

2017 CPCOA FALL MEETING MINUTES

Time; 11:30 am, September 23, 2017

Location; Nile Valley Community Church, Nile, WA

11:35 am – President (outgoing) Maureen Bell opened general meeting.

Introduced guest speakers for the meeting. Doug Gann from the NFH Association, Kelly Lawrence District Ranger, Perry Brown Local Deputy Sherriff.

- Introduced CPCOA Executive Board members attending.
- Thanked all those attending who brought food, and announced “time to eat”.

12:15 pm – Maureen Bell introduced Doug Gann as featured speaker. Also introduced Ralph Berthon (new President), Scott Miller (new secretary) and Fran Filer.

- Doug Gann filled in cabin owners about the general structure of the NFH organization which includes in part; 90 cabin district volunteers, 15 Board of Directors (2 of which are full time), legal counsel (Garden Law firm, 1 of which is full time), 14 Committees, and a Wash DC lobbyist (Summit Strategies).
- Explained NFH Mission Statement, including information on cabin owner numbers (20,000 cabins in the 1960's – 14,000 cabins in 2017).
- Explained Cabin Program threats/ cabin losses.
- NFH goal to enhance cabin experience
 - a) Education
 - b) Cabin Tract enhancement
 - c) Cabin Insurance Initiative – NFH working to involve alternative insurers to create a “cabin group of insured”, to reduce insurance costs.
 - d) Create a “Cabin Marketplace” for sales and info.
 - e) Fee retention

12:40 pm – Doug Gann continued with a detailed discussion about the difference between a Cabin Permit Holder (which can only be 1 person) and Cabin Owners (can be 1 or multiple owners allowed, with or without a Trust involved).

- Explained Transfer Fees. Minimum of \$1200 when cabin sold or owner name transferred.
- Explained that Trusts must be dissolved upon transfer of a Permit holder, but a new Trust may be initiated by the new owners.
- Discussed the current Shoreline Management Act of 1971, including various Zones; Natural, Conservancy, Rural, Urban and Aquatic. All cabins on or close to waterways and wetlands may be effected by these regulations.
- NFH moving to “on-line” elections
- Website: www.nationalforesthowners.org

1:10 pm – Maureen Bell introduced Ranger Kelly Lawrence.

- She explained nature of current fires.
- Explained how FS and associated agencies are fighting the fires.
- Discussed immediate and future consequences of the fire activity, including water runoff and forest management practices.
- Took questions from cabin owners.

1:30 pm – Maureen Bell introduced Jim Lundeen, CPCOA Treasurer

- \$5500 balance in bank account.
- If we incorporate as a 501C7, balance may drop due some “set up” costs.
- \$6090 balance in the Cabin Defense Fund checking account.
- Board, with cabin owners input, to identify specific needs for that Fund.
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- Goals 1) promote all tracts to become “FirewiseCommunity”, 2) Association Incorporation, 3) increase membership, 4) good communication with Forest Service.

1:36 pm- Maureen Bell introduce incoming CPCOA President Ralph Berthon.

- Ralph explained “Articles of Incorporation” pros and cons
- 501C7 non-profit status
- Asked for a motion to vote on approval “Articles of Incorporation” as a 501C7 non-profit. Motion was presented, seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by voice vote of assembled cabin owners.
- Ralph asked cabin owners for topics that were important to them.
- Association members asked Ranger Lawrence about process for individuals doing tree planting in damaged areas. Ranger Lawrence to get more info on process and regulations.

1:47 pm – Maureen Bell introduced Carl Buchholz, Field Trip Coordinator

- Carl recapped this year’s field trips, including Historic Tour of Area, Geology/ Rockhound, and the Old Growth Forest (cancelled due to leader health). Trips went great.
- 2018 planned field trip options include ; Old Growth Forest Tour, Gold Prospecting, Firewise Community demonstration, Forest Health, and Mushroom Hunting.

1:55 pm – Introduction of each attending member at the tables.

2:00 pm – Raffle

2:15 pm – Maureen Bell adjourned meeting

Additional Notes:

- Marcela has “book” for now
- Vicki Wenham will work tidying up tax records of cabin owners
- Next meeting is in Spring of 2018 Time TBD
- Doug Gann to send link to his presentation

Respectfully submitted,

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