

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2013

Present: Jim Lundeen, Kathy Hoffert, Sue & Carl Buchholz, Peggy & Mark Hevland, Dave Leinweber, Mike Berriochoa, Wayne & Maureen Bell.

Dave called the meeting to order at 11:45.

Financial Report: Jim distributed copies of the financial report and a current membership list as of 4/5/13. We have 127 memberships—109 Full memberships (13 new members) & 18 Associate members. Jim also provided information on Cabin Dues/Expenses Analyses for 2010-2012. Checking balance is \$4117.86.

Raising 2014 Dues: We discussed the need of increasing our dues. NFH has increased their dues this year from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and WSHFA has raised theirs from \$1 to \$2. Thanks to Dave Leinweber, our association has been given a 1 year reprieve since NFH didn't give association's ample time to inform their member associations of the national dues increase. Next year, NFH dues will be \$40.00. Our present dues of \$50.00 were established in 2002. After a discussion, Mark Hevland made a motion to recommend to the membership at the June meeting to increase dues to \$60.00 with a second from Mike Berriochoa. Motion passed.

CPCOA Futures Sub-Committee Report: Mike Berriochoa presented a draft copy of the survey taken last fall, 2012. This included background information, response summary and recommendations by the committee. Board members discussed the recommendations and board members took responsibilities for overseeing each recommendation.

The board agreed that our president meet with a Forest Service Representative at least twice a year. Dave suggested that The White Pass Association president also be included in these meeting. The goal of these meetings is to foster communication between the two associations and the Forest Service.

The association survey taken last fall showed that we need more communication with cabin tracts. The Board's thoughts are that the Forest Watch Program will begin this communication as each tract will have a contact person who will then communicate this program to cabin owners within each tract.

This committee's members are Mike Berriochoa, Mark Hevland, Kathy Lindberg and Ralph Berthon. They will conduct a second survey asking cabin owners for additional information regarding the use of their cabins.

Field Trip Plans: Carl Buchholz reported that 3 field trips have been planned for this summer with times & dates yet to be determined. There will be a continuation of the History of Bumping Lake, a Fall Mushroom Trip and a Rock Hound Thunder Eggs Search on the Little Naches area.

Forest Watch Program Rollout Plan: Mark Hevland shared sponsor information packets he prepared for Tract sponsors. Included is an inventory form for cabin owners to fill out and most important information on what to do when you see any suspicious activity around cabins. Sponsors will receive a packet of information and are responsible for providing packets of information to each cabin owner. Tract sponsors will be asked to provide directions to each tract. This information will be shared with cabin owners, EMS agencies and local law enforcement officers. Communication with cabin owners is essential for this program to be successful.

The White Pass Association has requested information regarding this program as we have an excellent start getting this program off the ground. Mark estimated that the 2013 budget for this program will be approximately \$350.00. Each tract will receive signs, operation ID stickers (2 per cabin) and an engraver for their use. The Roll-out for this program will be at our June Association Potluck.

“CPCOA Cleans Up”, 2013 Event: Kathy Hoffert has agreed to chair this event. The board has adopted The Mather Memorial as our yearly project. Last year’s work party spent about 3 hours cleaning the area using rakes, power blowers, weed eaters, brooms, shovels, and manpower. After the completed job, association members enjoyed a picnic lunch and socialized. Kathy will contact the Forest Service to make plans for this year’s event.

2013 Cabin Tracks: Maureen Bell has begun to organize our 2013 Cabin Tracts Newsletter and has collected several articles for the newsletter. If you have an article idea or an article to submit, please contact Maureen..

June Meeting Topics and Speakers: Carl Buchholz’s suggested we have someone speak about the root rot found in stumps and how to treat this. Mike Berriochoa felt we needed information regarding additional forestry concerns. Carl will research this.

Filling First VP Position: Dave Leinweber asked members to think about association members who might be willing to fill the VP Position. He would appreciate help as he becomes more involved with the state and national associations. The future of the associations depends upon this. There will be a “HELP WANTED” article in the newsletter.

Bumping Tract Permit Issue Update: There have been no changes since the last email update. The Bumping Lake Group has spent \$14,000+ (mostly lawyer fees) to help fight this problem. Ralph Berthon has written an updated article for the newsletter and Dave Leinweber will keep our members informed.

Cabin Defense Fund Proposal: After some discussion, the board voted (with one “nay”) to ask association members if they wish to pursue a Cabin Defense Fund. Jim Lundeen questioned what the NHA really does for us. Dave Leinweber will present information to association members of this proposal and ask for their approval at the June Potluck meeting.

Open Discussion: Maureen Bell will seek a gift certificate from Whistlin Jacks and the Woodshed Restaurant for the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

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