



Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.



Minutes of Caretaker meeting, September 10, 2008

(Please read the minutes and reply with your corrections. The minutes will not be read at the next meeting. After they have been formally accepted, Steve will post them on the website.)

The meeting was called to order by Jack Konner at 6:30 PM

Caretakers present were: Brice Hammack, Jerry Bentz, Jim Webb, Pam Owen, Becky Wolf, Roberta Cobb, Ruth Weston, Bill Hawley, Steve Plant and Jack Konner. Also present was Kim Gerhardt as guest of Ruth Weston.

Caretaker Reports:

Jerry Bentz: Will complete his section on Saturday, September 13.

Jim Webb: Section complete.

Becky Wolf: Section complete. The bridge is beautiful.

Roberta Cobb: Led a work party on Barb Adams section on September 7. They repaired tread damage and repaired a sunken section of the trail.

Ruth Weston: Cleared 85 drain dips on her section.

Bob Arkes: (Bill hawley reported) 40 logs were cleared. The AmeriCorps crew were snowed out of the upper area.

Bill Hawley: The AmeriCorps crew has completed half the work on his section. The reroute will be completed on September 26, 27 & 28. There are tentative plans for a wilderness work party. The North Face Project is set for September 21. Bill would like to have additional Crew Leader assistance for that date.

Jack Konner: Scouted Top Spur to Ramona Falls wilderness boundary on August 14 with Susan Corwin, who removed 9 logs manually.

Jack Konner & Patty Carter: Work complete on their section August 23. 28 logs removed, brushing, tread repair and signs replaced.

Ron Goodwin delivered a report by e-mail on PCT Day at Cascade Locks. The work party had ten people and was led by Dana Berthold, Tom Linde and Ron Goodwin. Hand scythes and loppers were used. Twelve people were on the hike. There was a large group at the food event. There were hot dogs, hamburgers, burritos, pizza and beer. Dana had others do different parts of the event, so it went smoothly. It was over at 9:30 PM.

Brice Hammack expressed his concern that there should be transportation reimbursement for volunteers who are asked to use their cars for carpooling or shuttling to trailheads. there was general agreement that something should be done. It was not made clear whether this would include Caretakers. it was decided that it should be taken up at the next meeting with the input of Kim Owen. Meanwhile, Becky Wolf, who will be meeting shortly with Liz Bergeron, will find out if anything has been done or discussed about this in other sections of the trail.

Since the Mt. Hood Chapter will be hosting Trailfest 2009, it will replace our Annual Meeting. So far there are ten replies to Tammy Turner's request for volunteers to plan for the event. There was concern expressed that a part of Trailfest 2009 be set aside to honor local volunteers.

Plans for the Potluck at Hoyt Arboretum on October 18 were announced. There will be an interpretive tour led by Brice Hammack or Dan Moeller. If the weather cooperates, it will be in the outdoor pavilion. An indoor area has been reserved for inclement weather. The outdoor area has been given to us gratis, but there is a

\$100 charge for the indoor backup. The rental time was given as 3 PM to 7 PM. Brice was concerned that this was late for this time of year. He has made arrangements that we can occupy the indoor area at 1 PM to start setting up. Another group will have the outdoor area until 2 PM. Consequently, we have set the times as 1 PM for the interpretive tour and 2 PM for the Potluck Barbecue. This means that we will have to move quickly if using the outdoor area and help will be required from Caretakers to manage this. All cooking will have to be done outside.

Jerry Bentz requested that Caretakers advise him of their tool requirements. Tools in some caches are not being used and will be redistributed. Bill Hawley requested a small chain saw, chain saw packs, pole saw/lopper and more hand loppers.

This will be the last business meeting of the year (no business transacted at the Potluck). There was general approval of REI Clackamas as a meeting place. Ruth Weston will find out if it can be arranged for next year. There was a request to see if some meetings might be held at REI Tualatin. There was a question as to what progress had been made by Steve Queen on assessing the possibility of a different meeting night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Konner
Secretary