

Chinook Pass Cabin Association Board Meeting
March 29, 2014

Present: Sue & Carl Buchholz, Dave Leinweber, Mike Berriochoa, Kathy Hoffert, Jim Lundeen, and Maureen Bell

Absent: Noma Hudson

Financial Report: Jim Lundeen distributed copies of the financial report. We have a balance of \$4753.57 in the general account and \$1270.00 in the Defense Fund. Jim sent \$1270 to C2Fund. Maureen Bell submitted a bill for \$155.00 for January mailings. We have 113 members: 95 full memberships (6—1st time members) and 18 associate members (3—1st time members). In our budget, we planned to purchase a new projector. Mike Berriochoa has agreed to research projects and make a recommendation to the board.

Incorporate State and Federal: There was much discussion whether we should incorporate with state and federal governments. Jim reported that we would receive a 501c4 status. It was also discussed whether we should purchase liability insurance to protect the board. Mike Berriochoa agreed to contact a lawyer friend to seek information if there is a need to incorporate and register with the state and federal government. Jim Lundeen agreed to review current Bylaws, and present recommended changes to better meet the incorporation requirements of the state at the June 20th meeting.

Field Trips: Carl Buchholz has made contacts for field trips but no field trips have been scheduled. Geology, Copper City, Forest Health, Mushrooms and Rock Hound trips are being considered. Carl asked the board for other suggestions. There were none. In our newsletter we will advertise that scheduled field trip dates and times will be posted on our website. We will also send an email reminder a week before each field trip.

Forest Watch Program: Someone is needed to coordinate the Forest Watch Program. Not all tracts have agreed to participate. It was asked if the “Forest Watch” program makes a difference. At this time we have no statistics. Dave expressed his feeling that the program is more than just trying to deter cabin break-ins, but it’s also designed to build community and improve communication between tract members. Dave Leinweber will send all Forest Watch contact information to Kathy Hoffert. She will also develop signage and process for this year’s fire closure season. Kathy plans to contact tract leaders to see if they would be willing to post “No Fire” signs if needed later in the summer.

CPCOA Cleans Up: Kathy Hoffert is chairing this service project scheduled for June 7th at Mather Memorial and will make arrangements with the Forest Service.

2014 Meeting Calendar: The following events were scheduled:

June 7: CPCOA Cleans UP

June 20: Board Meeting at Leinweber's cabin

June 21: Spring/Summer Association Meeting—Nile Valley Community Church

Oct. 3: Board Meeting at the Leinweber's cabin

Oct. 4: Fall Association Meeting—Nile Valley Community Church

Field trips will be as announced when scheduled.

2014 Cabin Tracks: Maureen announced plans are to send the newsletter the 1st week of May. Please send Maureen your articles by April 18th. The following articles and person responsible for the article are:

President's Report: Dave Leinweber (include Cabin Defense Fund info)

Naches Ranger District Update: Kathryn Buchholz

Meet the New Sheriff: Deputy Perry Brown/Maureen Bell

Scheduled Field Trips: Carl Buchholz (dates will not be included)

Financial and Membership status Information: Jim Lundeen

Forest Watch Program: Dave Leinweber

Board Members' information & Open board positions: Maureen Bell

Summer Calendar: Maureen Bell

CPCOA Clean Up: Kathy Hoffert

Fish & Game Article: Mike Berriochoa

Website Info: Dave Leinweber

June Meeting Topics & Speakers: Dave Leinweber asked for speaker suggestions for the June meeting. Dave will contact Mike Balboni and Irene Davidson from the forest service, and Deputy Perry Brown, new deputy, will be introduced and speak if he wishes. Dave will work with Irene to arrange for other guest speakers including Kathryn Buchholz and Jackie's replacement. Doc Hastings, who is retiring, will be invited to attend our fall meeting. It wasn't determined who would contact "Doc's" office and invite him to our meeting. Our plans are to present him with a plaque thanking him for his past support of our members.

2014 Board Position Openings: The following board position openings will be announced at our summer meeting: Secretary, 1st Vice President, and Position-at-Large. Elections will take place at our fall membership meeting.

Open Discussion: Dave Leinweber plans to meet with Irene Davidson before our meeting and asked for topic suggestions to discuss with her. Suggested topics were: burn ban issues including fire closure process (better communication including whose rules we comply to and expectations), Road Closure Update, Bumping Lake, Law Enforcement now out of Cle Elum and personnel replacement updates. Mike Berriochoa suggested we ask Irene what we as an association can do to help the Forest Service.

We discussed but tabled two activities (Cabin Tour Social Event & New Membership Outreach, getting new members from non-participating tracts). Maureen Bell has past information for cabin tracts who regularly do not attend our yearly meetings. Jim Lundeen can provide information for tracts who are not members of our association.

Next meeting: June 20, 2014, Dave Leinweber's cabin, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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