

Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association
Fall Board Meeting—Oct. 3, 2014

Present: Carl Buchholz, Jim Lundeen, Dave Leinweber, Noma Hudson, Maureen Bell

Absent: Mike Berriochoa

Others: Patty Leinweber, Roy and Winona Rombough

Thank you Patty, for the delicious treat.

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Report: Jim Lundeen shared updated membership information—we have 135 members (116 full, 10 new & 21 associates, 4 new). Our checking balance is \$3881.48 with a few fall weekend meeting expenses to be paid. The Cabin Defense Fund's balance is \$1,545.00. We donated \$1,390.00 to the C2 fund. Jim also presented a CPCOA Budget vs. Actual Review information

Need to Incorporate (state & federal): We discussed whether we should incorporate or not and the benefits of doing this. It would cost about \$2000.00 to hire someone to complete the paperwork for us. Jim Lundeen will contact a CPA for further information and whether he would be willing to do this for us.

2014 Field Trip Report: Carl Buchholz reported we had 3 excellent field trips this summer which were well attended. The board agreed to purchase \$50.00 gift certificates to present to each of the three guides for the field trips: Paul Hammond, Suzy Cyr and Carl Buchholz. Carl cut and polished 3 thunder eggs for the door prize drawing at our fall meeting. Thanks, Carl.

Carl shared 2015 field trips plans: one being a field trip for Fife Peak's area with Paul Hammond. This could be a 1-2 mile hike starting at the backside of Fife's Peak. Board members felt most people attending could make this trip. Carl has discovered a new thunder egg location. This mystery thunder egg field trip will require no hiking and is near the road. Board members suggested a third field trip guided by Suzy Cyr. She received excellent reviews, is very organized, and knowledgeable of this area. A spring or fall mushroom field trip was also recommended.

Carl suggested we purchase a copy of "Nothing in Life is Free" written by Della Emmons to be used as a "traveling" door prize. This book is a historical novel where an Indiana couple is lured westward by the offer of free land in Washington Territory and joins the famous Naches Pass wagon train, where hardship and struggles demonstrate to the young pioneer family that nothing in life is really free at all. We will search for a copy to purchase.

Membership Outreach: Noma Hudson reported she has created a flyer to share with future association members. Personal contact with cabin owners in our own cabin tracts is an excellent way to recruit prospective members. Noma will send a copy of the flyer to us. It was recommended we include a copy of this flyer in the January "Welcome" letter and have the flyers available at our summer and fall meetings for members to take and share with other cabin owners within their tracts. Noma and Todd Rossire visited cabin owners and tracts that haven't joined our association in the past. Some tracts aren't easily found and others only have few cabins.

New Membership Form: Maureen Bell shared a membership form but after the meeting, she found a copy of the new 2015 form that Jim and she created during the summer. Please see attachment. It was recommended we add a place for members to make suggestions or comments. Maureen will see if this can be added to the present form.

WSHFA Report: Dave Leinweber reported on the activities of the state organization. The future of this group is at stake. Presently there is no purpose or goals stated for the group. Without these the organization is not effective. Dave has represented our association but he has stepped down because of his busy schedule. He will keep in contact and keep us informed.

October Meeting Agenda: We reviewed the agenda for Saturday's Fall Meeting/Potluck. We deleted the 1700 Road Report and replaced it with Reroofing Sawmill Flats Report by Roy & Winona Rombough. Gold Creek Station donated a \$25.00 gift certificate for our door prize drawing. A thank you note has been sent to them. Other door prizes include: 3 sets of thunder eggs donated by Carl Buchholz, 15 scratch cards, 12 pansy centerpieces, and the traveling door prize the book, "We Never Got Away."

2014 Board Positions and Openings: Dave has been unable to find anyone who is willing to run for the Vice President, Secretary, and At large Representative positions. Maureen Bell and Kathy Hoffert have agreed to run for their position one more term. Dave will stress to members attending the fall meeting the importance of someone stepping forward to run for the board positions or the future of the organization is questionable. Dave has one more year and has announced he will not rerun for president another term.

2015 Calendar: March 28: Spring Board Meeting, White House Café, Yakima
June 20: Summer Potluck/Meeting, Nile Valley Community Church
Sept. 26: Fall Potluck/Meeting, Nile Valley Community Church

2015 Budget Proposal: The CPCOA budget will not change much this year. There are no plans to purchase equipment. We budgeted \$600.00 to update the directory. Expected dues income is \$8000 with expenses totaling \$7725 allowing for a positive \$275.00 balance.

Updating Directory: We discussed the possibility of updating our directory. The directory is out of date especially with all of the cabin sales and personnel changes at the Naches Ranger Station. Maureen will research updating the directory and share information with the board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Bell

Maureen Bell, Secretary