

CPCOA Fall Board Meeting—October 3, 2013

Present: Dave Leinweber, Jim Lundeen, Carl Buchholz, Kathy Hoffert, Maureen Bell.

Absent: Mike Berochoai, Mark Hevland,

Guests: Patty Leinweber, Wayne Bell

Dave and Patty Leinweber invited the board for dessert at 7:00 p.m. Thank you, Patty, for the delicious cheese cakes.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Financial Report: Jim distributed the financial report that included a membership listing as of 9/21/13. We have 123 full members with 15 new members to our association. There were also 20 Associate members with 6 being new members. We have a balance of \$2,909.28 in our checking account. Also included in his report were expenditures from June to September 30th.

2014 Budget: Dave shared the 2014 budget proposal. Dues will be \$60.00 next year—National \$40.00, State \$2.00, & Local \$18.00.

Field Trip Report: Carl reported that the Geology Field led by Paul Hammond and the Bumping Lake History Walking Tour trips were successful with twenty people attending each field trip. On Oct. 12th, the Mushroom Field Trip led by Yakima Mushroom Society members will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Bumping Lake Road and HWY 410. Carl has begun planning for 2014 with the following fields being considered: Geology—Rock Formations by Paul Hammond, Forest Health and Pest Problems by Connie Mehmel, Wenatchee Forest Service Office, Quartz Creek -Thunder Eggs with Carl Buchholz and Copper City with Jackie Beidl. Carl shared a new book, “Nothing in Life is Free,” by Della Gould Emmons published in 1953 by Northwestern Press. This is a historical novel of the 1st wagon trains that went through our area to the Puget Sound. It is available on Amazon.com

CPCOA Cleans Up!: Roy & Winona Rombough and Kathy and her husband Dave spent about 3 hours cleaning the Mathers’ Memorial Parkway on Hwy 410 across from Sawmill Flats. Kathy recommends that next year this FS project be scheduled earlier in the year.

FS/RCPA/CPCOA Meeting Report: This meeting was canceled because of the Government Shutdown. Dave plans to reschedule it as soon as possible.

Election Nominations: The 2014 slate of officers is: President, Dave Leinweber, Vice President in charge of Activities, Carl Buchholz, Treasurer, Jim Lundeen and Member at Large, Noma Hudson. At this time we have no one interested in the 1st Vice Presidency position. Dave will make a plea to our members asking for someone to consider running for this office. Dave doesn’t plan to be president “forever” and we need someone to assist with the leadership of our group.

Cabin Defense Fund Proposal: Dave presented a final copy of the CPCOA Cabin Defense Fund Directive to be shared with members at the fall potluck/meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5th. A vote will be taken to accept the Cabin Defense Fund Directive as written. This fund will be funded with

voluntary contributions from members and overseen by board. We discussed future fund raisers including a swap meet, or a cabin visitation tour and will consider these ideas at our next meeting.

WA DOE Water Bank: Several tracts are working with Kelsey Collins for Water Rights for their tracts. This is a onetime cost for water rights but there will be a cost for storage which will be collected in 2049.

Cabin Fee Act: A key provision for cabin owners and a pertinent part of this act is “Fee Retention.” At this time the Senate has included the fee retention in their version but the House hasn’t. The Senate is prepared to schedule hearings in the next few weeks. The NHF association has been very involved with this legislation. Dave encouraged members to write their representatives especially Doc Hastings asking him to include “fee Retention” in the House edition.

Bumping Tract Permit Issue Update: Bumping Lake cabin owners continue to work on the E-11 Clause of their permits. They have employed the services of a lawyer which cost them \$15,000+. The NFH Association has become involved with this issue. There have been many meetings and discussions but no final solution.

New Fire Ban Effect on Cabin Usage: Dave is working with Irene Davidson regarding the “no wood” fires in our cabins. This ban was not lifted even though the air quality control ban was lifted for Yakima County and we had rain. Many cabin owners expressed their frustrations with this issue especially not being able to use their indoor fireplaces even for heat.

1700 Road Decommissioning: Wayne Bell, Noma Hudson & Tod Rossire will inform and update association members of what has happened during the summer regarding their appeals on the final 1700 Road Plan. There was no resolution when this group met with Ranger Irene Davidson. Their appeals have gone to the “2nd” level. The government shutdown will greatly slow down the process of this appeal.

Membership Meeting Agenda Review: Dave shared the PowerPoint he will use during our Fall Potluck Meeting on Saturday. The focus of this meeting is to update members regarding issues with the forest service and our association. This will allow members the opportunity to discuss the issues and provide the board with some directions. Board members were asked to be at the Nile Church at 10:30 a.m. to prepare for the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Bell