



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 Caretaker Meeting, December 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:40 PM.

Caretakers present were: Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Jack Konner, Dennis Beard, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Steve Plant, Kim Owen and Steve Queen.

Past Events

- November 13-15, Wilderness First Aid training, Randle, WA.
- November 18, 6:30, Annual Meeting committee meeting, Steve Queen's house.
- November 21, Noon to 3 PM, REI volunteer recruiting, Jack Konner.
- December 3, C saw certification, Wind River.
- December 4, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Annual meeting with Mount Hood NF.
- December 4-7, Trail Operations Conference, Eagle Creek, OR.

Future Events

- December 18, Winter Meet-n-Deet, Stark Street Pizza.
- February 13, Annual Meeting, Gifford Pinchot HQ, 12:30 socialize, 1:00 – 3:00.
- April 16-18, Trails Skills College, Cascade Locks
- April 24, 26, 2010, Chainsaw and crosscut saw certification, Gifford Pinchot NF.
- May 14-16, Westfir Training.
- June 4-6, Allingham Training.

Training and Safety Report (Steve Queen)

- The Randle, WA Weekend Wilderness First Aid Class was held November 13-15 and was deemed highly successful by those who attended. We will talk to Mason Marsh about obtaining specialized wilderness first aid kits which will be placed at each tool cache. Kits may also be obtained through Jennifer Tripp.
- Per Bill Hawley, the saw certification issue has been resolved. We are covered under the Volunteer Agreement as long as the relevant agency gives approval. Documentation is required from Winston and Beth Boyst.

Budget Report (Kim Owen)

- The money for 2009 has all been spent. The extra training and travel money has been returned to Sacramento.

Tools Report (Jerry Bentz)

- Shelves will be installed in the trailer after the Christmas season. The mechanical brushcutters are in good shape. Joe will sharpen the crosscut saws. There is a sum of \$300 at Roy Boys available for chainsaw sharpening.

Annual meeting with Mount Hood National Forest (Jack Konner)

- The meeting was led by Dana Berthold. Mt. Hood National Forest was represented by McKenzie Jensen, Kathleen Walker, Jacqueline Oakes and Shelley Hakanson. Representing the Mt. Hood Chapter were John Vhay, Becky Wolf and Jack Konner. Areas in need of repair beyond the scope of our regular trail maintenance were scheduled to be taken care of by the Forest Service and/or AmeriCorps. Among other items that were discussed were that many organizations including the Forest Service have received stimulus money and there will be many groups doing trail work in 2010,

conceivably even on the PCT. It will be of the utmost importance for Caretakers to maintain communication with their respective agencies, especially before and after work parties, scouting, etc.

- Kevin Slagle has funds for work on the PCT from Lolo Pass to Wahtum Lake. Steve Queen will contact him to resolve questions regarding leadership of the project and volunteers.
- Bill Hawley. There is also substantial stimulus money in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest for trail work over and above what we normally do. There are 14 crew-weeks scheduled for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Much of that work will be north of Riley Creek.

Annual Meeting (Steve Queen)

- Preparation for the Annual Meeting on February 13 is proceeding on schedule.

Discussion Items

- Trail Operations Conference - Steve Queen. A new Trailwork Reporting system was submitted by Jennifer Tripp, as well as a new Volunteer Injury packet. JHAs need to be signed by all work party volunteers. New PCTA Volunteer Chapters in Reno and Sacramento will follow the Mt. Hood Chapter model.
- Bill Hawley. The Trails Skills College is in need of leadership positions. Crosscut Sawing should be emphasized.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Konner
Secretary