnership Crews:

For 2017 partnership crews other than NSM, we were asked by 9 organizations and completed work for 4 orgs.

Upcoming and New:

1. **Chris Jenson, PCC Wilderness Lit Class** would like a project Saturday, March 3, 2018
2. Chris Jenson, **PCC Multicultural Center**, Saturday Oct. 21, Busdriver John

Completed:

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Mar 4. Ruth and Roberta, logout on BOG Oregon Side.
2. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** Little Brown and Tim are at Timothy Lake tonight for 3 day crew. Also Pace.
3. **Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC):** This year they will be camped near Bunker Hill.
 - a. Mondays July 17 – Little Brown
 - b. July 24 – Little Brown
 - c. July 31 – Little Brown
 - d. Aug 7 – Tyler
4. **Lewis and Clark:** Sept 30, Chris K

Cancelled/Declined/Did Not Happen:

1. **Trevor / Outward Bound** Sept 1, Timothy Lake section, Roberta and Chuck – CANCELLED due to smoke/fires
2. **Wilson High School:** Tami (but meeting no-showed, so dropped)
3. **National Wildlife Federation:** They declined.
4. **Scout Troup 222,** Stan. Kim is working with him. Wants June 24/25, 8-10 people. Cancelled due to heat
5. **Wilderness Stewards,** possibly April/May timeframe after their training. Chris K will lead. Cancelled.
6. **Skout, Amy:** Pace will lead the crew on Bald Mtn July 19. CANCELLED due to lack of enrollment (only 2 people)
3. **Go Beyond Racing:** Renee. Steve Plant was willing to lead, sounds like this needs to be pushed to next year due to no open dates.
4. **Eagle project, Evan Johnson.** He found a different project.
5. **Apple:** Tami organizing directly, but they did not respond to last emails.

New Seasons Crews: Kelley

For the season, we completed 11 NSM crews and scheduled/cancelled 2

1. April – Roberta on Monday 4/3 (DONE). Finishing work on the new trail at Dry Creek; cleared trail between PCT and Dry Creek Falls; cleaned drains back to Moody.
2. May - Pace: Tuesdays 5/9 (DONE)
3. June
 - a. Pace 6/6 (DONE).
 - b. David Roe 6/27 logout Barlow Pass southbound. (DONE)
4. July
 - a. Busdriver for July 10, at Gorton Creek – CANCELLED by Liz
 - b. Leif for July 11, at Lolo Pass DONE
 - c. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. DONE.
5. August – No projects planned
6. September
 - a. Pace Sept 19 at Bald Mountain, tread work DONE
7. October - Roberta Oct 3, 2 crews: Hidden Lake Trail and Little Zigzag Falls Trail DONE
8. Jayme's Crews:
 - a. Saturday June 17 DONE
 - b. Saturday June 24 DONE

- c. Saturday July 15 CANCELLED
- d. Saturday July 29 DONE

Dana: (see above)

Bill: Bill asks if he will be accepted as a volunteer after he retires from employment. Yes.

TCPs: O.G.

- Reviews of your TCPs are due today. Thanks for the feedback. Won't be bugging the group anymore about TCPs. Discussed fillable pdfs with Underbucker.

Budget: Kim

From Kim: Here's the latest budget report, although about 2 months out of date.

| Pacific Crest Trail Association Program Budget Report As of August 31, 2017 <i>Columbia Cascades Region - MT. HOOD CHAPTER</i> | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| CMTL Grant (160) | Jan-Dec 2017 Budget | August 2017 Actual | Budget Remaining |
| Trail Crew Travel | 550 | - | 550 |
| Expendable Trail Supplies | 2,205 | 1,151 | 467 |
| Tools & Equipment | | 587 | |
| Crew Programs & Training | 551 | - | 551 |
| TOTAL | 3,306 | 1,738 | 1,568 |

Please ask to have any reimbursement requests submitted immediately, or we will lose the funding.

Also for Leif: Please get as much tool maintenance expenditures completed this year, so it does not come off the top of next year.

Radios: If there is extra money might wish to consider getting a new radio.

Tools: Leif. BOG Tool Cache moved. Now "Stevenson Cache" Address is 218 SW Cascade Ave, Stevenson, WA. Basement door around back. New cache will have minimal fuel. There is new geyser sticker on one of the brush cutters.

Trail Skills College, April 20-22, 2018: Tammy. Next meeting will be 10/17 at REI Clackamas. Two new volunteers and Steve K from TKO.

Saw Certification: Leif. National Saw Workshop next week. We're not going, but Jen is. Still waiting on our saw policy.

Training and Safety: PCTA Staff

- Ruth wants to inspect and freshen your first aid kits
- November First Aid/CPR training signups
- From Dana: Here's who we have signed up for our CPR and FA training in November:
 1. Rick S
 2. Steve P
 3. Tim L
 4. Frank J
 5. John H
 6. Carole D
 7. Roberta C
 8. Robert C
 9. Chuck M
 10. David R

Saturday:

9:00am: CPR
11:30am: lunch (provided)
12:30pm: Caretaker meeting

Sunday:

9:00am-1:00pm First Aid
(break with snacks provided but not full lunch)

Discussion Items

- Fred Meyer support: Tami. Opening a dialogue with Fred Meyer for crew/parking support for Gorge trail crews in '18.
- Message from Dispatch Robin Balaban, Lead IA Dispatcher

Our winter hours start next Sunday. Our hours of operation will be 0730-1630, Monday - Friday. Closed Sat. & Sun.

As for things to work on. Continue to reinforce radio etiquette with your folks who aren't as familiar with it as the more experienced members of your group. Things like making sure you've established comms with Dispatch before giving your message. Being patient while on the radio because sometimes while you might hear us loud & clear, we are not hearing you as clearly. That can be due to batteries, atmospheric conditions, your location.

Things that worked well: Continue to send us your TCP's as they are a huge help to us. All of your crew leaders have done a good job communicating with us, be it by radio or phone when radio didn't. Overall, I think you guys did a good job and have been a pleasure to track.

- From Claire Fernandes, regarding Timberline Trail RTP Grant

FYI – We got it! The project proposal to fund Northwest Youth Corps to do work on the Timberline Trail in 2018 with partner work as match was ranked number 6 by the grant committee. Thanks so much to everyone on this email string as you all helped with the formulation of the project proposal, as well as with letters of support and photos.

- Becky: Travel Oregon is now accepting proposals for the 2018-2019 project beneficiaries of the Travel Oregon Forever Fund. Submissions due by **Friday, November 10, 2017**

Announcements/Reminders

- 9 Vacancies: 1) Steamboat; 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas); 3) 3-Corner Rock south (fostered by Tami); 4) Gillette Lake; 5) Upper Eagle Creek; 6) Middle Eagle Creek; 7) Lower Eagle Creek; 8) Indian Springs Trail; 9) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch switches to Winder hours Oct 15: 0730-1630, Monday - Friday. Closed Sat. & Sun. If working on the weekend: remember to have an alternate dispatch and submit a TCP to your agency partner, your alternate dispatcher, Dana, and Roberta.

Round the Room

- Steve Queen: Considering option for lontrails.com, which is a personal domain. Working with PCTA to create a sub-domain for Mt Hood Chapter
- Kelley Davis: Glad for fall weather.
- Tami Sheets: Thanks to Little Brown for help with log-out planning for Sedum Ridge South. Acting as Administrative Support to help Roberta with admin work, as needed.
- Rosemary Prescott: Just back from the Warrior Dash.
- Rick Schmidt: Getting new knees, one at a time, next year. Little Brown role model, as he did both knees at once!
- Chris Keil: Excited about upcoming classes. Wishes he could have made it to the picnic.
- Ron Goodwin: Shared about the Yacolt Burn and other fires in the early 1900s. Talked about the book "The Big Burn".
- Rob Heyman: Feeling better. His mom, Hey Mom, joined us for our Annual Picnic and was impressed. She is looking forward to helping with crews in the future.

- Ruth Weston: Encouraged everyone to bring First Aid Kits to next meeting at Estacada Library. She will refill chapter and personal kits as needed.
- Tammy Turner: Cut her finger at the Annual Picnic, and it still won't stop bleeding. She'll be in London from 11/27/17 – 12/11/18.
- Becky Wolf: Shared update on Recreational Trails Project Grants. PCT Jefferson Park Reroute ranked #1 and Timberline Trail #6. Shared that Dana did great at the RTP meeting speaking for the needed PCT grant.
- Tim Lagasse: Shared update on NWYC. They are on the ground now at Elk Lake Creek Trail.
- Steve Plant: Talked about "The Big Burn" and Wallace where Pulaski hid out to live through the fire. Now along the Hiawatha Trail.
- Jane Arkes: Shared that there is snow at Timberline. The Arkes' cabin in Government Camp has been weatherized.
- Bob Arkes: Shared that Trout Lake Cache winterized Thursday, chainsaw and gas returned to Portland. Reports that there are 10-12 lengths of cedar for signage in cache. The boards will be left in cache until needed.
- Diane Kelso: Scouted Lolo Pass yesterday.
- Peter Hoffman: Scouted Lolo Pass yesterday and asking for advice with GPS tags for photos.
- Robert Caldwell: Went out with the Friends of The Gorge to visit Horse Thief Lake.
- Thomas Calvery: Recently back from Italy. Hasn't been able to scout Indian Heaven South yet.
- Frank Jahn: Back from working as a Ranger in Glacier National Park. Reports that the fire there was 96K acres and very hot.
- Leif Hovin: Moved to working on Teacup trails for the season.
- John Vhay: Took the PCC Rock Creek class to Hagg Lake Trail. Trail is managed by Washington County. Bob Arkes was co-leader.
- Bill Canavan: Explained why it is important to use the proper repeater, especially on Defiance. Using the proper repeater, MH, GP, or CG, ensures the right people in the field are hearing the right traffic. This helps ensure that the proper people can respond in the event of an emergency.
- Roberta Cobb: Went to the Columbia Gorge Fire Meeting.