

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 12, 2014
Location: REI Clackamas

Welcome

- **Ruth Mafton taught Blood Borne Pathogen class – Due to the nature of the video content, those individuals present enhanced the learning potential thru their verbal understanding of the material.**
- Absent: Chris (Hike the Hill), Dana, Steve Q, Jim

Past Events

- 2014 Stats To Date: **3 trail work parties, 3 cancelled work parties, and removed 6 logs!**
- Annual Meeting Jan 25
 - Review: **Great Fun; lots of people – especially FS; and lots of opportunity to visit and share ideas.**
 - Location Change? Robin suggested the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver if we need a bigger location: **Not yet. The setting was comfortable and could still seat 20 or more people.**
 - Name Change to something like Annual Celebration? **YES! Ideas were to have a name that sounds open to the public and all volunteers. One suggestion was “PCT Celebration.”**
 - Name tags. Do we need them? **YES – premade and with a logo.**
- Anish event Feb 1: **Both Tammy and Roberta attended Anish’s presentation on her PCT speed hike. They greeted people at an information table – answering questions. Tammy reported that the MHC may receive some proceeds from the ticket sales.**
- Gorge Recreation Coalition: Dennis B – **N/A: Dennis has turned his efforts over to Dana, and she was not present to give further information.**
- Herman Creek log out II Jan 31: Bill: **This was a well-attended work crew and lots got done: Logged out; repaired trail; one section repaired by log cribbing - very exciting work! Kim defined to me as a “baby log” (because I didn’t know what “crib” meant, when used in discussion of the project).**
- See Calendar. **There have been several cancelled work parties due to winter weather conditions.**

Future Events

- OSU Tree School March 22: **Classes on forestry and woodland subjects (for example bee keeping) are provided. David will have a table and demonstration of cross cut saws**
- Gorge Waterfalls 100K/50K March 29-30, gorgewaterfalls50k.blogspot.com (Herman Creek TH to Benson St Rec Area) – **Roberta’s and Leif’s sections need to be logged out in advance per Roberta!**
- Mt Hood 50 on July 14 per website www.mthood50.com
- Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: www.mountainlakes100.com
- Crews
 - Urban Youth Crew: **2nd weekend of July: Work will be held on Roberta’s section: 1) Pulling weeds, 2) Culvert and turnpike at Moody Street Swamp area. Youth will camp 2 nights at Beacon Rock camp ground due to the preferred facilities there.**
 - Packwood Glacier Crew: Bill: **This project is being organized by Dana since this would NOT be MHC project: Volunteers from White Pass and Yakima will be solicited.**
 - Indian Heaven **June 26th – 30th: Bill discussed with Tim L. and Becky their availability to pack in supplies.**
 - Warner Pacific College (WPC) Crew: **WPC is committed to working on Eagle Creek Trail if possible. They will provide all food supplies and planning. Busdriver John and Dennis Beard involved.**

- Other Crews working in the next few weeks: **Weeding; mud slide removal; brushing; surveying root wad up Eagle Creek (all dependent upon weather conditions).**
- WTA is scheduled to work at Muddy Meadows on Mt. Adams.
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget. Kim: **NO BUDGET as yet. However, MHC over-spent last year. This was a result of when expenditures were submitted and how numbers were finalized.**
- Tools. Leif
 - **New hard hats have been received and were distributed at the monthly meeting.**
 - **Received radios: Kim programmed them but given some changes in Dispatch's frequency, the radios may need re-programming.**
 - **Bill completed inventory report for the Wind River cache: Indicates tool requirements and will forward to appropriate individuals.**
 - **Tool Day at the Portland Cache was completed on 02/01**

Trail Skills College Fri, April 25 – Sun, April 27: **Jeff Booth: All on schedule: site visit; team meetings; and registration open on 02/14!**

- Saw Certification:
 - **BBP Training 2/12: Liz, Tyler, Pam, Kim, Roberta, David, Ron, Bill, Karla, Becky, Jeff, Tim L., Geoff, Steve P, with Ruth teaching**
All attended with enthusiasm!
 - **Dave reported that KGW is interested in doing a report on wilderness log out (due to this year being the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act). Smile everyone!**
 - **Saw Cert classes are scheduled as follows:**
3/28-29 at Wind River re-cert. for instructors – there may be an alternate date for the fall.
4/5-6 at Mt. Hood South, either Clackamas or Zig Zag. Registration begins March 3; may be recerts only
5/2-3-4 at Wind River, initial certs
6/6-7 at North Bend
6/13-16 at Big Bend
6/28-29 at White Pass
- Caretaker/Crewleader Roles and Responsibility: **Kim presented a document resulting from committee discussions. The purpose of this document is to help MHC and the PCTA to define the organization with a focus for new Caretakers and Crew leaders. Concepts/ideas were discussed. Especially the roles of scouting and surveying. This document will be updated with changes and discussed in committee prior to submitting to MHC members and the PCTA. Great Work Kim!!!**
- Training and Safety: Open **N/A**
- Dana **N/A**
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
 - Trip to Kilimanjaro in July. Barbara Niece to cover.
 - **3/8 & 9 Gary Laughton, ultra-light hiker, will talk about ultra-light hiking at the Mountain Shop. He has requested for MHC to be there.**
 - Opportunity to Schmooze with legislators and individuals involved in the Columbia River Gorge region **Salem on 2/17. Call 716.799.3869 for more information and reservations.**

Announcements/Reminders

- Jen says: Scanned copies of JHA and sign in sheet are okay, we do not need original in Sacramento. Please let me know if you want more postage paid envelopes sent to you or if you will have folks move to scanning and emailing.
- Thunder Island Brewing: They reiterated their desire to support our trail volunteers. They said just give them a heads-up whenever you think volunteers might like to take advantage of beer discounts after a work party. They'd be happy

to give a free pint, or half-off pints or something of that nature. (Just show your muddy boots!) I said it may be as often as once or twice a month, and they said that sounds great. Dave@thunderislandbrewing.com

- Also they'd like to put a t-shirt in the TSC raffle. Any other way you think they could support us, let me or them know.
- New version of the MHC sign in sheet has room for commute time.
- Henry Panter resigned from his caretaker position Mt Adams North.

Discussion Items

- Wygant Trail – Oregon State Parks land work. Jen said: “You would be completely independent of the USFS and PCTA on this project. You would need to sign up under their volunteer agreement and follow their protocols.”
MHC discussed the Wygant Trail project. We'll stick to Forest Service land or working under FS direction, and not try to create a new relationship with State Parks lands.
- We need a volunteer to help manage the photo displays. Ideas mentioned include just changing the dates on the current photo boards, getting one or more electronic photo displays. Sara Lagasse might be able to help but she was not present to commit.
- New Photo collection system for PCTA – uses google docs

Round the Room

- David: Saw Sharpening workshops are set, 5 people signed up so far
- Dennis: scouting his section tomorrow - weather permitting
- Geoff: got his t-shirt and pass. Appears to be the first in the room to receive his shirt
- Tyler: Tried to get to his section; problems with ice
- Karla: looking forward to leading her first work party on Sunday