

Minutes
PCTA Chapter Meeting
6/13/2012

Members Attending: Roberta Cobb, Geoff O'Neil, David Roe, Bill Hawley, Jerry Bentz, Tim Duncan, Kim Owen, Tammy Turner, Ruth Weston, Jim Webb, Ron Goodwin, Dana Hendricks, Jonathan Brooks, Pam Owen, Chris Sanderson

Guests: Tim Duncan, who has been on a few work trips, and looking to be a caretaker. Jonathan Brooks, who is the new Forest Service Representative in the Columbia River Gorge, has replaced Jim Proctor.

Past Events:

- Saturday May 12, 3-Corner Rock Area scouted. Brush piles were moved.
- Leif worked on PCT in Gorge. Worked up near Tea Kettle Springs - did lots of work.
- Geoff O'Neil recruited 35 volunteers over a three day period at REI.
- June 1st - Roberta did work on Frog Lake northbound.
- June 9th - Roberta scouted Barlow Pass southbound.
- Bob Arkes scouted his area, but noted that a lot of snow still exists.
- Busdriver John and Tim went up to Wahtum Lake - Identified a log (in wilderness) that can be taken out, and still quite a bit of snow drift north of the lake. A lot of sections that need work - one area that is 'trail sliding'.
- Sunday, Leif went up to Snag Creek and Sedum Ridge.
- Monday, Roberta worked on Turnpike near trailhead on west end of Bridge of Gods.
- Chris and Dana scouted up near Three Corner Rock on Monday as well.

Future Events - Please refer to attached pdfs, which are attached to the minutes.

Otherwise, here are some notes taken from our discussion:

- Rites of Passage working on Friday and Saturday - Chris, Dennis, Bill Hawley working on this project
- Help is needed with Forest Youth Success Crew, which is being organized by Henry Panter. We need two caretakers to be a part of this (July 30 - August 2) Contact Tom Linde as well, who put in grant for this.
- PCT Day (August 25th) - trying to get Cheryl Strayed to the event. Trying to get a welcome table set up. Crew leader that day for trail work event. Need table sitters. Holly from the port will be inviting Cheryl Strayed to the event.
- Skyline & Sasquatch Crews - Bill Hawley mentioned that we've created a full schedule . With no ARRA funding, we are tackling projects with a host of volunteer crews. We are in the best position to talk to other volunteers to get out there. Meals will be prepared, for these projects, and all people have to do is show up with gear. Merrit has publicized these events, and will need about 10-12 volunteers for wilderness crews. There will be a July 5-7 orientation for Sasquatch crews.
- Geoff O'Neill on June 23-24 scouting Ramona to Lolo pass

Dana tells us that Joel Starr is doing pretty well following his stroke. He will be in facility until July, and then go through rehabilitation.

USFS Jonathan Brooks brought up a question about saw certification, and the process that people go through to get certified. Kim Owen described that standards are on par or even exceed USFS standards. Kim mentioned that the Mt. Hood Chapter also offers sawyer services to Edan, Pete, and Andy to do work outside the PCT. Log out crews will go in deeper than some FS day crews. Jonathan also mentioned concern with clearing specs, which was addressed by Mt. Hood Chapter members.

Budget - Kim mentioned that we don't have a lot of money to replace chainsaws, etc. Money for work parties has been granted. Let Kim know if there is need for further assistance.

Tools - We have extra bars and chains. Leif sent a note about chains that were purchased. We will make sure that there are bars too. Anti-kickback chain? Oregon Vanguard chain seems to work well, and there is no mandate to use green label chains. Volunteer Coordinator - Geoff took over to recruit people at REI. Get Outdoors Day seemed to go really well. Not heard anything from Next Adventure for going over there. Tammy also reported later in an email that Merrit created a great spreadsheet of all "our" folks that are certified sawyers. It has the date of issue and expiration, level/limits, their instructor and where they trained. It pretty much has all the info she will need to know if someone is certified and for how long.

Other Business: Roberta will change email address rcobb@pcta.org Dennis reports that a new tree down on Eagle Creek Trail, and Bill will tackle this tree. Merrit will mail merge address for us. Roberta will let her know that we are interested.

Dana - wants us to distribute some posters in our neighborhoods, which she distributed at the meeting. She's also interested in the snow layer on Google Earth. Bill says that it is not always sufficient for information, but Dana will send out link about snow layer for our information. McKenzie would like to have access to caretaker list. Wants to keep us in the loop about Warm Springs activities. Someone will be donating money for signage to be made. If we have a missing sign, then send a pic of what it should look like to Dana. Talking more about side trails off the PCT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29