

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association Board Meeting

April 1, 2017—White House Café—Yakima, WA

Present: Carl Buchholz, Scott Miller, Ralph Berthon, Gary Jackson, Maureen Bell

Guests: Sue Buchholz, Wayne Bell

Meeting was called to order at 11:40.

Welcome/Updates: Welcome Letter—Letter was mailed Feb., 2017 to all cabin owners on Chinook Pass. We have 90 full members and 17 associate members for a total of 107 members. We requested from the Forest Service an updated list of all cabin owners living on forest service land on Chinook Pass. (Maureen suggested we ask for this information every year using the “Freedom of Information” act to access such information). According to this report there are 44 new cabin owners since we requested this information in 2015. One of our cabin owners, Albert James Low, Craig Tract passed away at the age of 96 years old. The family cabin is listed in his son’s name Brad Low.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Lundeen wasn’t able to attend this meeting but sent the following information: List of current association members, Key Bank Checking Account information, and the current Defense Account information. Ralph questioned one of the checking account entries for 7/10/16--\$580 was deducted from our account but dollars were for 2016 Dues received. Should this entry be added and not subtracted as the report shows? . Maureen distributed a copy of our 2017 proposed budget for board members’ information for future planning. (see attachment)

(Please note: Maureen contacted Jim asking him to review this information. Our account balances are: General Fund—checking, \$7,026.08 and Cabin Defense Fund, \$6,040.00 for a total of \$13,066.08. (see Checking Account attachment).

Old Business:

Incorporating: Thank you to Ralph Berthon who chaired this subcommittee. Ralph shared 501c3 and 501c7 nonprofit organizations information. After discussion, all board members present agreed we need to establish a 501c7 status for our club. Ralph will present this information at our June meeting and receive direction from members before we begin any official filing for such status. Our By-Laws need to be reviewed and rewritten if we become a 501c7 organization. Liability Insurance was discussed and members agreed we should carry such insurance and be included in our 2018 budget.

Fall Survey: After our fall meeting, 9 surveys were completed. Those members who filled out the survey had some excellent suggestions for field trips and program speakers. Carl suggested we have a “Suggestion/Comment” box at the sign-in table for members to make suggestions for our association. (see attachment for survey results).

New Business:

National Forest Homeowners Conference: This year the conference is in Seattle, Washington April 21-23. Maureen and Wayne Bell are registered to attend. Scott Miller may attend the Saturday session. Carl Buchholz’s made a motion, seconded by Gary Jackson to pay for Maureen’s conference expenses up to \$500. Motion passed. Maureen will submit receipts for reimbursement.

Meeting Speakers: Maureen asked for suggestions for program speakers for our June and September meeting. Torry Smith, district enforcement officer, Mike Tobin, (North Yakima Conservation District Firewise Program), Jane Rasmussen and Sharon Ford (History of Goose Prairie) names were suggested. Scott and Gary will contact Sharon Ford to see if she is willing to speak. If she isn't available, Maureen will contact Torry Smith.

Board Elections: Carl Buchholz, Gary Jackson, Kathi Lindberg, Suzanne Nettleship and Maureen Bell's positions are open. Carl and Gary have agreed to run again. Suzan will run if positions are not filled. Kathi Lindberg has been contacted but hasn't communicated if she plans to run again. Maureen is not going to run for reelection.

Newsletter: May 1st is the proposed date to send our yearly newsletter (Cabin Tracks) to members via email. Those members without email will receive a copy via US mail. Maureen shared a list of suggested article topics. Members volunteered to write articles or contact persons to write articles for the newsletter which are due April 15th.

Goals for the Year: Possible goals were discussed. Goals for this year are: to continue to increase association membership, to encourage all tracts to become Firewise Communities, to complete 2 service projects for the Naches Ranger Stations (Mather's Memorial Parkway & Pleasant Valley Clean-up Trails), and to revisit the Cabin Watch Program.

Reports:

Firewise Communities: Gary Jackson is our representative. Andrea Ely is the new Fire Specialist replacing Todd Hottell Presently 2 of our tracts are Firewise Communities—Union Creek & Sleepy Hollow. Gary will write an article for the Newsletter and share information at our June meeting.

Field Trips: Carl, our field trip guru, has planned the following field trips, dates and locations yet to be determined: Old Forest Growth, Gold Prospecting and Geology. We talked about other ideas: Thunder Eggs, Firewise Community Demonstration (what needs to be completed to become a Firewise Community and a demonstration how tracts are evaluated)

Mather Memorial Clean-up: Wayne and Maureen Bell will chair this project scheduled for June 25th 9:00-noon. Paper work has been submitted to Bill Zimmer at the Naches Ranger Station

Sawmill Flats: Winona and Roy Rombough has been overseeing the Sawmill Flats' Gazebo service project to replace the roof. After inspection, it was determined more work needed to be completed. Kathryn Buchholz called during the winter and asked if our group would be willing to have another group take over this project. After communicating with Winona and Roy, they agreed this project may be more than our group can handle and agreed to have the other group take responsibility with the understanding, CPCOA would be willing to volunteer and assist with the project.

Pleasant Valley: Ginny and Jim Lundeen have suggested we complete a cleanup service for Pleasant Valley Trail. Maureen will check with the Lundeen's to see if they will chair this event. Paperwork needs to be completed and returned to Bill Zimmer at the Naches Ranger Station. Carl Buchholz and Gary Jackson are willing to help. (Lundeen's have agreed to chair the Pleasant Valley Service Project and will make arrangements with Forest Service. Date to be determined)

Website: Danielle Surkatty (Yakindo Web Designs, Inc.) has updated the website and paid for her work. The final website transfer has not been officially turned over to Danielle. A conference call with the company, Danielle, and Dave needs to be completed. Dave paid for this year's website fees and has been reimbursed.

Maureen made a motion with a second from Gary to present Dave with a \$50.00 restaurant gift certificate to thank him for his assistance with transferring the website information to Danielle. Motion passed. Maureen will take care of this when the transfer has been completed.

Cabin Watch: Gary Jackson is in charge of this program. As one of our goals, we will update members and tracts with Cabin Watch program information. Already this year there have been break-ins at Little Naches, Edgewater and Idlehour.

June Meeting Agenda: June 24, 2017—11:30a.m-2:00p.m.

The board discussed the agenda for the day.

Guest speaker: It was agreed to have 1 main speaker (to be determined).

Business Meeting: Treasurer's report—Jim Lundeen, Incorporating Report—Ralph Berthon, Field trips—Carl Buchholz, CPCOA Elections, Members' comments and Door Prizes (gift certificates from Whistlin' Jacks and Gold Run if available, or 1-\$25.00 cash prize, scratch cards) and the 2 Traveling Door Prizes—Books: Jack Nelson, *We Never Got Away* and Della Gould Emmons, *Nothing in Life is Free*). We need to find who has these books.

Board Member Comments:

National & State Fees: In the fall survey, one person questioned why our dues include membership fees for the National and State Organization, perhaps, members should be given this choice. We discussed the pros of being a member of these organizations especially NFH association. We agreed to delay this discussion until cabin owners vote to become incorporated or not.

Water Issue: From the survey, members expressed that they didn't want to hear about water issues. Carl will check with Tyson Carlson to get updated information. If there are any new developments, an article will be included in the Cabin Tracts newsletter.

Meeting Agenda: It was suggested to send the June meeting agenda to members before the meeting and ask members to submit questions for the Forest Service representative to have before the meeting, so they will have an opportunity to be prepared to answer questions. Questions should be of a general concept and not individual issues or concerns.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2017, Gold Run, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Maureen Bell

Maureen Bell, Secretary

