

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association Fall Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2011
Nile Valley Community Church

President Mike Berriochoa called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. with approximately 35 members attending. Mike asked for a moment of silence to remember our families, cabin friends and those who have passed away.

Carl Buchholz shared an antique tool used during the construction of his cabin at Union Creek during 1945-48. One of our members immediately identified the tool—Cross Cut Saw Vise and how it was used. He was given 3 lotto tickets for his answer.

Mike introduced the officers of the organization and then asked those attending to introduce themselves and what cabin tract they were from. Gold Creek cabin members had the largest number from their tract attending today's meeting.

Mike shared a handout that Carl Buchholz got from the Department of Highways' Booth at the Central Washington State Fair. It showed the plans for rerouting Highway 410 around the slide area and work is to begin next spring.

Lunch was served.

At 12:20, Mike reopened the meeting and introduced Deputy Sheriff Steve Sutliff who patrols the Chinook Pass area. Sheriff Sutliff shared information regarding closing our cabins for the winter and "break-in" suggestions. He stressed that members should not store firearms at our cabins. Firearms are the #1 item stolen. Steve informed us that thieves take only items of value and often times break in damage is more expensive to repair than the theft items. If you should be broken into, please contact the sheriff office and report the theft on their website <http://www.yakimacounty.us/Sheriff/propertyform.htm> .

For those cabin owners who have gates to their property, please make sure you have a forest service lock on the gate. Check with the Ranger Station to make sure your lock is the correct one. Deputy Sheriff Sutliff felt gates do help prevent break-ins.

If you are attempting to sell your cabin on your own, please make sure you don't place "for sale" signs on the highway. This is an easy way for others to locate cabins to break into.

Steve talked about cell phone service. Most of us presently have very poor or no cell phone service at our cabins. Steve said there are plans to build a cell phone tower on the top of Mr. Clemens and if this happens, cabin owners may have much better cell phone coverage.

Mike introduced Steven Smith, fire chief for the Nile Cliffdell Fire Department. Steven shared with us the April 2011 legislation language regarding fire protection services on unprotected land. "Unprotected land" is defined as improved property located outside a fire protection jurisdiction. Most forest service lands do not have fire protection for cabin structures. Indians Flats has contracted with the Nile Cliffdell Fire District for fire protection. All cabin owners in this tract had to agree to pay for this coverage which is charged to their county tax assessment at approx. \$1.25 per \$1000 assessed value of their cabin. Once all tract members agreed to participate, a proposal was presented to the fire commissioners who determined if coverage is warranted.

Chief Smith informed us we do have EMS (Emergency Medical Service). There is a levy to be voted upon in November that will improve the present EMS services in this area if the levy passes.

Since no one from Doc Hasting's office was available to attend our meeting, a DVD was played with Doc Hastings sharing information regarding the presentation of the Cabin Coalition 2 legislation which he hopes will go to Congress soon. If Congress approves this legislation, it will stabilize cabin owners' lease fees.

Mike presided over CPCOA officers and board member elections. He informed members he would not run for another term as president. He felt since he had been president for 7 years, a change of command was good. He shared that his term of office was an interesting experience and thanked the cabin owners for their support and for the support from a great board.

Mike asked for nominations for:

President: Dave Leinweber was nominated by Joce Berriochoa and seconded by Winona Rombough. No further nominations were made. Members voted in favor of Dave Leinweber.

Vice President of Members Activities: Winona Rombough nominated Carl Buchholz, seconded by Joce Berriochoa. No further nominated were made. Members voted in favor of Carol Buchholz.

At-Large Member—1 year. Maureen Bell nominated Kathi Lindberg, seconded by Noma Hudson. No further nominated were made. All members voted in favor of Kathi Lindberg.

At-Large Member—2 years. Wayne Bell nominated Mark Hevland, seconded by Winona Rombough. No further nominated were made. Members voted in favor of Mark Hevland.

Jim Lundeen, treasurer, reported membership was down from 2010. He reminded members to pay their membership dues to CPCOA and he would then send National Forest Homeowners Association their share of the dues. Don't pay National directly regardless if you get a notice of payment from them. We will pay your national dues.

Jim informed members that our directory is out of date and plans are being made to update the directory this year.

Carl Buchholz shared information regarding the 2 field trips scheduled for this year. The Bull Trout Spawning field trip was well attended. The Geology Field trip to Bumping Lake and Bumping Lake Expansion wasn't well attended. He asked members for ideas for the 2012 field trips—Copper City is being scheduled. Other ideas were Morse Creek, Native Plants, and local mushroom information. Carl is open for suggestions so please contact him with your idea.

Dave Leinweber presented Mike Berriochoa with a gift thanking Mike for his service to our organization over the past years. He has served us extremely well.

Remember Mike, you are still part of the Board as Past President. Mike was presented a Cabela's gift certificate to help outfit his fishing wishes. Dave also thanked John Beard, Past President, for his service to the board.

Mike and Wayne Bell conducted the door prize drawing. Gift certificates from Whistlin' Jack Lodge & Gold Creek Station, lotto tickets and Nile Valley chokecherry jelly made by Carl and Sue Buchholz were raffled off. The "Traveling" door prize, a book, titled "*We Never Got Away*" was won by Nita Burgon who will read and return the book at our next meeting for a door prize.

Date to Remember: 2012 Summer Membership Meeting: June 23, 2012—Nile Valley Community Church

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

Respectfully Submitted

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