

CHINOOK PASS CABIN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING—June 20, 2015
Nile Valley Community Church

President Dave Leinweber called the meeting to order at 11:40. Fifty members attended the meeting. Dave introduced our guest from the Naches Ranger Station--Ranger Kelly Lawrence and Kathryn Buchholz and CPCOA board members. Tract Roll Call was taken with the following tracts represented: American River 4, Cliffdell 4, Crag 6, Gold Creek 13, Indian Flats 2, Kloshe/Gold 2, Sleepy Hollow 4, & Union Creek 2. A Moment of Remembrance was given for Michael O'Neill from Indian Flats who passed away this past year. Dave presented the meeting agenda stating we have a long agenda to work thru. Dave invited members to enjoy the delicious food members prepared. Thank you for your contributions.

General Meeting: Dave introduced Kelly Lawrence and Kathryn Buchholz from the Naches Ranger Station. Kelly who is new to our area (8 months) shared information about herself and what she sees happening. Kelly grew up in the Portland area and received her degree in Recreational Tourism which is a different respective working with the Forest Service. Her philosophy is "We do it together." She emphasized the importance for our group to continue working with the FS and encouraged us to communicate our thoughts, ideas and concerns with her. She stated "We all own the forest and have a right to use it." Everything has value. She appears to be open to what we have to say. Boulder Cave reopened today. Our district has a new Public Information Assistant—Heather Appelhof, Law Enforcement Officer—Tory Smith and Fire Management Enforcer—Jeff Dimke. Kelly also shared that the Forest Service finances have been cut and have been asked to downsize. The hardest hit will be facilities. If we have suggestions on how to restore and save some of the historical buildings in the district please contact her. Next week all outdoor fires are banned except in designated area.

Kathryn Buchholz informed us the Conservation Chipper Crew continues to take reservations to remove heavy fuel around our cabin areas. There are guidelines on what to do to prepare for the chipper crew. Contact Mike Tobin to schedule the crews' free service. This group wishes to work with a tract and not individual cabin owners. Cabin Self-Inspection forms are due July 1st. Kathryn brought copies of this form for members or members can access a copy on our website. There is a "backlog" of cabin requests. Kathryn is the only one who can give authorization for cabin requests. A cultural report is required for each request. If such request is on Federal Land, cabin owners can hire a contractor to access the request.

Little Naches Restoration Project: Wayne Bell reported this group continues to meet and is making progress. Wayne thanked Lonnie and Lillian Joslin who represents our association at the TWIGS meetings.

DOE Water Bank Update: Tyson Carlson was unable to attend so Dave Leinweber provided an update for members. Tyson has put together the package that will provide water rights to any cabin tract up the America River Valley that chooses to join the water bank. The package has to be approved by the committee that approves such agreements. He is working on rights for tracts along the Naches River. Because of the drought situation, Department of Ecology is waiting for draught conditions to ease before submitting water right agreements for approval. Tyson prefers to work for all cabin owners in each tract at one time and not individual cabin owners. There are onetime water rights costs and costs are reduced when shared by the entire tract. Dave recommended to cabin owners to purchase a water meter to track their water use.

Progress Report on the Cabin Fee Act (CFA) Implementation: Dave Leinweber attended the NFH's National Convention in Vancouver, WA. May 2th. Goals for cabin owners achieved by CFA are: a stable and predictable fees schedule, a simple and manageable financial system that eliminates the risk of dramatic fee increases, and a long term viable cabin program that is a family-based recreation program for the middle class. Goals for the Forest Service are: a far simpler and less costly program to administer, a fair and reasonable return for the tax payer and a reliable and long term source of revenue for the Forest Service. Dave shared information regarding the new fee system with members.

The Forest Service's CFA implementation includes interim fees for transition year (2014-15), determines new annual Special Use Fees, develops administrative rules for the Transfer fee and, updates other administrative rules and regulations where necessary, including amending existing permits. CFA establishes fee tiers in \$500 increments. Most cabin owners will see higher fees under CFA than CUFFA, up to \$500/year higher, though most will be less than that. Dave passed out a sheet estimating the annual permit fee for tracts. A Transfer Fee is included in the CFA.

Business Meeting:

Financial Report: Jim Lundeen, treasurer, presented the following report: We have a total of 125 members. 106 (3 new) full membership and 19 Associate memberships (2 new). The checking balance is \$5,610. Jim has paid NHF dues, conference attendance expenses, and association expenses including Nile Valley Church donation, association & meeting expenses, mailings, and the new directory invoice. There is \$2845.00 in the Defense Fund. This year \$960.00 has been donated to this fund.

Member Activities:

CPCOA Cleans Up: Kathy Hoffert reminded members of the Mathers' Memorial Parkway Clean-up Service Project scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at 8:00 a.m. Cabin owners were reminded to bring rakes, shovels, brooms, blowers, and any other tools that will help with the clean-up.

Field Trips: Carl Buchholz informed members of the following field trips scheduled for this year: August 29th,—Dr. Paul Hammond's Geology Trip, meet at Whistlin' Jack Lodge at noon September 12th—Tod Rossire's Mining at Morse Creek. September 19th—Carl Buchholz's Thunder Eggs Adventure. A Fall Mushroom Field Trip is being planned. Please see our website: www.cpcoa.com to find complete field trip information.

Directory Update: Maureen Bell asked members to review their information listed in the new directory and asked to be notified if there are any corrections. Members who were not at today's meeting will be sent a directory.

CPCOA Facebook: Members have access to "What is Happening with CPCOA" on Facebook. Thank you to Noma Hudson for your time and efforts keeping the Facebook page updated.

By-Law Updates and Proposed Changes: Dave Leinweber shared with members the By-Law changes the board has recommended.

Proposal #1: To move fall elections to the summer meeting, Suzan Nettleship so moved the motion with a second from Winona Rombough. Motion passed.

Proposal #2: To increase the number of board members from 7 to 9 members who will have 2 year terms. Association Officers will be selected by elected board members. Kathi Lindberg so moved the motion with a 2nd from Marcella Mulchay. Motion passed.

Proposal #3: to limit board members to 3 terms for a total of 6 years, Kathi Lindberg made the motion and Patty Leinweber 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Board Elections: There are 5 open positions. Kathy Hoffert, Maureen Bell agreed to run for another term. Suzan Nettleship was nominated. Since there were no more nominations, all three were voted onto the board for 2 years. Presently the board consists of Dave Leinweber, Carl Buchholz, Jim Lundeen, Maureen Bell, Kathy Hoffert, Noma Hudson, and Suzan Nettleship.

Announcements:

Thank You to the Nile Valley Community Church and Peggy and Alvin Driesen for their fantastic hospitality. A thank you note was written to the church and to the Driesen's.

Door Prizes: the following door prizes were donated: Whistlin Jack—1 Night's Stay at Whitlin' Jacks, WoodShed--\$25 gift certificate & a large pizza gift certificate, Association—Scratch Tickets and the "Traveling" door prize the book—" We Never Got Away" won by Wilma Harp. Mrs. Harp will read the book and return it for our fall door prize drawing.

Next meeting—September 26, 2015, Nile Valley Community Church, 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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