

Mt Hood Chapter Meeting
January 9, 2013
Clackamas REI

Attendees: Jerry Bentz, Tim Duncan, Bill Hawley, Dana Hendricks, John Cunningham, Bob Arkes, Steve Plant, Ruth Weston, Leif Hovin, Roberta Cobb, Ron Goodwin, Jim Webb, David Roe, Pam Owen, Kim Owen, Tammy Turner, Becky Wolf, Chris Sanderson, Steve Queen, and welcome Gus to our meeting!

Happy New Year Everyone! We did 9,259 hours of volunteer work. Last year, we did 5,700 hours. Perhaps we have been doing a better job of keeping track of our hours. Yay!

Past Events:

We did work on Multnomah Falls on the spur, and looking to get back and do some more.

In early December, Jim Webb cleaned out drains in an area which runs right through the trail, which is mostly rock anyway.

Future Events:

Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday, February 2nd. Tammy has a lot of stuff... She has fliers to distribute on full, half, and quarter sheets. Erin "Wired" Saver is lined up to speak. John Cunningham and Bill Hawley have agreed to be the refreshment coordinators. Other members offered to bring cups and other items.

Shwag! PCTA will hand out passes. Dean is taking care of the shwag. He's supposed to get the stuff to Roberta, and Monday the 23rd is the shwag stuffing party. Roberta is willing to go pick up the stuff. Tammy will not be at the meeting to sign people in and hand out badges, etc. Ruth will help do that, and so will Bob. Have cookies been assigned? We are asking for members to bring snacks (many hands up to do that!).

It was mentioned that audio quality is an issue at the venue, and will work on that. It will also be nice to have some projected pictures of trail work from over the last year. Ruth had one last year, and perhaps we can use that as a base. Dana can talk about the crews (Sasquatch and Skyline). Steve will be presented his lifetime achievement award, and Tom will receive a regional partner award. Set up... we need to get up there an hour early (@12:00) to set things up. The sound needs to be double checked with Robin. "Wired" may need some sound to do her presentation. As far as promotion is concerned, Steve Queen will put something on PCT-L, and a something will be posted in the Oregonian.

Other future events... On the 19th and 29th, the magical mystery trail crews will work. We have the Gillette Creek bridge that we will do somehow. Bill and Eden did a temporary thing, but it will be fixed with perhaps a cedar log. There are gabions under the bridge, which will make things easy as we work on it.

Class from PCC Nature Writing Class will be working on February 23rd.

Reports:

Secretary: Erin O'Donnell has resigned as the secretary. We will be sending out a request for a new secretary.

Kim - Budgets. We have no budget. However, if we have equipment that needs to be repaired, Kim can get it approved through Sacramento.

Bill mentioned that there are some minor repairs on some saws up at Wind River. Bill has a Stihl dealer a few blocs from him to get those repaired. Bill can deal with Sacramento directly.

Tools - Leif is now in charge. We need to think about a tool day. Bill asked if anyone has a tool inventory from last year? Sacramento asked for our inventories. Did we send a 2010 inventory? Bill will go forward with the latest. We need to make a note to ourselves to do an inventory in October. Leif has suggested rotating of tools around to the different caches.

Huge thanks to Jerry for all the work he did with our tools!

We discussed the issue of fuel for our saws. Dave has a good supply of good fuel that has no alcohol/ethanol in it. Premium fuel is now getting ethanol. We need to go to a marina or agricultural supply to get our gas, which is not convenient.

Dave is working with Dana to set up a basic saw maintenance course. Roberta also brought in a saw which a friend of hers donated to the PCTA. The teeth are worn on the saw, but the handles are in great shape! Dave mentions that a goal is to have a mobile tool shed. As long as we keep it under 1800 pounds, we don't need to license it. Jerry is working to get some shorter crosscut saws. Dave also has a few broken saws. Just need to punch holes in it.

Joel had a setback last week. He was hospitalized for seizures, and he's back home on medication, and not up for seeing visitors.

Trail Skills College

Advertising is going out right now. Classes have been finalized, and things are cruising right along. Bill has a tools/trail skills college issue. The handles need to be replaced on a few pulaskis and axes, and perhaps we will have an evening program for this. Do

we have handles? Dana thinks we can get them. Hey, kudos to Tim for returning a Reinhart that was all clean and polished!

Training and Safety:

Gloves are now required at all time when working, just like our hard hat. No solo logouts are allowed anymore. We cannot do that, period. What can we do solo? We can scout, and do not have to fill out all the paperwork. However, we are required to tell someone that we are going to scout. We did get permission to use tools while scouting. We can clean drains or use hand loppers, etc.

Dave mentioned two accident reports, and both incidents had saws bucking. Both cases were nearly identical. The log was under a lot of tension, and it knocked the sawyer down. In the second case, the log knocked the sawyer down (he happened to be by himself) himself, and he laid under a log for 6-hours. Always pay attention to the analysis of tension and compression on logs. Also be aware of wind!

We also have a rogue trail worker out there, who goes by MCDS online. He's using a crosscut saw, primarily in the gorge area.

On November 21st, we had a saw training. Dave had originally scheduled it on the 19th of November, but had to reschedule to the 21st due to high winds.

Dana had mentioned having a crew leader training and safety protocol meeting. It is a good idea to do this every 2-3 years, and we are due. Perhaps we can do it at the end of the season in October or November.

Also, do we need to reschedule First Aid and CPR? Our CPR is going to expire this year, and First Aid next year. Should we have LeAnne teach CPR this fall. Kim suggested perhaps doing it in spring, but with Trail Skills in the spring, it makes it difficult to schedule that.

Saw class is the week after Trail Skill college, just like last year. We have classes at Trail Skills College, and then folks come back the next weekend for their saw certifications. Anyone who has an A certification needs to be re-certified, and an emails will be sent to those folks reminding them about that. Kim will be in California the first two weeks of March. If anyone else interested, let him know.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Tammy has more print outs for Annual Meeting. Let her know.

Other Business:

The Southern Section of Breitenbush Lake to Parkridge came up. Is this section is ours? It's Jerry's section. It's located in the Willamette National Forest. We didn't

touch it last year. It's the Willamette's now. The Mid Oregon Chapter is responsible to report on it, and will now take care of it. There was some discussion whether we should lose those 3-miles of work? We will concede that section - Road 42 (4220?) to Parkridge.

Kim suggested a crew exchange, so we can see different stretches of trail. We should think about that.

Caretaker's Changes:

Tim Duncan is taking on Herman Creek Bridge to Benson Plateau. He will be on a probationary year. We will work with him to transition into the full-time caretaker for his section.

Jerry will be taking Roberta's section from Frog Lake to Barlow Pass.

Round the table:

Ron Goodwin: We have ice and snow above out near Multnomah Falls. We've had 115-inches of rain out there. There has been some vandalism with sand bags up there. Water is running well. Good time to hike!

Jim Webb: He's interested to see what the wind has done. Perhaps some logs for TSC practicum?

Dave: T-Shirts? If anyone who wants a large t-shirt, take one!

Bill: Has a couple of things... He's meeting with Rights of Passage crew. We have proposed to work in Three Corner Rock area that did not get done back in October. Also we will be doing some restorative work in Gillette Creek area. These crews will be working in July. Another crew will be working north on switchbacks north of Carpenter's Lake

The meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted by Chris Sanderson