

**Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association**  
**Board Meeting—March 28, 2015**

**Present:** Dave Leinweber, Jim Lundeen, Carl Buchholz, Mike Berriochoa, Kathy Hoffert, Maureen and Wayne Bell.

Dave called the meeting to order. The following items were discussed.

**Financial Report:** Jim Lundeen presented an updated financial and membership report. As of 3/27/015 we have a checking balance of \$8,712.33. This balance includes \$2,825 designated for the Cabin Defense Fund and \$5,887.33 for association use. Our membership totals 115 members: 98 full members and 17 associate members. Dave asked if anyone is able to attend the NFH Conference in Vancouver, WA on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> if so, please let him know.

**Incorporation Update (State & Federal):** Jim Lundeen will continue to research this for the board. He needs a copy of our By-Laws, our mission statement, an officers list, and our yearly income to submit a request to incorporate.

**New Bumping Lake Dam:** Dave reported this is a 3 phase project with each phase lasting 10 years. Bumping Lake is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phrase which may begin in the mid 2020's. We need to keep this project in focus and monitor its process.

**Little Naches Restoration Project Update:** Wayne Bell has represented our association on both the general committee and steering committee. The Forest Service & the steering committee are planning a meeting to gather public information and input early May. This meeting date will be sent to association member via email. Cabin owner input is vitally important.

**Water Rights Update:** Tyson Carlson is working on getting water rights for several tracts in our association. He is waiting for approval on some tracts from the Water Works Transfer Group. Dave will invite Tyson to our June meeting to provide up-to-date information.

**2015 Cabin Tracks:** Maureen submitted a list of articles and asked members to assist getting articles to her by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The newsletter will be sent via email and US mail by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The following articles to be included are: letter from Dave (will make reference to By-Law Change Recommendation), Forest Service Update (Kelly Lawrence), Field Trips (Carl Buchholz), Little Naches Restoration Update (Wayne Bell), Water Rights (Tyson Carlson), Suggested By-law Changes (Mike Berriochoa), Financial Update (Jim Lundeen) Cabin Watch Program, (Dave Leinweber) and 2 ads for the Summer Potluck and Annual Clean-Up Project. If board members have other ideas for articles, please let Maureen know.

**2015 Membership Directory Update:** Maureen has contacted the Forest Service for an updated list of cabin owners on Chinook Pass. After several emails and phone calls, she was told to send her request in writing to Kathryn Buchholz using the "Freedom Information Act" and state how we plan to use the information. This has been completed. We have accepted a bid from B&B Express Printing in Kennewick for \$405.26 for 250 copies. The cost may increase depending upon the cost of paper. Maureen has created a file on the computer of cabin owner information which will be updated from the FS list and have updated other pages to be included in the directory. It was discussed whether to include the 2012 maps (very hard to read). Dave Leinweber will research Google maps to determine if these provide better information and if we can link the tracts to this source. (After the meeting, Dave reported this is not possible) so the maps will be included as planned.

**Board Election/ByLaw Changes:** Dave distributed copies of the By-laws with his suggested changes—Officers' elections would occur in June not September as in the past, using an alternate year officer schedule as we have done before. Mike Berriochoa presented copies sharing his suggestion—board members are elected on an alternate schedule. The board would then select board officers. Mike's proposal also included "term limits." The pros and cons of each By-Law change were discussed. Our plans are to present the two plans to members at our June meeting and vote. This information will be included in the Cabin Tracts newsletter.

**2015 Field Trip Plans:** Carl Buchholz reported he has 4 field trips planned but dates have yet to be determined: Fall Mushroom Trip—Yakima Valley Mushroom Society

Pike Peak's Volcano—Paul Hammond

Morse Creek Mining—Tod Rossire

Thunder Eggs Rockhounds—Carl Buchholz

Scheduled dates will be posted on our website.

**Forest Watch Program:** Dave asked if this program should be continued. Three tracts do not participate. The program was established to increase communicate with tracts and encourage leadership among the tracts. Also, it was a way to communicate fire closure procedures to our members. Kathy Hoffert will check what tracts are active. Tract contact persons should update and share tract information each year with cabin owners. Carl will contact someone to see if he is interested overseeing this program. Maureen will send Kathy a list of tracts that are active and who have attended our past yearly meetings/potlucks.

**"CPCOA Clean Up" Event/2015:** It was discussed if this project should be continued. In the past 2 years very few members have participated. Kathy suggested we should continue since we have new Forest Service Leadership. The "Mather Memorial Parkway" Cleanup event will be scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Information will be posted in the Newsletter and an email will be sent closer to the clean-up date to remind members.

**2015 Meeting Calendar Review:** Summer Calendar:

June 19—Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 20—CPCOA's Summer Meeting/Potluck

June 6—CPCOA Cleans Up—Mather Memorial Parkway

Sept. 25—Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 26—CPCOA's Fall Meeting/Potluck

**June Meeting Topics and Speakers:** Members suggested the following: Ranger Kelly Lawrence, Nile/Cliffdell Fire Chief Steve Smith, Sheriff Deputy Perry Brown, Senior Water Rights, Tyson Carlson, and By-Law Changes Discussion. Dave will schedule 2 or 3 speakers including other association business—financial report, field trips, By-Law changes etc. Members discussed whether a fall meeting was needed. It is important to keep our members updated on forest and organization issues. Also, these meetings are a time for our members to meet and socialize. We scheduled this year's fall meeting for September rather than October hoping to increase attendance.

**Open Discussion:** There is some concern about the future of the organization especially since no one is willing to step up and take on leadership. Mike suggested that a board retreat may be needed to discuss these issues. Maureen asked about a budget for next year. Jim has contacted the church to schedule our two summer meetings but dates haven't be confirmed yet. Dave and Kim Stiles from the Rimrock Cabin Association have scheduled to meet with Ranger Kelly Lawrence on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Bell*