

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

Location: Clackamas REI

Notes: Summer

Note: Summer's computer forced a lengthy Windows update in the middle of the meeting. The minutes this month are cobbled together from the agenda and notes from Steve and Roberta.

Welcome

- Absent: Ron Goodwin (Friends of the Columbia Gorge), Tammy Turner (Maine), Kelley Davis, Michael Hanley, others.
- Attended: Bob, Jane, Jerry, Robert, Bill, Roberta, Lamar, Rob, Peter, John, Leif, Frank, Chris, Diane, Tim, SteveP, Rosemary, Summer, SteveQ, Hillary, David, Rick, Tamara, Brooke, John, Ruth, Becky.

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Nov 4-5: FA/CPR Training
2. Nov 5: Crew Leader Hands-on Training: Little Brown
3. Nov 5: Trails 100/101: Chris K., WildStews
4. Nov 6: PCTA/MHNF meeting in Sandy: Roberta
5. Nov 7: Ramona Falls Trail: Pace
6. Nov 10: Trails 100 Classroom: Frank and Roberta
7. Nov 11: Trails 101: Hands on Training: Frank and Roberta
8. Nov 12: Gorge Work Party: Kelley and Frank
9. Nov 15: Scouting: Pace and Roberta
10. Nov 15: After the Smoke Clears - PDX Fire Forum: Roberta
11. Nov 17: Gorge Work Party: Roberta and Little Brown
12. Nov 20: Gorge Agency Meeting in Stevenson: Roberta
13. Nov 29: Scouting: Pace and Roberta
14. Nov 29: After the Smoke Clears - PDX Fire Forum (Edgefield)
15. Nov 30: Scouting: Pace
16. Nov 30: GP/PCTA fall meeting: Roberta
17. Dec 2: Trails 100: Intro to Trail Maintenance, Classroom: Roberta and Brooke
18. Dec 3: After the Smoke Clears - PDX Fire Forum (Hood River)
19. Dec 3: GTRT Work party: Kelley and Frank
20. Dec 3: Trails 100: Roberta, Tami, Frank
21. Dec 4: Scouting: Pace and Roberta
22. Dec 6: Leadership meeting: Steve
23. Dec 8: ODPR event at Thunder Island: Frank, Terry
24. Dec 9: Trails 101: Hands on Intro to Trail Work (Tamanous): Brooke, Rick, Roberta
25. Dec 18: Crew Leader Training: Frank and Roberta
26. Dec 31: Scouting, BOG Washington side: Frank
27. Jan 3: Leadership meeting: Steve
28. Jan 6: Walking Man cache finishization: Kim
Pam, Paul, Dana and I finished the tool racks and equipment organizing. Cache is in good shape, a few tools out of circulation for repairs.
29. Jan 8: Trails 101 Hands On Trail Work: Frank and Roberta, Daddy Longlegs new assist

Future Events

Next month: See calendar on website (changes are frequent).

Next meeting: February 14, REI Clackamas

Annual Celebration: 12:00 – 4:00, February 3, 2018, Fort Vancouver

Advanced Skills Training: March 16-18, Wind River

Estacada Saw Certs: March 24-25, 2018, Estacada RS

Columbia Cascades TSC: April 20-22, 2018

Wind River Saw Certs: April 27-29, 2018, Wind River Training Center

National Scenic Trails 50th Trails Conference: Oct 22-25, Vancouver

Reports

Columbia Cascades Regional Rep (Dana)

- WFA teaming up with Friends of the Gorge. May 19-20. 13 people interested
- Teaching additional courses in field, outside of TSC: a few people are interested and willing.

North Cascades Regional Rep (Michael)

- I regret that I cannot be at the event tonight. I look forward to meeting all of you. I will be at the Mt. Hood celebration in February. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. My email is mhanley@pcta.org and my phone number is (206) 295-9359.
- I would like to compliment the caretakers in my region on all of their hard work. I sat down with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest this fall. They praised your efforts and successes in recent years. We keep an excel spreadsheet of major trail problems on the PCT in the GP. This year the list looked better than at any point in its existence. USFS staff was very pleased. That is a real credit to all of your hard work. Thank you!

Chair (Roberta)

- Top Spur Trail has been added to our adopted sections. Pace is the caretaker
- Lamar is planning to take the Steamboat section but needs to scout it first
- Eagle Creek Burn Area update
- Introduction of Vice Chair position
- Need a new Tool Czar

Volunteer Coordinator (Rosemary)

- New process review; revamping the crew leader checklist of things to do now that Eventbrite is becoming a key part of our recruiting efforts.

Trail Skills College Coordinator (Tammy) Outreach and Event Coordinator (Tammy)

- February 3rd, Annual Celebration at Gifford Pinchot Forest Headquarters. Doors open at 12. We will be having some food catered by Rally Pizza of Vancouver! However, could folks bring some dessert/fruit goodies to share? And Leif will do coffee and tea. I'm still looking for a keynote speaker about Forest Restoration. Roberta will give a presentation and we will have Liz Bergeron from Sacramento there to talk about PCTA and the 50th anniversary (and she is there to meet volunteers and socialize).
- March 16 – 18, Advanced Skills Training at Wind River Training Center (Bunkhouse included). We had our first meeting on Monday 1/8 and here is what we have come up with so far: There will be 4 classes, 2 each day – Saturday & Sunday. Ellen Ginda will be setting up the registration for us and she & I will be sending out the invitation for registration at the beginning of February. We are looking at a potluck on Friday night for those who will come up that night and then classes start Saturday morning. We will be feeding everyone 3 meals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday (breakfast & Lunch). We are looking for someone to help out with the food part!
- April 20 – 22, Trail Skills College at Cascade Locks Marine Park. Having the meeting on Tuesday 1/9. Things are going forward as expected. The only issue was where to hold classes, but Ryan Ojerio believes we will have plenty of places to hold classes! Not expecting any surprises. If something comes up at the meeting I will let you, Steve, know to add it to the report. However, things are just doing what they are supposed to be!
- I will be working with Emily Bauska, Volunteer Program Outreach Assistant, with the new "Outreach Plan" that the PCTA Board of Directors has put forward for the organization to work on. This is not a "rush job" so don't expect anything new to occur for some time and I will update you as we get working on it in more depth!

Partnership Crew Coordinator (Kelley)

- Go Beyond Racing wants a work party on a section of trail they run in their races (Frog Lake area).
- March 3: PCC Wilderness Lit with Chris Jensen. Crew leader Roberta

Volunteer Saw Instructor Program Coordinator (Leif)

- Policy has been approved. Heading to Missoula the week of the 22nd to work on training materials

Tool Czar (Leif)

- Southern Cache is missing 2 first aid kits and 3 radios.

Budget Coordinator (Kim)

- Do not yet have a budget from Sacramento.

Crew Leader Development Coordinator (Pace and Bill) Statistician (Pace)

Calendar year stats:

	Dec 2017	CY 2017	Dec 2016	CY 2016	CY Diff	
Total Volunteer Hours	726	18,293	545	18,381	-89	-0.5%
Specialized hours	88	2,572	85	3,063	-490	-16.0%
Number of Trail Crews	2	105	0	129	-24	-18.6%
Miles Logged out	0	162	0	267	-105	-39.4%
Miles Maintained	1	93	0	69	25	35.8%
Feet of Rehab/Recon	1,042	17,239	0	23,254	-6,015	-25.9%
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	230	9,865	25	10,588	-723	-6.8%
Trail Maint - support	213	3,901	85	3,572	329	9.2%
Trail Skills Training	277	4,144	423	3,923	221	5.6%
Outreach Events	8	383	13	299	85	28.4%
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Discussion Items

- Need new volunteers for Budget Coordinator and Tool Czar

Announcements/Reminders

- If you are logging onto the PCTA website to enter a Project Report for your activities on GTRT projects, select the "[Report on or view existing Projects](#)" before you pick "Create a new project". Scroll down the listing by date to find if your project is already listed, then select [submit report](#) under [Choose Action](#).
- **10 Vacancies:** 1) Steamboat Lake; 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas); 3) Three Corner Rock North (fostered by Tami); 4) Gillette Lake; 5) Lolo Pass South (reserved for Peter Hoffman and Diane Kelso); 6) Upper Eagle Creek; 7) Middle Eagle Creek; 8) Lower Eagle Creek; 9) Indian Springs Trail; 10) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky and Underbucker)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch on winter hours: 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

- Ron Goodwin
 - Sorry but will not be at this meeting as the Friends of Columbia Gorge have their annual volunteer night at the same time at the Kennedy School.
 - I would like to do x-saw and chainsaw re-certification at Estacada this year.
 - Multnomah Falls update:
 - There are between 2 and 3 FS Law Enforcement Officers stationed there during the 9am - 10pm shift to ensure people do not go over the fence. So far there have been FS people from Utah, Northern California and today one from Arizona plus region 6 detailed to the site which means some places do not have their person there.
 - A rock (gallon size) came down on a dry day in December 17th and stopped by the dumpsters at the Lodge. This size rock weighs 25 lbs and is an excellent example of why people are not allowed even up to the lower falls viewpoint yet until the big fence/barrier is finished. Even the FS is not going up the trail. Only people up so far are the ones who went to Nesika Lodge to cut trees down in

- December. The pictures of it are seen by Googling Nesika Lodge / Trails Club on the menu go to December 2017 and there is the devastation around the Lodge as for some reason is remained standing at the out building did not.
- January 20th at The Dalles Dam there will be the 8th annual Eagle Watch with the FS, F&W, Corps of Engineers and Mosier Raptor people on site from 9am - 3pm. Last week one person counted 80 while his friend went up on Thursday (next day) and counted 40.

Post-Meeting Notes (Steve)

- Roberta introduced Leif as vice chair, taking on chair role as of October 1, 2018 (yay Leif !!!).
- Trainings
 - Estacada saw cert, March 24-25
 - Wind River saw cert, April, 27,28,29
 - Wilderness first aid, May 19-20 (tentative)
- 50th Anniversary of National Trails System Act, Vancouver, October 22-25.
- PCTA award nominations are due January 31.
- Advanced Skills Training will have two tracks: 1) Leadership, managing crews and 2) rigging, grip hoist, rope pulley.
- Bill Hawley back in the volunteer ranks. Roberta said he expressed an interest in his old South Indian Heaven section but Thomas is in that slot.
- Jen Tripp and Justin Kooyman promoted.
- Possible new website at pcta.org/mthood about 90% finished.