

**CPCOA's Fall Potluck/Meeting**  
**Nile Valley Community Church**  
**October 3, 2013**

Dave opened the meeting greeting the 45 members who attended. He introduced association officers and shared today's agenda. No guest speakers were invited to this meeting as the main focus is to inform and update members on several forest service issues that have surfaced over the past summer. Roll call of cabin tracts was taken. There was a "Moment of Remembrance" for those members who are no longer with us especially Jack Selby, a long time association Past Vice President who passed away this summer. We enjoyed delicious food prepared by our members. There are always plenty of desserts. Thank you to those members who assisted in the kitchen preparing for the potluck and cleaning up afterwards.

**Business Meeting:**

**Financial Report:** Dave presented this information since Jim Lundeen, our treasurer, was unable to attend today's meeting. We have a total of \$2,909.28 in our checking account. We have 143 memberships—123 full time with 15 new members this year and 20 Associate members with 6 new members. Dave shared the projected 2014 budget which includes funds for a new projector and to pay partial expenses for members to attend the NFA convention in Reno, Nevada.

**Cabin Defense Fund:** Dave shared the Cabin Defense Fund Directive. Association members at our June meeting voted for the board to create a Cabin Defense Fund Directive. This fund will be overseen by the board and funded through voluntary members' contributions and specific planned fund raising events. Money will be used for Legislative efforts (i.e. CFA, New Bumping Dam, etc.), unfair permit issues (i.e. Bumping Lake E-11 Clause) and legal action to defend cabin tracts (up to 50% of costs). Expenditures will require 2/3 board approval. Association members passed the motion to approve procedures for the Cabin Defense Fund.

**CPCOA's Cleans Up!:** Kathy Hoffert thanked Roy and Winoma Rombough and her husband Dave, for their help cleaning the Mathers' Memorial Parkway July 20th, our club's service project. This task was completed in about 3 ½ hours. We hope to continue offering this service to the FS yearly and plan to schedule next year's cleanup earlier in the year.

**Field Trips:** Carl Buchholz shared we had 20+ participants for the Geology Field Trip with Paul Hammonds on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the Bumping Lake History Walk with Suzy Cyr on August 10th. The Mushroom Field trip with Yakima Valley Mushroom Society members is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12th. Carl has begun planning field trips for next year. He is considering the following: Geology Exploration by Paul Hammond, Copper City with Jacquie Beidl, Forest Health with Connie Mehmel, and Quartz Creek Thunder Eggs Hunt. Carl shared information on the following book: "*Nothing in Life is Free*," by Della Gould Emmons published in 1953 by Northwestern Press. This is a historical novel of the 1<sup>st</sup> wagon trains that went through our area to the Puget Sound. It is available on Amazon.com

**CPCOA Facebook:** Noma Hudson has created a CPCOA Facebook site. If you have a Facebook page, you can now "like" the Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association on Facebook. Information and meeting dates will be posted.

**2013 Board Elections:** Dave presented the following slate of officers nominated for the open positions: President, Dave Leinweber, Vice-President of Activities, Carl Buchholz, Treasurer, Jim Lundeen, Member at Large, Noma Hudson. There were no further nominations from the floor and the slate of officers was passed as read. Dave expressed his concern regarding the vacant Vice-President position. At this time, no one has

come forward to take this position. Dave is concerned about the future of the association. We need member leadership that will assist the board. If you are interested joining the board, please contact Dave.

**Issues Discussion:**

**DOE Water Bank:** Cabin tracts are signing up to receive water rights for their cabins. If your tract is interested, contact Kelsey Collins at 509.575.2640.

**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.

**Fire Ban Process Changes:** Dave Leinweber has discussed with Irene Davidson “the fire ban directive” that went into effect the last two years including the “no fires within our cabins” directive. In past years, fire bans have been initiated in stages but this year the entire fire ban stages were enforced August 2nd and continued into September, even though the Yakima County Clean Air Agency lifted their ban and we had several rains.

**E-11 Permit Clause:** Ralph Berthon reported that the Bumping Lake Cabin Tract members continue to work with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamations regarding the E-11 permit Clause in their permits. After several meetings, no final decisions have been made. This group hired a lawyer to help fight this issue. Bumping Lake Cabin owners could lose their cabin permits with no relocation nor compensations for their cabins.

**1700 Road System Decommissioning:** Wayne Bell, Noma Hudson, and Tod Rossire shared information on their appeals with the FS regarding the closing or repairing of 4 forest roads: Old River Road (close both ends of this road and remove 1/3 of the roadway), Gold Creek Road (close the road at both ends of the washout), Milk Creek Road (reroute the road over a steep embankment) and Gold Creek Cabin Crossing Driveway (close at both ends). After receiving the FONI report from Irene Davidson, 5 cabin owners appealed Ranger Davidson’s final decisions regarding the above roads. After meeting with Ranger Davidson, twice, she refused to negotiate or make any changes in her plans. The appeals are now being reviewed by other forest service administrators. The government “Shut-Down” will slow this appeal process.

**Announcements:** The spring meeting has yet to be determined. Our yearly newsletter will be published May, 2014. Thank you to the Nile Valley Community Church for the use of their facilities.

**Door Prizes:** A thank you to Gold Creek Station for the \$20.00 gift certificate and to Jim Lundeen for lottery tickets. The traveling door prize, the book “*We Never Got Away*” went to Marcella Mulcahy who will enjoy the book this winter and return it next June to be given away again.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Maureen Bell*  
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**WANTED**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**—someone willing to assist with the leadership of our association. This person will help the president & board when needed.

**CPCOA Webmaster**—someone to oversee and update the website.

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