

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association
Fall Meeting Minutes
Oct. 6, 2012

President Dave Leinweber called the meeting to order at the Nile Valley Community Church at 11:35 p.m. Dave introduced board members, and guests. He encouraged members to consider running for one of our board open positions —Vice President and an At-Large Position. At this time no one has volunteered to run and elections will be held at the end of the meeting. Before eating, members paused for a moment of silence for absent friends and family. Lunch was served and again we had many delicious food items to select from especially the desserts.

At 12:15, Dave opened the meeting introducing Karen Lindhorst from the Naches Ranger District. Karen stressed the importance of cabin owners follow the “no fire” ban especially not having inside fires in our cabins. The ban has been set to be lifted at midnight on Oct. 15th. Watch for announcements regarding this ban and Dave will send an email as soon as he hears any news. Karen announced that invoices with the new appraisal fees will soon be mailed. If you asked for a 2nd appraisal, most of these fees were reduced. Karen shared that ranger station employees spent most of the summer fighting fires. If you plan to make any structural or outside changes to your cabins, she encouraged cabin owners to begin and plan early. Make sure all your bases are covered including contacting the Ranger Station and the County.

Sheriff Steve Sutliff reported there have been many break-ins during the summer months. (Double the case reports from 2011.) He asked cabin owners to be on the lookout and report anything you feel is questionable. Most break-ins caused cabin damage but not much of value was stolen.

Dave introduced Dick Burrows from the Washington State Forest Homeowners Association. Dick thanked our association for our financial support during the past years. Our association pays \$1.00 per cabin to this state organization each year. This group was organized in 2001 to represent state cabin owners at state and national levels. At this time, reorganization is taking place within the group to form goals and policies that will benefit all cabin owners. Dave Leinweber our president represents our group at the state level.

Mike Schwisow, Outreach Coordinator for the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Plan was introduced. Mike along with Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation; Urban Eberhardt, Kittitas Reclamation District and Scott Revell, Kennewick Irrigation District presented a brief overview of the plan. The Yakima River Basin is the largest in the state with 6,155 sq. miles and many residents depend upon this resource. In the past years, drought has caused a lack of water storage for our area and the climate change forecast may affect our water in the future. There have been several plans in the past. This plan is a collaborative group of people working together to plan for a solution for basin water shortage in future. The Bumping Lake is one of the areas being discussed. Cabin owners are aware of the reality of water storage but also are concerned how a new plan may change the use of Bumping Lake and the surrounding recreational area. At this time, the plan has many steps yet to be developed. More information on the plan can be found on their website: <http://yakimabasinplan.org/>.

Business Meeting: Before reports were presented, the group sang “Happy 91st Birthday to Rusty Mulcahy. Rusty and Marcella have been active CPCOA members for years.

Financial Report: Treasurer Jim Lundeen reported we have 138 members which is 42% of cabin owners on Chinook Pass. We have a balance of \$3,159.61 in our checking account.

Field Trips: Carl Buchholz shared that the 2012 scheduled field trips were well attended. His plans for next year are: Copper City, Fall Mushroom Hunt, Bumping Lake Historical Walk and a new one, Rock Hound. This trip will include looking for Thunder Eggs in the Quartz Creek area and will be a family oriented field trip. If members have other field trip suggestions, please contact Carl.

Volunteer Event: This year our group volunteered to clean up the Mather Memorial Rest area across from Sawmill Flats. We had 9 members who worked 4 hours to clean the area and then enjoyed a fun picnic lunch and visited. This group suggested we make this an annual volunteer project for our association. We thank Kathi Lindberg for planning and overseeing this project.

Forest Watch Program: Mark Hevland is organizing this project. He had hoped to have signs and program information available to distribute to cabin owners today but the signs did not arrive in time. He will have materials ready for our spring/summer meeting.

CPCOA Future: Mike Berriochoa, chair for this project, reported that a survey is ready to be sent to all Chinook Pass cabin owners in October. This survey is the 1st step to assist the board to plan CPCOA's future. A 2nd survey may be sent asking more detailed questions regarding cabin and recreational use by cabin owners.

Elections of Officers: Secretary, Maureen Bell. A motion was made and seconded to accept Maureen's nomination for secretary. Motion passed. Naydene Maykut from the Bumping Lake Tract and Kathy Hoffert from the Crag Tract were nominated for the At-Large Position. Each nominee shared information about themselves. Ballots were given to members to vote. Kathy Hoffert was elected. Thank you, Naydene for being willing to serve. The Vice-President position remains open. If you are interested in this position, please contact Dave Leinweber.

Donated Door Prizes: \$50.00 gift certificate from Whistlin' Jacks Lodge, 1 large pizza from the Woodshed Restaurant, lotto tickets, pansy table decorations donated by Jim and Ginny Lundeen, and the book, *We Never Got Away* which is a traveling door prize. Maureen Bell won the traveling door prize and will return it at our next membership meeting to be raffled off.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bell

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Cabin Tracts represented at Saturday's meeting:

American Forks:	2
American River:	3
Bumping Lake:	5
Cliffdell:	2
Crag:	8
Gold Creek:	10
Idlehour:	1
Indian Flats:	1
Union Creek:	2