

CPCOA Summer Potluck/Meeting
June 12, 2010
Nile Valley Community Church—Naches, Washington

Since Mike Berrichoa was unable to attend, Jack Selby, Vice President for Communications called the meeting to order at 11:40 and welcomed 60 members. Jack introduced Toby Riddall, Nile Valley Community Church Pastor and Chris Carlisle, Church Youth Minister. Toby welcomed us to the church and invited anyone to join them on Sunday for services.

Jack had members introduce themselves. Indian Flat cabin owners had the highest representation. Jack offered a moment of silence in memory of love ones who are no longer with us.

Jack thanked all of the members for the food and as always, the food was excellent. We appreciate the opportunity to have use of this great facility. Jack gave the invocation and lunch was served.

At 12:30 Jack introduced Irene Davidson, our new district ranger and Karen Lindhorst, Cabin Owners' Forest Service Representative. Ranger Davidson shared information regarding the cabin appraisals which have been completed. New appraisals will be sent to members in April 2011. All members have an opportunity to appeal, more information will follow.

She reminded members that their Permit Inspection forms should be signed and returned by July 1st. This form is 2-sided and often cabin owners only fill out one side. If you don't have a copy of the form, see the [CPCOA's website](#), the ranger district website or stop by the ranger office. This permit gives the district office information on whether we are following our permit regulations.

Ranger Davidson has traveled around our area and reported that we have some of the best forest roads she has seen during her ranger career. The road budget is minimal so the district will be doing little road maintenance. This is the same for trail maintenance; federal funds have been cut which allows for little or no trail maintenance.

Karen Lindhorst spoke briefly and she is the one to see if you have cabin concerns. Karen asks that all requests be in writing. She can be out of the office at times during the summer since she is on the fire crew and called out to fight fires.

E-mail addresses for these two are:

Ranger Irene Davidson, idaavidson@fs.fed.us

Karen Lindhorst, klindhorst@fs.fed.us

Jack introduced Wally Morrison, Lead Agricultural Appraiser for Yakima County Assessor's Office. He is responsible for appraisals outside Yakima City Limits which includes our cabins. The county appraisers are assessing the value of the cabin only. Cabin appraisals are on a six (6) year cycle. Wally answered questions from the group.

Yakima County Deputy Steve Sutliff was scheduled to speak but unable to attend. He passed along the following: If I don't make it to the meeting, tell everyone that there hasn't been much illegal activity at the cabins. Be sure to keep things locked up and not leave anything of value in the cabin. Some people have even taken to leaving the cabin unlocked so they don't have to spend the money to replace doors and windows when they GET BROKEN INTO. Don't know that I would recommend that but it is a thought if there is nothing of value in the cabin.

Jim Lundeen, treasurer, reported we have a balance of \$3,669.69 in our account. There will be expenses for today's meeting. The board passed a motion to donate \$500.00 to the CUFFA 2 for lobbying. This group has made great progress regarding our cabin permit issues.

Carl Buchholz reported on the scheduled field trip for this summer. The 1st one is on July 24th, beginning at the Woodshed Restaurant at 1:00 p.m., Paul Hammond will speak on Geology and landslides. Check the website for information on this field trip.

The second field trip is scheduled in September, date to be determined. It will center on the Union Creek area and Gary Torreta will share information on the Bull Trout which many of us know as the Dolly Varden. Check the website for more information

Carl is attempting to schedule a 3rd field trip which will be posted on the website.

Maureen Bell discussed By-Laws Update. Mike Berrichoa , Jack Selby and Maureen will have completed By-Laws to present to members in the fall for adoption.

The drawing was held and 19 members went home as “winners.” Thanks to Whistlin’ Jack Lodge, The Woodshed Restaurant for donating gift certificates and to Carl and Sue Buchholz for donating 2 jars of Sleepy Hollow Elderberry Jam.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010 at the Nile Valley Community Church.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bell

Secretary