

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 16, 2013
Location: Estacada Public Library

Welcome

- **Guests:** Jennifer Tripp, Bill Carpenter, Curtis Smith

Past Events

- **Stats from Jen to be covered later:** Later discussed and reviewed by attendees: Mount Hood Chapter is a top producer of trail work!
- **Wild event at Keen Headquarters Downtown Portland:** Tammy: This event was sold out with standing room only! The PCTA raised several thousand dollars. Cheryl Strayed, the author of "Wild" stated that it was her goal to help raise money for the PCTA.
- **Gorge Recreation Coalition:** Dennis B.: This coalition formed with a shared vision to advocate for recreation resources. Partners in the coalition are bicyclists, equestrians, water recreation enthusiasts, Cascade Locks and other recreation users.
- **Roberta & Bill and the PCC Wilderness Literature Crew** removed a boulder on the Herman Bridge Trail connector.
- **Leif and crew** cleaned up a slide at Ecola Falls (above Multnomah Falls)
- **Jeff B.** had 12 volunteers for a noxious weed removal project on Roberta section. One mile of weeds were removed!
- **Roberta and Dennis B.** removed 3 out of 5 logs on Roberta section ("One tank of gas is enough said Dennis – Not!).
- See Calendar.

Future Events

- **OSU Tree School March 22:** This is a 2 day event. PCTA was invited to attend based on the appearance at the Forest Arts Days at Hopkins Demo Forest. David Roe will be soliciting for equipment and volunteer help.
- **The first Magical Mystery Trail project** is coming up. The project is removal of the remaining asphalt trail at Multnomah Falls.
- **11/21/13 by Bill H.** - Log out in Herman Creek wilderness
- **Leif** has been in contact with David Spangler regarding the new state park Cottonwood Canyon for the purpose of developing weekend projects of building new trail in new terrain.
- **The December monthly MHC meeting** will NOT take place – Happy Holidays to all!
- **The Annual meeting** will be Saturday, January 25th, at the GP headquarters in Vancouver, WA.
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget. Kim
 - Ordered 2 replacement radios for total of appx \$400, and is looking to get the others repaired locally. Kim plans to salvage batteries of broken radios. Kim discussed the allocation of funds for training and travel. David Rod explored the idea of providing sharpening tools (files) for individuals completing the cross cut saw class and is working with Jennifer Tripp on the idea. Jennifer Tripp encouraged everyone too contribute to a **"WISH LIST" of needs by Nov. 19th** – In preparation for the 2014 budget. Suggested items were chapter hard hats, and poly-pro long sleeve caretaker shirts.
- Tools. Leif
 - The need for Hard Hats was explored. A total of 3 dozen was decided. Work crews have become larger and the issue of overlapping schedules is becoming as issue.
 - Leif will take Inventory of the Portland cache. Bill H. reported that there were many missing items from the Windriver tool cache. Bill will contact caretakers that utilize the Windriver cache to determine certain tool's possible whereabouts. Bob A. stated he would be brining inventory back to the Trout Lake cache. A labeling system for identifying which tools go to which cache was explored.

- Trail Skills College: Jeff Booth
Regular planning meetings are being held. Currently the planning committee is looking for trail locations and deciding when to hold open registration.
- Saw Certification:
 - **Jen reports that Bloodborne Pathogen training will be required. She's researching the details.**
- Training and Safety: Open NA
- Dana NA
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
 - **As a result of the "Wild" event at Keen, two volunteers signed up to do administrative work for the PCTA! Yeah Tammy!!!**
 - **Tammy noted, after group discussion, that if a photographer is needed for your trail work project, to please contact here as she has several individuals who would like to help document trail work! Cool!**

Discussion Items

- Note from Edan Lira: **Outstanding work to you all. We had a regional rec meeting yesterday and everyone is so appreciative of the work and passion of volunteers. Where would the people's land be without your dedication?**
- **Gina Edwards, our new Volunteer Programs Assistant is able to generate your sign up sheets. Just send her the list. Her email: [gedwards at pcta. org](mailto:gedwards@pcta.org)**
- New caretaker email distribution list. mthoodcaretakers@pcta.org
- Columbia Dispatch is on winter schedule
- **Change my title please! Roberta shared that the title of President does not fit her role. After a fun and rousing group discussion, Grand Cha Cha was NOT chosen, but instead CHAIR, was the title that won.**