



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 9, 2009

Caretakers present were: Steve Queen, Roberta Cobb, Ron Goodwin, Jerry Bentz, John Vhay, Ernie Strahm, Becky Wolf and Bill Hawley and Pam Owen.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:35 PM.

Past Events

- August 10-15, Paradise Park, AmeriCorps.
- August 15, Breitenbush Lake south, Jerry Bentz, BCH.
- August 15, Road 2000 north and south, Roberta Cobb. Canceled.
- August 17, Timberline Lodge to Zig Zag Canyon, Ruth Weston.
- August 18-25, Horseshoe Meadow, AmeriCorps.
- August 23, Timberline Lodge to Zig Zag Canyon, Ruth Weston. Canceled.
- August 29, PCT Day, North of Tamanous Trail and between Fort Rains and Bridge of the Gods.

Calendar and Announcements

- September 12, Potluck, Champoeg Park.
- September 16, Timberline Lodge to Barlow Pass, Ron Goodwin.
- September 18-20, Berry Mountain, Bill Hawley.
- September 19, Dry Creek, Steve Queen.
- September 19, Scratch and Dent Sale, Clackamas REI, Jack Konner.
- September 25, Barlow Pass south, Roberta Cobb and ALDHA-West.
- September 26, Mt. Hood Volunteer Appreciation Day, Ramsey Park Grange Hall.
- October 4, Frog Lake north, Roberta Cobb.
- October 4, 12pm-4pm-dark Meet-n-Deet, Wahkeena Falls.
- November 7, Wilderness First Aid training, Hopewell House.
- November 13-15, Wilderness First Aid training, Randle, WA.
- December 4-7, Trail Operations Conference, Eagle Creek, OR.

Other News

- PCT Day at Cascade Locks -big event lots of thrus and more vendors than last year, many prizes/givaways. Ron G.
- Mt. Hood Potluck Champouig park this weekend Ron to give hike short presentation.
- Scratch and dent sale at REI coming on the 19th Jack planning a table.
- Volunteer Appreciation day by Forest service at Dufur - hand out on directions given out.
- Discussed the benefits of offering first aid opportunities to potential crew leaders in addition to the Caretakers. Steve to compose email to this purpose.
- Budget: Report somewhat confusing, Kim to clarify at Potluck. Do have moneys for trailer project and more funds for next year especially for crew meals and support re:Dana More hardhats coming. radio purchase still held up due cost AND varous frequencies/programing.
- Trail College 2010 - possibly April Earth Day?

- Much discussion about "Reassurance markers" PCT Trail markers plastic/metal/wood for wilderness. a "manifesto " will be forthcoming on proper signage.
- PCTA staff investigating possibility of forming "chapters" similar to Mt. Hood for some sections in California.
- Annual meetings:
 - The association announcement of suspension of trail fest at the annual meeting was a surprise to those not subscribers to the Communicator. Many puzzled.
 - Mt. Hood to meet at GP Forest headquarters late Jan or Early Feb. Suggested headliners were Equestrian/Doc Wesselius, Food for trail/Gennie Benware - committee open to suggestions. Committee Steve/Bill/John for starters.
- Winter meetings for all caretakers not required - some committee work eg finance, planning for Americorps projects and next summer etc will be held.
- Bill Hawley re Americorps crews. some have very experienced leaders and exceptional work can be accomplished. We should carefully plan the work requested from Dana and summer crews.
- John Vhay- The American Hiking Society work party went ok but coordination and planning is difficult.
- Tool cleanup at Roberta's Postpone until March.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

Submitted by John Vhay