

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, August 10, 2011

Steve Queen called meeting to order @ 6:45

Caretakers present were: Steve Queen, Tammy Turner, Jack Konner, Ruth Weston, Geoff O'Neil, David Roe, Leif Hovin, Steven Plant, John Vhay, Jerry Bentz, Jim Webb, Bob Arkes, John Cunningham, Roberta Cobb, Erin O'Donnell

Steve/Roberta reviewed past events.

Steve showed off the new "business cards" with PCT information along with volunteer opportunities and contact information.

Steve reviewed upcoming events.

Training & Safety - Steve

There will be a Wilderness First Aid session coming up in November.

The Forest Service recently had a saw accident. An A cutter being supervised by a B cutter.

Steve reviewed "lessons learned" regarding saw safety as a result of this accident.

Bob discussed a new opportunity regarding a closed campground due to massive blow downs. This might be a good place for the PCTA to do some practice with cross cut instruction. Could possibly arrange something for September or October. Most ideal for the "100" series course. We could also consider certifying people if there is enough demand.

Budget

Kim was absent. Nothing to report.

Tools

Jerry – Dave handed out the first set of finished underbuckers to the group. Nothing to report from Jerry.

Roberta had a question about radios – she ran out of radios to dispense to work parties last week. Dave has submitted a grant proposal for 4 more radios. We currently have 3 in Roberta's cache. Please be aware if you are checking out radios as to whether other work parties are going out at the same time.

Volunteer Coordinator

Tammy – wanted some feedback on how the emails were going out requesting volunteers for work parties.

We currently have 628 people on our volunteer list, but we have gotten very few responses to emails.

Roberta brought up the possibility of putting up a volunteer google calendar to hopefully bring in more volunteers.

There was some discussion about emailing out JHA's (or a link to the JHA;s) to work crews before the trip. Crew Leaders are responsible for doing this as there are different JHA's that need to be sent out depending on the work being done.

TSC

Tammy – Ryan sent out an email asking for volunteers for 2012 TSC. They are still searching for a Chairperson. The date of the event will be April 20-22, 2012.

Roundtable

Steve - a logger was doing some blasting east of 3 Corner Rock that caused a slide over the PCT. An alternate route was established. He also asked group if anyone was interested in taking his section.

Jack – Discussed PCT Days in Cascade Lockes. Hoping to attend the event. He has two volunteers and we will be sharing a table with the PCTA. Main goal is to get more people for our email list. Tammy will get banner and canopy for the event.

Tammy – REI outreach event. Waiting for a call back and hoping to have 2 more Saturdays at REI.

Geoff – finished up a project on his section. Ramona Falls to Lolo pass is now open.

Dave – south of Warm Springs there was a blow down. Flagged it appropriately and will go back next year. Got a very small grant to do some photography of cross cut techniques from Clackamas Community College.

Leif – a couple of women on horseback cleared a couple of trees on the Ramona Falls section of the PCT.

John V – working with the Windigo group this week, moving rock.

Steve – 46 trees down on his section.

Jerry – got an email that Jacquelyn Oakes (?) is retiring at the end of August.

Jim – his section is cleared as of a couple weeks ago. There is a tree from a year ago that they decided was not worth taking out, but believe now that it is probably going to need to come out. It will be a challenging project.

Meeting ended at 8:03pm.