



# 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, March 11, 2009

(Sorry this is so late. I've been up to my ears with Trail Fest 2009. Please read the minutes and reply with your corrections ASAP so that Steve may post this to the website before the next meeting.)

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:34 PM.

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Jerry Bentz, Jim Webb, Bill Hawley, Steve Plant, Becky Wolf, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Kim Owen, Bob Arkes, John Vhay, Steve Queen, Jack Konner.

Steve Queen reported that he was not able to arrange for the Oregon Rangers to come to this meeting, but he will try to set it up for next month's meeting.

Steve Queen related his attempt to change the meeting night to accommodate Henry Panter, but Wednesday still is favored by most Caretakers. The meeting night will possibly be occasionally changed. Due to a conflict, next month's meeting will be held in the basement.

Bill Hawley stated that the April 4 Chainsaw Certification is canceled due to inadequate response. Other dates are being considered. Bill questioned whether we should open the certification to the entire e-mail list. No decision was made.

Ron Goodwin questioned whether Crew Leaders should be sawyers.  
Bill Hawley feels that we need more sawyers.

The following Training sessions were announced:  
Westfir Volunteer Training Weekend, May 15-17, 2009  
Allingham Volunteer Training Weekend, May 29-31, 2009  
PCTA/TKO Trail Skills College, June 5-7, 2009 in Cascade Locks at the Cascade Locks Marine Park.

Kim Owen: Budget Report:  
There is money available for tools and supplies. Please advise Kim of your needs.

Jerry Bentz: Tool Report  
We have a new chainsaw. The tool cache is being constructed at Trout Lake. We are still looking for space for tools in the Estacada area.

Steve Queen: The Caretaker sections for 2009 are now finalized. See the website for the alignment. Barb Adams section is now vacant.

Jack Konner: Trail Fest 2009 will be March 27-29 at the Doubletree Hotel.  
Volunteers are still needed for Saturday, March 28, 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM.  
The Mt. Hood Chapter Award Ceremony will be at 12 Noon - 12:30 PM. Awards will be given to everyone who volunteered in 2008 by the Forest Service. We hope all Caretakers will be able to attend this ceremony.  
The Hiker Roster has been depleted by approximately 80 volunteers. This is the result of moving people who have not been on a work party for three years to the Inactive Roster. An ad in the Oregonian has resulted in picking up about a dozen new volunteers. It is important for all of us to recruit new people. While we can always fill work parties in the spring, it is much more difficult in July and August.  
The success of the Hike and Potluck last fall prompted a general agreement that it be continued. The only negative aspect was the lateness in the season and the cold weather. A conversation with Dan Moeller has set a tentative date of September 19, which is the third Saturday in September. We are waiting to hear from Dan for a confirmation of this date.

Steve Queen: We will be getting new Caretaker Tee Shirts. The Communication Plan is not yet completed. We should have it by the next meeting.

Bill Hawley: There will be a North Face work party on April 19. All volunteers will be supplied by North Face.  
Crew Leader: Bill Hawley.

Roberta Cobb: There will be a logout on the Herman Creek Trail on March 23. This work party is full. Crew leader: Roberta Cobb.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM, in the basement of Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Konner  
Secretary