

**Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association Board Meeting  
June 20, 2014**

**Present:** Dave Leinweber, Jim Lundeen, Noma Hudson, Carl Buchholz, Maureen Bell  
**Others:** Wayne Bell, Patty Leinweber, Ray & Winona Rombough  
**Absent:** Mike Berriochoa, Kathy Hoffert

The board met at 6:30 p.m. at the Leinweber's cabin. Thank you, Patty for the delicious dessert.

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

**Financial Report:** Jim Lundeen distributed: updated membership list (127 memberships—106 full with 7 of these being new members and 21 associates with 4 new associates), updated Checking account information, and Cabin Defense Fund contributors and amount donated. It was asked if we had any data that provided the names of cabin owners who were members last year and haven't joined this year. Jim said he could provide this information. Jim has paid the state association \$2.00 per association member totaling \$212.00. At our fall board meeting we agreed to donate ½ of the defense fund donations to the NFHA to support C2 Project. After March 1st, all local donations will be retained in our account to build up our fund which has a balance of \$1390.00.

**State & Federal Corporation:** Dave shared a letter from Mike Berriochoa who researched if we should incorporate or not. Members were undecided whether we should incorporate. The attorney that Mike spoke with recommended we incorporate since we are now taking on various projects including fields trips, work parties, and other projects which could create liability issues for the organization. After discussing the pros and cons of this subject and because of the projected expense to incorporate (\$1000+) to have someone complete the paperwork, we decided to poll our members to see if there is a member who could do this for us. Members were undecided whether we should incorporate or not. We will discuss this topic in the fall.

**Field Trips:** Carl has scheduled the following field trips: July 12th—Geology Field Trip with Dr. Paul Hammond. August 16th, Suzy Cyr will lead a trip to Copper City.

A Rock Hound Field trip will be scheduled in September and a Mushroom Field Trip depending upon the weather. The lack of rain may cancel the mushroom field trip.

**Mather Memorial Cleanup:** Thanks to Kathy & Dave Hoffert, David Delorme, and Roy and Winona Rombough as they were able to clean the area in 2 hours. It was suggested that the roof on the covered picnic area at Sawmill Flats campground is in need of repair. Rombough's have agreed to check with the ranger station and oversee this project. Pleasant Valley Camp Site was another area suggested for a service type project.

**Forest Watch Program/Fire Closure:** At this time there is no one to oversee the forest watch program. Kathy will be asked if she would be interested to assume this responsibility. Dave has been in contact with new personnel at the ranger station and will continue communicating with new staff regarding cabin fire closure procedures for this year.

**Ecology Water Bank Outreach:** Neither Kelsey Collins or Tyson Carlson were available to attend our Summer/Potluck membership meeting. Dave reported that White Pass senior water rights are nearly completed and American Forks and Bumping Lakes are also nearly completed. Kelsey and Tyson will spend time this summer working with Chinook Pass cabin owners. It is recommended that tracts unify to go through the procedures to obtain senior water rights. Dave suggested that each tract have a contact person who could

communicate with Kelsey or Tyson for their tracts regarding water rights. Dave stressed that cabin owners should become involved. This is not just for surface water but all water including wells.

**Increasing Membership:** Noma will spend time this summer communicating with cabin tracts to increase our organization membership. Noma shared that we need to inform cabin owners the benefits of membership and provide cabin owners a purpose to join. She will work on a flyer that we can distribute to new cabin owners and to tracts that have cabin owners who are not members. It is very apparent that communications between cabins owners within tracts is a good way to encourage cabin owners to join the association.

**Membership Form Proposed Changes:** Jim and Maureen recommended that our membership form be revised to seek more complete information from members' especially associate members. Maureen distributed a 2015 Membership Form draft copy for board members to critique. Members agreed to use the new form with the word "Associate" to be added before "name" in the Associate Membership section

**WSFHA Spring Meeting Report:** Dave attended a meeting and reported that this group is struggling because of lack of focus and leadership. Future potential for the group includes having our state cabin associations interact and communicate but this isn't happening. It is important that members become active. We agreed to continue paying members dues to the state organization which are \$2.00 per cabin owner a year.

**June Meeting Agenda Review:** the agenda for Saturday's June 21st summer meeting was reviewed and members made recommendations for changes. Dave created a power point presentation which he amended where needed.

**2014 Board Position Openings:** Dave is very concerned about the leadership for our organization. For 2 years we haven't had a 1st Vice President. Next fall the following positions are open: 1st Vice President, Secretary and Board Member (Kathy Hoffert's position). Dave emphasized he will not be up for reelection in the fall 2015. We agreed he should share this information with members at the meeting.

**Open Discussion:** Noma announced that starting the middle of July, Chinook Pass will experience 2-4 hour closures daily to repair the slide area ½ mile east of the summit. You may keep posted of these closures by visiting the WDOT website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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