

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association
Summer Potluck/Meeting
Nile Valley Community Church—June 23, 2012

President Dave Leinweber called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. Approximately 57 cabin owners attended. Dave welcomed all cabin owners and introduced CPCOA board members and our guests: Karen Lindhorst, Jacquie Beidl, Kathyn Buchholz, and Blair Bickel from the Naches Ranger Station, Doug Gann, National Forest Homeowners Board of Director and Wenatchee Forest cabin owner, Sheriff Steve Sutliff and Naydene Maykut from the Friends of Bumping Lake.

Dave took roll call by having cabin owners stand and represent their cabin tracts. This allowed us to know what cabin tracts were represented.

A brief minute of silence was observed for our absent friends and family members and especially for Al Molineux, NFH Board member and a Rimrock Association cabin owner who passed away during the National Forest Homeowners Convention in Vancouver, Washington in April.

Dave reopened the meeting after everyone was served lunch.

Naches Ranger Station: Jacquie Beidl and Karen Lindhorst spoke. Good news is Kathryn Buchholz has been hired to work with Karen to be prepared to take over when Karen retires. Sad news, the budget for the Naches Ranger District will be 5-15% lower next year compared to this year.

The Guard Station at American Forks is in need of someone to volunteer to “pop” into the cabin 1-2 times a week between check-in/check-out of guests, take a look around to be sure things are clean and orderly and that nothing is broken, do minor cleaning as needed, occasionally change out the mattress covers and clean the oven or fridge, and let the forest service know of any major problems or restocking needs (e.g., toilet paper, lime, cleaning supplies, etc.) We thank Winona and Roy Rombough who have been faithful doing this job over the past few years but cannot continue this year. Contact Jacquie Beidl if you are able to volunteer.

Another suggested volunteer project is to assist with sign painting at Indian Creek. Contact Lindsay Wormwood at the Naches Ranger Station if you are interested.

Self-inspection forms are due to the Ranger Station by July 1st. These forms are available at the check-in table for members to fill out and return to Karen Lindhorst. (If you fail to meet the July 1st deadline, you may return these at any time.) This form can also be found on our website, www.cpcoa.com.

Bumping Lake Tract has asked for a 2nd appraisal on their permits. These appraisals are completed and being considered at the “normal government pace” according to Karen Lindhorst.

A donated vehicle is available to use to patrol cabin tract areas but training is need. Sheriff Steve Sutliff informed members that when you are gathering information for a report get as much information as possible starting from the head down. If a vehicle is involved, get a complete vehicle description and especially the license plate number. He also shared that valuable items in our cabins should be identified using your Washington Driver License # engraved somewhere on the item. This helps law enforcement officers to be able to identify stolen items if recovered, especially if these appear at pawn shops.

Karen Lindhorst reported that the road to Lilly Lake is open to the trailhead and the road to Deep Creek will be open by September. There is money available to repair other closed roads through the Emergency Road Repair Fund.

NFH Update: Doug Gann, a member of NFH's board updated members regarding Cabin Coalition 2. There is one bill in the Senate and two bills in the House of Representatives being considered. A bill will need to be passed by the end of this or the Forest Service will fully implement the CUFFA fee system.

Doug was asked, "What is the 'stand' of our two state senators regarding CC2?" His response was Patti Murray is non-responsive and she feels there isn't a problem. Marie Cantwell is on the Senate Sub Committee hearing our proposal and has attended hearings and is supportive of CC2. Doug's feelings are that Patti Murray will follow Marie Cantwell's lead when voting occurs.

Friends of Bumping Lake: Naydene Maykut, Friends of Bumping Lake representative, presented a brief overview of the relocation and raising of the Bumping Lake Dam. She invited anyone who is interested to join "Friends of Bumping Lake." An informational flyer was distributed to members.

Financial Report: Jim Lundeen reported we have approximately \$3600 in our treasury. There are some bills yet to be paid. Jim encouraged members to invite other cabin owners in their tract to join our association. Dues are \$50.00 with \$30.00 sent to NHFA. He reminded members not to send dues to the national association as he pays these for you from our dues.

2012 Updated Directories: Maureen Bell announced that the new directories are ready for members. Please check your information for accuracy. If there are errors, please contact Maureen after the meeting, by email, or a phone call. Updated information will be emailed to members after our fall meeting. Directories will be mailed to those members who were unable to attend today's meeting.

Field Trip: Carl announced that the Mushroom Field Trip was successful with 22 people attending on June 2, 2012. The next field trip is scheduled for August 18th—History of the Bumping Lake. A Copper City Field Trip to be led by Jacquie Beidl has been scheduled for September, date to be announced. This is dependent upon the road to Copper City being reopened. Carl reminded members to check our website for updated field trip information.

Volunteer Events: Kathi Lindberg shared there would be a Volunteer Work Party at Mather Memorial across from the Sawmill Flats Campground on Saturday, July 14th, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves, gas powered blowers & weed eaters, and other tools to assist with the cleaning. After cleanup is completed we will have lunch together and visit, so please bring your own lunch.

Forest Watch Program: Mark Hevland shared information regarding the Forest Watch Program.—Neighbors looking out for Neighbors. We have permission from the Naches Ranger Station and the Sheriff's department to oversee this project. If members approve this program, we will purchase signs for those tracts who wish to participate and who have a contact person. Noma Hudson moved that our association support the Forest Watch Program with a 2nd from Kathi Lindberg. The motion passed. Our association will be moving forward with the Forest Watch Program.

Operation ID Stickers: Mark also has Operation ID stickers for cabin owner to place on their cabin windows. These stickers are a deterrent to break-ins. Sheriff Sutliff encouraged cabin members to identify valuable items in their cabin using their Washington Driver License number. This will allow officers to easily identify items when stolen property is found or if it should appear in Pawn Shops.

Identifying Tract Locations: Mark will ask tract members to help identify tract locations (ie. Milepost numbers or mileage identification) for use by Law Enforcement and Emergency Service Officers.

Wildlife Camera: Mark also shared information on Wildlife Cameras that are available for use by cabin owners. These are posted in areas around your cabin to record any unusual activity.

Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council: Mike Berriochoa informed members of the “Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) Invasive Plant Project” sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council. This group is focusing on eradicating plants currently in low abundance in target area and to remove them before they have a chance to spread and cause serious ecological problem and deplete economic resources. The council is planning to conduct volunteer trainings in mid-July to train volunteers to identify plants and collect and report data to the IPC who will then alert local weed managers so they can act to remove these invaders. Julie Combs (pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com) is the person to contact. There will be a link on our website for members to find more information.

Chipper Program: Mike Berriochoa reminded that this is the last year for the “Chipper Program.” The Chipper was obtained by a federal grant through the Highways 410 & 12 Community Wildfire Protection Plan and is operated by the North Yakima Conservation District. This free program allows cabin owners to schedule someone to come and chip wood debris you have collected around your cabins. This can be a tract activity. For further information call 509.406.4985.

CPCOA’s Future: A committee has been form—Chairperson Mike Berroichoa, Kathi Lindberg, Ralph Berthon and Mark Hevland. This committee will explore our association’s mission and its future. A survey will be sent asking for members’ input. Mike has asked for a 5th member to join the committee. If you are interested, please contact Mike at 509.545.6853.

Election of Officers: Dave announced the following board positions will be voted upon at our fall meeting—Vice President, which is now vacant, Secretary, and Board Member at Large.

Door Prizes: \$25.00 from Squaw Rock RV Resort, 2-\$10.00 gift certificates from Gold Creek Station, 10 table decoration plants donated by Ginny and Jim Lundeen and 15 lotto tickets were given away.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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