

**Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association Fall Meeting**  
**September 26, 2015—Nile Valley Community Church**

Noma Hudson presided over this meeting and called the meeting to order at 11:30 welcoming the 33 guests and members in attendance. Noma invited everyone to start the potluck. While members were eating a video played pictures from the 3 field trips that were scheduled this summer.

At 12:15, Noma called the meeting to order and took tract roll-call. Cliffdell, Sleepy Hollow, Union Creek, Crag, Indian Flats, Gold Creek, & Stillwater tracts were represented. Members of the Naches Ranger Station and Yakima Sheriff Office were also present.

Noma asked for a moment of silence in memory of cabin owners Jack Beard, Bumping Lake and Richard Carrat's mother, Cliffdell who passed away during the year. Mr. Beard was 93 years old and Richard's mom was 102 years old. These two have been cabin owners for many years.

The board was introduced including two new members—Gary Jackson, and Kathi Lindberg . Maureen Bell is acting president until someone steps forward to be president. Our association has a need for a webmaster to oversee our webpage and post new information throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Bell at 509.628.3867.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Kathryn Buchholz and Brad Wagoner from the Forest Service:** Kathryn explained what cabin owners can do to protect their cabins from fire. Brad gave an update of the Meeks' Table fire and explained the procedures that were followed after the initial 911 call arrived. To date 1183 acres have burned. The cause of the fire is under investigation but it appears it was "human caused." Presently the fire is not fully contained but there are 2 Hotshot crews managing the "mop-up" of the fire. Brad was asked to share information about the fire ban—will the fire ban soon be lifted, who makes the final decision to lift a fire ban, and what parameters are considered when lifting a ban. Brad reported the FS hopefully will lift the ban October 1<sup>st</sup>. Several FS employees communicate with each other to make this decision. Several things are considered to lift a fire ban—fuel moisture (how dry the area is ), low density, wind gusts and weather report predictions. Kathryn updated the members regarding the repair of the Sawmill Flats shelter roof. FS employees have been called to fight fires thus the project has been put on hold. Hopefully next spring, cedar roof shingles can be cut and the FS service will have the necessary type of wood to replace some of the shelter's rotting structure. This is registered under the National Historic Structures. Thank you to Roy and Winoa Rombough who have agreed to oversee this service project for CPCOA.

**Mike Tobin, North Yakima Conservation District representative:** Mike encouraged cabin owners to make use of their “chipper” program especially since we have experienced several forest fires during this drought season. Our cabins are at risk and cabin owners need to become involved in clearing debris from around our cabins. This program is available in the spring and fall. It is suggested cabin tracts unify and schedule a time for this group to come and chip wood from the entire track.

**Sheriff Deputy Perry Brown and Naches Forest Service law enforcement officer Torry Smith:** Deputy Brown informed cabin owners that several break-ins have occurred both on Chinook and White Pass this past year. Five (5) separate groups have been identified but no arrests have been made. He encouraged cabin owners to call 911 when they see “anything” suspicious. They will determine what law officers will be called to investigate. He encouraged cabin owners to take pictures with their cell phones. These pictures can be used for prosecution. Kathy Hoffert and Gary Jackson, board members, are working together to inform cabin owners of the Cabin Watch Program our cabin association initiated a few years ago.

**Tyson Carlson, Department of Ecology Representative:** Tyson updated cabin owners regarding the Senior Water Rights that he is working on. Because of the summer drought conditions not much has happened, but Tyson is submitting requests for several tracts to the Water Transfer Working Group on October 5th. Surface water will be considered first, then ground water. Tyson would like to include all cabin tracts in this water negotiations but needs representatives from the following cabin tracts to communicate with first before he can complete the process for cabin tracts: Edgewater, Little Naches, Hawk’s Nes, Idlewild, Cedar Springs and Kloshe/Gold. If you are interested, please contact Tyson at his direct phone number 509.895.5923 or his cell number 206.696.1525.

### **Business Meeting:**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jim Lundeen reported we have 131 memberships—111 full and 20 associates. He reminded members if they should receive NFA invoices for membership dues not to pay these. When you pay CPCOA’s dues, our association pays your NFA dues. Our association’s treasury is \$7,775.87— checking account \$4,930.87 and Cabin Defense Fund, \$2845.00. There will be expenses to be paid after today’s meeting.

**Directory Update:** Maureen Bell asked members to let her know if there are any errors in the updated directory list distributed today. She encouraged cabin owners to share information about our cabin association and invite new cabin owners in their tract to join. If you receive new cabin owner information, please forward this information to Maureen [bellwayne@charter.net](mailto:bellwayne@charter.net) for our directory and for future cabin information sent to cabin owners.

**Field Trips:** Carl Buchholz shared information about the 3 field trips this year. All field trips were well attended especially the Thunder egg/fossil field trip that included 10 children

Twenty five people attended Paul Hammond's geology field trip centered on the Edgar Rock Volcano this year. Todd Rossire's Mining fieldtrip was popular and many have asked if Todd would be willing to share more about the mines in this area. The next field trip is scheduled for Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>—Fall Mushrooms. Carl asked members to let him know of any field trip they would like offered next year. (Carl, ph. 509.966.4861)

**Door Prizes:** \$25 gift certificate went to Gordon Fritts and several members received \$2 scratch tickets. We heard from no winners.

**Traveling Door Prizes:** Books to be read and returned at our summer meeting to be raffled off again. *We Never Got Away*—Ron Thompson  
*Nothing in Life if Free*—Suzan Nettleship

**2016 Summer Meeting/Potluck:** Nile Valley Community Church, time and date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Maureen Bell*

CPCOA Secretary