

CPCOA Summer Potluck/Meeting

June 22, 2013, Nile Valley Community Church

President Dave Leinweber opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed the 63 members in attendance. He introduced guests, Board Members and took Tract Roll Call.

Let's Eat: Everyone enjoyed the delicious food selection prepared and shared by our members. Peggy Driesen member of the church and an association member had the room ready to use including making punch and coffee. Thank you, Peggy.

After we enjoyed our lunch, Dave reopened the meeting.

Presentations:

Naches Ranger District: Karen Lindhorst and Kathyrn Buchholz updated members with forest and cabin updates. Ranger Irene Davidson, Jackie Biedl, Kim Stiles (Rimrock Association President), Dave Leinweber and Karen met to discuss how the Forest Service and Cabin Associations can communicate and work together to keep our cabin members informed. These folks will meet twice a year. Damaged forest service roads will be repaired starting this year. Cabin owners were reminded that the self-inspection forms are due July 1st. Karen shared there will be budget cuts in the upcoming year which will affect service. If you have any questions regarding the lease billing you received, see Karen after the meeting. Karen will be retiring January 2014.

Washington Dept. of Ecology, Yakima, Kelsey Collins: Kelsey updated members on the water bank that the legislature has funded. The Dept. of Ecology is selling mitigations from the water bank to cover water use during dry years and is now coordinating with cabin owners and camps to identify how much water is being used and how much mitigation is needed. She will work with camps first to establish their water needs and then with cabin owners. The water bank applies to cabin owners who use surface water. Cabin owners with wells are not involved at this time. If you have questions regarding your water rights, contact Kelsey at kelseyKES1461@ecy.wa.gov

Guest Speaker, Connie Mehmel (Wenatchee USFS): Connie presented information on forest diseases and insects' affect on the forest and how these are treated. She shared information on Defoliators, Bark Beetles, Dwarf Mistletoes and Root Diseases etc.

Bumping Lake Day Use Cleanup—Kathy Hoffart: Kathy announced that the Clean-up Day is scheduled for July 20th at the Mather's Memorial Parkway across Hwy 410 from Sawmill Flats. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and work until the clean-up is completed. Members are asked to bring shovels, rakes, gas powered blowers and trimmers, garbage sacks, and gloves. Bring a lunch as we will eat lunch together after working.

Fields Trips—Carl Buchholz: Carl announced the following scheduled field trips: July 27th Paul Hammond a geologist will conduct a geology field trip. Members will meet at 12:00 p.m. at the Woodshed. This field trip could last until 6:00 p.m. but members can return back to the starting location, half way through. August 10th, Suzy Cyr will conduct a Bumping Lake History Walk. Members will meet at the Intersection of Bumping River Road and the road that leads to the dam (Barton Creek). Last year, during the Bumping Lake field trip, a glass

bottle was found and Kathryn Buchholz indentified and GPS. Two weeks later when the FS returned to the area the item was missing. If you know anything about this glass bottle, please contact the Ranger Station. We would like to have the artifact item returned. The Fall Mushroom Exploration's Field Trip date has yet to be scheduled and depends upon the rains. It will be the end of September or during October. Check our website, www.cpoa.com for updated field trip information.

Forest Watch Program Rollout!—Mark Hevland: Mark announced the Forest Watch Program officially begins today. He had informational packets ready for the Tract Sponsors to pick up and share with cabin owners. This program has 3 parts:

A. Communication: communication between all cabin owners in the tract is essential for the success of this program. You will have contact information for those cabin owners participating in the program. Remember our role is only to “observe and report” not to intervene.

B. Signage: a large sign can be posted in cabin areas (cabin owners will agree if a sign should be posted and where). There are Forest Service regulations to follow when posting a sign on a post. We have FS approval to put signs on a gate. There are cabin watch window stickers available if you wish to use these.

C. Cabin Inventory: engravers are available for your cabin inventory.

The main emphasis is that everyone will agree to communicate with cabin owners. If your tract would like participate in this program, you may sign up at any time, contact Mark Hevland at Klamath87@charter.net

Financial Report—Treasurer Jim Lundeen: Jim reported we have 140 members, a record for our association, and he received 4 new memberships today. There is a balance of \$4191.11 in our checking account with invoices yet to be paid. The invoices are \$200.00 to CFA, \$500 to the Bumping Lake Group (Board approval on June 21, 2013), and payment for the use of the church today.

Vote to Raise Association Dues—Jim Lundeen: Jim shared the Board's proposal to increase our association dues to \$60.00. The National Forest Homeowners Association's have increased their due from \$35.00 to \$40.00 and the Washington State Cabin Owners Association dues have increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per cabin member. Mark Hevland made a motion to increase association dues to \$60.00 a year. Maureen Bell seconded the motion. Membership voted in favor of this motion.

CPCOA Futures Committee Final Report—Dave Leinweber: Dave gave a report on this committee's activity. The committee sent out a survey to cabin owners and received over 100 responses. The purpose was to create a vision for the future of CPCOA to ensure that the organization meets and exceeds the expectations of its members. Committee members were Mike Berriochoa, Ralph Berthon, Kathi Lindberg, and Mark Hevland . This information will be used to guide the future of our association.

Cabin Defense Fund—Dave Leinweber: Dave proposed that our association create a Cabin Defense Fund. This fund would be used by the board to defend the cabin program. Dave asked for an advisory vote which passed. The Board will present a proposal on how this fund would be funded, implemented and managed at our fall meeting for approval.

Announcement for Election of Officers—Dave Leinweber: In the fall we will be electing officers for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Member at Large. The Vice-President office is vacant and we need someone to be willing to run for this position. We also need a webmaster. Contact Dave Leinweber, daveleinweber@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Open Discussion: A question was asked regarding the Cabin Fee Act and what is happening. The US House and the Senate need to compromise to pass this bill. The NFA is hopeful given the progress of this legislation. “Fee Retention” is an area of negotiation.

Door Prizes: We thank Whistlin’ Jacks (\$25.00 gift certificate) WoodShed Restaurant (gift certificates for: \$25.00 and 1 large pizza) and scratch tickets that were awarded to members. Cynthia O’Brien won the “Traveling Door Prize” the book, “*We Never Got Away*” by Jack Nelson. This will be returned at our fall meeting to be presented to another lucky cabin owner to read. It is an interesting and informational personal account of Jack’s life living and working on the Bumping Lake Dam during the dam construction and thereafter.

Next meeting: Oct. 5, 2013, Nile Valley Community Church

Respectfully submitted by

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