



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, October 14, 2009

Caretakers present were: Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Ruth Weston, Brice Hammack, Jack Konner, Jim Webb, Bob Arkes and Steve Queen.

Guests present were: Bob Appling, Katherine Bilyeu and Jeff Booth.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:50 PM.

Past Events

- 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.
- October 10, Noon to 3 PM, REI volunteer recruiting, Jack Konner
- October 10, Greenleaf Bridge, Roberta Cobb

Calendar and Announcements

- October 16, Annual meeting with Gifford Pinchot, NF, Vancouver.
- November 6, Annual meeting with CRGNSA, Dana's office in Cascade Locks. November 7, Wilderness First Aid training, Hopewell House.
- November 13-15, Wilderness First Aid training, Randle, WA.
- November 21, Noon to 3 PM, PM, REI volunteer recruiting, Jack Konner.
- December 4-7, Trail Operations Conference, Eagle Creek, OR.

Training Report (Steve Queen)

- Mason Marsh wilderness first aid training, November 7. Attendees will be: Roberta Cobb, Bill Hawley, Jack Konner, Bob Arkes, Dennis Beard
- NOLS wilderness first aid training, November 13-15. Attendees will be: Becky Wolf, Pete Carr, Ruth Weston, Jerry Bentz, John Vhay, Barb Adams, Steve Queen and Kim Owen.

Budget Report (Kim Owen absent; presented by Steve Queen)

- About \$4000 was spent on tools, supplies, and radios in Sept. (Kim has a bunch of tools in his garage.) Got five FS compatible radios, but they need to be programmed first. Dana and he are working on that (got three more for her).
- Waiting to get word back from Sacramento about how much funding we have left for the year.
- Expenditures Kim knows about:
 - Replenish Roy Boys Credit (get tools to them for Maint. soon!)
 - Crosscut handles and sharpening
 - Hardhats

- Ibuki saws.
- Trailer is the big ticket item. Jerry is working on that one. We have about \$3000 to spend and would like to get used one cheaper. Will be purchased by and registered to PCTA (Sacramento). 6 x 10 Trailer, price is \$2195

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- Will purchase Tool trailer.
- Bob Arkes: Tool cache sharpened and closed out for winter.
- Bill Hawley: Power tools brought to Portland Cache for winter. Wind River cache is fully stocked. Crosscut saws are needed for Wind River and Trout Lake.

Caretaker Reports

- Jim Webb: Brushed out 3 miles of his section.
- Bill Hawley: Rebuilt 1/4 mile of trail. Repaired Greenleaf Bridge.
- Steve Queen: Crew from the University of Oregon RARE program was led by Steve Queen in drainage work from Moody Street south.
- Kim and Pam Owen: Trail wise, Pam and I inspected AmeriCorps work up near Paradise Park. It was really pretty good. Not exactly what we had in mind, but definitely good work and very good for the trail. I hope to have them back next year to work closer to Rushing Water.

Discussion Items

- Potluck, Jack Konner. Although the attendance at the 2009 Potluck on Sept. 12 was about half of the previous year, those who attended had a great time. In discussion it was felt that the early date excluded people who were still on vacation. October 2 at Champoeg was chosen for next year to hopefully include more people, but not too late for bad weather.
- REI Volunteer Solicitation Program. Jack Konner. The PCTA/ REI Volunteer solicitation Program has been very successful. At the first two sessions on September 19 and October 10 a total of 42 potential volunteers were added to our E-mail List. The next session will be November 21.
- Annual Meeting. The first meeting of the Annual Meeting committee will take place on October 21.
- CRGNSA Meeting. Steve Queen will go to November 6 annual meeting with CRGNSA in Cascade Locks.
- Emergency Documents. Steve Queen will finalize the Emergency documentation shortly.
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Steve Queen. Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mt. Hood Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Plan, the public has until Wednesday, October 28th to comment on the alternatives presented. USFS is hosting two open houses: Portland on Tuesday, September 15th and Hood River on Wednesday, September 16th.
- It was decided that we would not send Arden Corey's November 7 Crosscut Saw Sharpening Workshop to our E-mail Lists as we do not want anyone filing our saws.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Konner
Secretary