



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 Leadership Meeting, November 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:45 PM.

Caretakers present were: Tammy Turner, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Bill Hawley, Leif Hovin, Bob Arkes, Steve Queen, Ron Goodwin, Becky Wolf, Pam Owen, Jack Konner, and Chris Sanderson

Special thanks to Becky and Tammy for bringing the pumpkin bars and chocolate treats!

Past Events

- October 19, Indian Heaven, Bill Hawley
- October 27, 6:00 pm, TSC planning committee meeting
- October 27, Gabion north of Greenleaf Creek, Bill Hawley
- October 31, Spring Lake hike, Steve Queen and Dana Berthold
- November 3, PCTA/GPNF annual meeting
- November 5, Warm Springs youth crew debrief, Bear Spring RD

Future Events

- November 16, TSC planning committee meeting
- November 20-21, crew leader training, TKO
- November 22, 1:00pm, PCTA/MHNF annual meeting, Cascade Locks
- January 22, crew leader training. Jen and Dana
- February 19, chapter annual meeting
- April 15-17, Trail Skills College, Cascade Locks
- May 13-15, Westfir training
- June 3-5, Allingham training
- Early October, Potluck, Hoyt Arboretum

Training and Safety Report (Steve Queen)

- Bill Hawley: Talked about C-level training certification for volunteers certifications and re-certifications in one package over a 3-day period. All have to be approved by Winston. Roland talked about taking the lead in the safety protocol and taking care of it for us. It is the level of training that his fire crews get - Roland does fire training for crews through the Gorge. Discussion on getting Dolly Chapman here for cross-cut certifications.
- Crew Leader Training is on January 22, 2010. Dana Berthold and Jennifer Tripp are coming here to lead the training. We will start with 304 class - the curriculum is an 8 hour class. Overview of volunteer injury packet. Will take an hour (maybe two) to complete, and reports will go to Sacramento. Need to finish the safety packet, and arrange it into a single crew leader packet. An emergency communication plan for each section will be included. The reason for the training is to get up to speed, and someone who is a caretaker can be a mentor to a new one.

Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- All receipts should have been turned in by this evening's meeting.

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- A couple were broken - some were broken in Ruth's car accident. One radio has a broken antennae.

Potluck (Jack Konner)

- Tricky getting a reservation at the Arboretum, since it now goes through the city, which is very business-like. It will be several months before putting in a reservation, and we face fierce competition, since weddings get priority in use of the space. We want it to be the first Saturday in October, but we are somewhat flexible.

Annual Meeting (Steve Queen)

- Jack reserved the Beaverton Library for 19 February for annual meeting.
- Featured speaker is Roger Bell with the Forest Service.
- A question came up about which forest is responsible for tokens of appreciation. Is it the Gifford-Pinchot?
- We get the room for 3-hours for free. The library closes at 4:00, so we'll have to be mindful of the time.
- Bill said that he'd do refreshments.
- Volunteer swag?
- Jack encouraged that we do a volunteer sign up, since we've gotten 18-20 in past.

Caretaker Roundtable (Steve Queen)

- Steve Queen - Took a cross-country hike with Bill and Dana to look into a re-route of PCT from the Bridge of Gods to Four Rings
 - Suggesting move to near Wauna Lake (north) to property that we'd have to buy. Talk to the Wauna Lake Club Homeowner's Association, and look into getting an easement or buying land from them. Dana has info she need to start pushing that.
 - Found a fantastic opportunity for relocation along shore of Spring Lake (DNR land), and down to Hazel Lake (west of Wauna Lake) to ridge above Hazel Lake to Tamanous trailhead.
 - Funds available available for land acquisition, which is contributed by gas and oil companies. However, we are not sure about the status of those funds. Dana wants to be prepared for when (or if) this happens.
 - Planned trail will be about as direct as the current one, and it will be about the same distance. This planned route has pristine lakes, beaver, wild spots, and not a bunch of logging! It would be a huge improvement.
- Bill Hawley: Projects that don't need Forest Service support:
 1. 3 Corner Rock Sign & Brushing
 - This would entail Installation of the refurbished signs by setting a new post.
 - Power brushing about ½ mile and tread widening for about ¼ mile.
 - The site is at 3000' so it is snow dependent and is best done sooner than later; by mid December it will be snow bound for the winter.
 - Ruth is repairing the letters
 2. Landslide North of 2090
 - This needs a crew of 5-6 folks to clear the slide and compact the tread as it is filled. This is a half-bench reconstruction. There is plenty of brushing both north and south to keep lots of folks busy. There should be one chainsaw sawyer with a small saw. This will also be snow bound by mid December.

Projects That Require Forest Service Support:

These projects will be scheduled as a part of a series that will be every third Tuesday, beginning in January. The order of these projects has not yet been determined and will be subject to postponement due to snow or ice.

1. Multnomah Falls Railing Restoration - Bill Hawley Leading
 - Bring a cordless drill - 6-8 person crew
2. Brushing south of Angel's Rest
 - Hand and Power Brushing – 8-10 person crew
3. Brushing on the Osberger Trail
 - Hand and Power Brushing – 8-10 person crew

4. Carpenter Creek Foot Bridge
 - This crew leader needs to be familiar with rigging. There will be 3-4 days of work for a 6-8 person crew (Bill as Technical advisor)
 5. Klickitat Boardwalk
 - There will be 4/6 days of work so this project could use two crew leaders to trade off days. (Bill as Technical Advisor)
- Word is that there will be a “permanent” Gorge trail person.
 - Bill will send a list of the opportunities to everyone so that we can get a heads up.
 - We need a food facilitator for the Trail Skills College. We are also shy a coordinator.
 - AmeriCorps has been funded for another year. Working mainly in Oregon and Washington. Yeah! Planning to still be working into October. Gorge is going to have more weeks.
 - Is there an end of season tool reconciliation and cleaning? We did it in February last year. Put new handles on, etc. We are low on Mcleods - down to two of them. There used to be nine of them, and perhaps they are all spread out. Bill did a tool inventory, and the pole loppers need new cords - both broken. Tom will take care of this.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 6:45 PM at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Sanderson
Secretary