

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, April 11, 2012

In attendance: Roberta Cobb, Steve Queen, Jim Webb, John Vhay, John Cunningham, Becky Wolf, Ron Goodwin, Bob Arkes, Geoff O'Neil, Chris Sanderson, David Roe, Tammy Turner, Erin O'Donnell, Steve Plant, Jerry Bentz, Ruth Weston, Pam Owen.

Roberta started meeting at 6:45pm

Roberta reviewed past events, as well as the new Google Events Calendar that will be used to track events.

Dave Roe discussed the Estacada saw certification weekend and said it went really well. 24 participants were certified. Another recertification weekend will be scheduled for the OR Equestrian group.

Dave Roe completed Cross Cut Instructor certification with Leif.

2012 Stats from Sacramento

Our group already has over 1000 volunteer hours in 2012

15 work parties

193 specialized hours

98 volunteer days

28 trail miles covered

Roberta reminded everyone to send in his or her individual hours.

They like to get hours once a month, but Roberta will take care of hours for monthly meetings.

Roberta reviewed Future Events:

Fri (4/13) Roberta and Leif will be working on Eagle Creek.

Sat (4/14) John Vhay will be working on Larch Mountain Trail.

May - Saw Cert Weekend in Wind River

May 19 Volunteer Recruitment at Clackamas REI

June 2 - National Trails Day

June 9? - National Get Out Doors Day

June 23/24 or June 30 - Indian Heaven Log out tentative

June 23 - Chris S doing 3 Corner Rock to Carpenter's Trail

Jul 13 - Becky doing some work in her section

Jul 27 - Work near Olallie Lake

Jul 27-29 – Trail Days in Big Bear Lake, CA
Aug 25 – PCT Days
Sept 8-14 – Class of 2010 Trail Project with BD John.

Trail Skills College – John C

There are still some spots remaining in the Leadership Classes.

Spots remaining for Intro to Saw (Class Intro)

Spots remaining for the decommissioning class on Sunday

John was looking for volunteers to help him get things going on Friday

Dana would like to work with Jerry to put together a presentation about pack animals on the PCT.

John also was looking to see if the Back Country Horseman wanted to do a brief presentation.

Friday Night – Hailey Heath will do a presentation on Mt St. Helens Institute Pacific Crest Trail Side Reader

A couple of other tentative speakers are lined up, but not confirmed.

There will be another raffle held this year.

If we have extra first aid kits that we can use for the TSC please bring them to the event or give them to John.

Training & Safety - Roberta

Dana brought some extra volunteer injury packets.

Dave thanked Kim for reprogramming the radios, which will be a huge help to those areas.

There is some disagreement between instructors about what boots are the appropriate footwear for saw certification. High top boots vs. Hiker boots.

Language specifically says cut-resistant, but there is no language as to what cut-resistant actually means.

Saw Certification – Kim/Dave/Bill

Need someone who will be at the base camp to be contacted by instructors.

Pam and Dana will work on food for the event.

Kim feels the saw cert class is under control, but would like one more good site for one of the classes.

Saw weekend is being funded directly through Sacramento.

Saturday, May 12 will be a recert event with John C, assisted by Leif and Bill H. near North Bend.

Bill asked Winston if he could have a fall/winter event to do some C Certs.

If a cert is issued by PCTA it is good for 2 years. If you're a local volunteer who had not previously worked on the PCT then the cert is issued by the local forest service office and is good for one year.

Dana

Another Rights of Passage Project scheduled for this summer. It's 20-25 kids who have never really been in the woods before and they need a lot of supervision. Dana would like some help as we do not have Americorps to assist. July 12 & July 13th in the Three Corner Rock area. Bill will be heading up this project, but won't be back in the area until June.

There are going to be other volunteer opportunities associated with our crews. The Sasquatch Crew. Bill will lead some of these crews of volunteers. Typically 5-7 day projects, some pack-ins and some near trail heads. Funded by CMTL grants.

Mt Hood has the Warm Springs program again this year. The forest service will be the main liaison with the tribes. It will be a 12 week season with a smaller crew of about 5 tribal youth. There will be at least 3 different trips that will be organized. At least one will be a pack-in.

There is also an opportunity for members of the leadership group to volunteer for the forest service as a member of a committee that decides on how grant funding is used.

Dept of Natural Resources update – Planning a new timber sales near Kidney lake, which is near Gillette Lake. Every year that there has been timber activity they have become more and more sensitive to the PCT.

Dana and Mike had a meeting in Olympia with head of recreation and some timber people. Trying to finalize some protections of DNR lands. Working on getting something a little more formal.

John V – Class of 2012 Thru Hiker Project with Sheep Dog and Sandals. This will be a larger work party in September. Location TBD. Trying to get it in the Mt Adams drainage area. Hopefully will be led by 3 Caretaker volunteers. Mostly tread work rather than any saw work.

Budget - Kim

No particular budget report. \$1800 remaining in the budget.

Tools - Jerry

Jerry – not very much to report.

Need a new pair of chaps. Current collection are all too short.

If anyone has chaps that they're getting rid of them please give them to Dave so he can use them as demos during trainings.

Volunteer Coordinator – Tammy

May 19th – Clackamas REI, volunteer recruitment

June ? – Volunteer recruitment

Next Adventure and Mountain Shop – still waiting to hear if they want to do a volunteer recruitment day.

Contacted the Arboretum but hasn't been able to get a hold of anyone to book the Fall potluck. Sept 29 or Oct 6 would be the best days.

Tammy had an idea that we as a leadership group do a Saturday or Sunday Tool introduction day for new volunteers so they have a better idea of what they'll be doing and working with on their trail crew weekends. Or perhaps a brief video or description that can be sent out to new volunteers.

Passed out envelope/labels for project reports that go to Merritt. This is to encourage people to send in reports.

One issue on project report forms regarding projects that are not PCT. We need to note on the form that it is NOT PCT related. Roberta may update the form to include a checkbox.

Please send any information you receive from volunteers, because she doesn't get a lot of their contact info. Tammy is working on cleaning up the volunteer database.

Trail Fest registration is now open.

July 27 – 29 in Big Bear Lake, CA.

We have a trailside reader on Friday night, and national geographic movie on Saturday night. There will be a banquet dinner on Saturday night.

There will be a hike and a trail crew on Sunday. LOTS of vendors will be there.

Leadership Change – Steve & Roberta

Steve will be stepping down as President of the MHCPCTA. Roberta will be replacing him in the position.

Steve asked for a show of hands of all of those in favor of transferring the president position from Steve to Roberta. All approved.

Roundtable

Steve – Barb Adams and Jim Shem are putting forward a proposal trying to find a way that we would know how and when we could bring mechanized tools into the wilderness. They referred them to Mike Dawson.

New person hired for the National scenic area replacing Jim Proctor's position to work on some high priority areas in the Gorge.

Chris S – Aug 25th for PCT Days is in jeopardy of not happening. The organizer needs more help in the planning of the event. Thought maybe this chapter could assist with taking over the event.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm