

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting *Minutes*

February 13, 2013
Location: Clackamas REI

Welcome

- Karla our new secretary: **Present and taking LOTS of notes!**
- Guests: Jason Waicunas (Neighbor J) – PCT Days: **Not Present, but discussed in conjunction w/PCT Days;**
Barbara McLean: **Present/ introduced as possible care-taker/ knitting with lovely colors.**
- Absent: **J. Cunningham, B. Arkes, B. Appling, K. Owen, T. Duncan, et al;**

Past Events

- Stats from Merrit – send in your individual hours.
- 2 work parties so far: **1) Magical Mystery Trail #4/ 13 V. & 2) Magical Mystery Trail #5/ 7 V.**
- Mt. Hood Chpt. Annual Meeting: **Positive reports especially “Wired’s” presentation and the goodies. Discussed possibility of changing time/place to accommodate enhanced use of participants’ time.**
- Crosscut Say Selection & Basic Maint.: **Class: David Roe reports class went well.**
- See Calendar for more.

Future Events

- Annual Meeting
 - Feedback? **Great presentation/ good to see new faces/ great treats!**
 - How to distribute remaining awards? **Suggestions ranged from mailing to Sacramento for them to ship to recipients; Pass out at work parties; Pass out during registration at Trail Skills College; Send note to Jennifer regarding final distribution decision.**
 - Anybody else reporting they didn’t get NW Forest Pass: **No more known at this time.**
 - America the Beautiful awards
- Carpenter Lake Switch Backs/ Feb. 23rd by Bill H.: **Writing Class of 9 students; requested and assistance and Leif Hovin stepped up – Yeah Leif!**
- Kiwanis Club/May 2013, Longview WA. by Tammy T.: **Requested Section/ Thru-Hiker to present at function. No known person at this time – Jim Webb stepped up to speak – Yeah Jim!**
- Columbia Sports Wear Work Crew by Tammy T.: **Bill Hawley will follow up - Yeah Bill!**
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget. Kim: **Roberta received emailed report indicating Caretakers to make requests for trail supplies.**
- Tools. Leif:
 - **Tool Day March 9 at Portland Cache (Roberta’s house) starting time @ 8:00am. Tools need sharpening painting, and labeling.**
- Trail Skills College: John C
 - Dennis: There is a person flying into town for TSC and needs transportation and was wondering if we had any kind of car pooling set up. How do you feel if I get information from him and then maybe it could go out on the caretaker list or some other list? I can just log out to rent a car also. What do you think? Thanks Dennis:
We Need MORE info!
 - Kim O.: **Looking from experienced sawyers (Volunteer Saw Instructors) to help with log out class: Leif will help teach class.**
- Training and Safety: Open
 - Fall caretaker first aid class and get-together? **Roberta will check with Dana.**

- **Volunteer Coordinator.** Tammy
 - PCT Days in Cascade Locks: did we get help for Nabor J? **First meeting is Feb 15th. Tammy will report at next Caretaker meeting (March).**
 - **Position Announcement from McKenzie (GS 4 & 5): Group decided not to engage in job posting process.**
 - **John Tullis of Timberline is willing to offer more to Thru-Hikers: Discussed possibility of shower and laundry access.**

Discussion Items

- Lots of website updates both PCTA.org and MHC. **Thank You Steve Q. for efforts to reconcile data!**
 - From Merrit & **reported by Roberta: New Project Schedule!** The new schedule will have a map marking the project locations and provides the opportunity to include more details about your event. To post your projects on the project schedule, there will be an online Project Entry Form that you will fill out with your project information. Each Regional Group will get a personal login and password to access this Project Entry Form. Merrit is currently working on instructions about how to use this new form. Upon completion, Merrit will send each of you instructions and your login.
- Class of 2010 work project? **Kim had replied to Sheepdog**
- Tyler Marriott would like to scout for you. **Bill W. requested contact information.**
- Pancho: Also I would like to tell you that I have a second home near Carson, Washington, and the PCT goes quite close to that property. Well, years ago I was doing a lot of maintenance on the trail around that area.. fixing signs.. replacing logos and things like that.. but eventually I quit because no one would go with me to remove fallen trees.. since it was quite dangerous for me to do it by myself. I would like to do some repair again.. but I need to have the signs and logos to go an put them up.. since I noticed that almost all the signs in the trail crossings are gone. **Caretakers need more information about WHERE specifically is Pancho wanting help.**
- Joanne with Portland Outdoor Adventurers (Meetup.com) offers her site for a work party event. **Caretakers decided to decline the offer as it does not conform to corporate work crew criteria.**
- The Kiwanis Club in Longview, WA is interested in having a thru- or section-hiker attend one of their meetings to talk about their experiences on the trail. However, this would also be a good opportunity to mention volunteer opportunities too! **Yeah Jim Webb for volunteering to speak at the meeting!**
 - When: March or April 2013
 - Where: Longview, WA
 - Number of attendees: 10-28
 - Length of presentation: Approx. 25 minutes
 - Audience: Longview Kiwanis Club Chapter
 - Contact: Ray at rayvantonger@yahoo.com
- Weeds in the Gorge: Cyndi Soliz-Partnership Specialist Skamania County Weed Program
 - We are conducting trainings in order to achieve our goal of having informed eyes in the field able report these weeds of concern. The training will familiarize people with the plants in the booklet, and discuss habitat, prevention(vectors, boot brushes, cleaning tools) appropriate response, and how to report these weeds via phone apps, imap, and hotlines. I anticipate the presentation to be about 20-25 minutes and would love to know if this is something your organization would be interested in. We can travel to you, meet in the field, and times are very flexible. **Roberta will set up meeting with interested individuals. Contact Roberta!**

Round Table – What’s On Your Mind?

Chris S.: There are campaigns to allow bicycles on the PCT – PCTA confirms position, “No bikes on the PCT.”

Steve Q.: Reported data discrepancies between reprints of PCT Data book.

Leif H.: Lets grow a PCT Chapter in Yakima, WA. The trail needs support!

Tammy T.: Trail Fest is now a Bi-Annual event. Next event is 2014. There is no event this year.

Bill W.: PCT regional office is moving to Stevenson, WA. during week of Feb. 18th, 2013. Mailing address remains the same and Cascade Lock tool cache remains in same place.