

**Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association Fall Meeting
September 24, 2016—Nile Valley Community Church**

President Maureen Bell called the meeting to order at 11:45. Twenty-nine cabin owners and guests attended this meeting. Maureen welcomed members and speakers. Lunch was served. Thank you to the members who brought food to share with others. Thank you to Al and Peggy Driesen, members of the Nile Valley Community Church who hosted this meeting.

Speakers: After lunch, Maureen introduced Wendy Christensen from the Bureau of Reclamation who shared information about the Bureau of Reclamation and updated members on the integrated plan for Bumping Lake and the current status for current Reclamation projects.

Jason Emhoff, Naches Fuels Manager updated members on the two fires in our areas this year—Halfway Flats and Rock Creek Fires. Both fires are being investigated for cause. Areas around the fires will be closed. Hunting will be open in the Rock Creek area. There will be controlled fuel burning this fall in the Rattlesnake Area around Road 1500. Jason also shared information on removing fuel supplies around our cabin for fire protection. The Forest Service supports the FireWise Community Project. The FS is working on the Fire Bans policies. At this time there is a 3 tier policy which makes it harder to enforce as one fire is allowed in one area but right across the road this fire is banned.

Bill Zimmer, Recreational Manager thanked our members for our Mathers' Memorial Service project completed in June. Bill shared there is a backlog of permit applications. He is working on streamlining the application process to received authorization to complete projects around or on our cabins. The district has hired an archaeologist who will assist with applications. Bill encouraged us to keep communicating with him regarding any requests you have submitted. He is willing to address cabin issues. Some campgrounds will be open for hunting season. Logging activity will begin in October in the Nile Valley area around Roads 1601 and 1500. Contact Bill (williamzimmer@fs.fed.us) if you wish to have your name placed on an email list to receive updated Forest Service Information.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Jim Lundeen reported we have a membership of 104 members—89 full members and 15 associate members. Our checking account balance is \$10,387.44—general fund (\$6,172.44) and Cabin Defense Fund (\$4,215.00). Jim presented the Proposed 2017 CPCOA Budget.

Field Trips: Carl Buchholz reported that field trips were well attended this year. The Geology field trip led by Paul Hammond's was cancel due to medical reasons. Paul is willing to reschedule this for next year. Carl will keep members informed regarding the Mushroom field trip scheduled for Oct. 8th. Rainfall will determine if the Mushroom Field Trip will be completed as scheduled. He is planning for 2017 field trips and considering one on Gold Panning and Old Growth Forest. If you have suggestions, contact Carl at 509.966.4861.

Water Rights: Carl shared that Kelsey Collins and Tyson Carlson from the Ecology Department have met with the Forest Service and are actively working on a plan and will be advancing a Public Notice and general Investigator's Report for the entire American River System. After this report is completed they will start soliciting water right applications from individual cabin tracts for new water rights, and issuance of mitigation contracts for junior claims. If you are interested contact Tyson at 509.895.5923.

FireWise : Gary Jackson reported Union Creek is a FireWise Community. He shared what a tract needs to complete to be a FireWise Community. Suzan Nettleship informed members that Craig and Stillwater tracts have also begun the process to become a FireWise Community. Contact Gary (509.952.8498) if your tract wishes more information to become a member of this program.

Cabin Watch Program: Our association continues to encourage cabin tracts who have not started the cabin watch program in your tract to contact Gary Jackson (509.952.8498) for information and materials to begin this program.

Announcements:

Deputy Sheriff Perry Brown was introduced. Today was Perry's first day back to work after a medical leave this spring and summer.

Survey: Members were asked to fill out a survey regarding our association and its programs. This information is for the board to plan for the association's future. The survey will be emailed to all cabin owners, so those members who didn't attend this meeting can respond and return for the board's use.

Association By-Laws and Incorporation: A board committee has been formed to evaluate our By-Laws and make recommendations for change. The Board voted to incorporate so this committee will also write Articles of Incorporation for Board approval.

Webpage: The board has contracted Danielle Surkatty from Yakima to update our webpage.

Sawmill Flats Gazebo Repair: Winona & Roy Rombough announced that this gazebo repair is scheduled for next spring. They have been working with the Forest Service to complete this project. More information will be shared once all plans are completed.

Thank you: Thank you cards will be sent to Nile Valley Community Church, The Driesen's, Wendy Christensen, Jason Emhoff, Bill Zimmer and Whistlin Jack Lodge for the gift certificate

Door Prizes: Door prizes included a \$160.00 Mid-Week Bed & Breakfast certificate from Whistlin' Jacks, Gold Creek Station, \$25.00 gift certificate, flower centerpieces and 15 scratch cards. The 2 traveling door prizes (Books: We Never Got Away & Nothing in Life is Free) were not returned for this meeting. If you were the lucky winner of these door prizes in June, we would appreciate if you would make arrangements to return these to us so these will be available at for our June meeting

2017 Membership Meetings: June 23, 2017 & September 23, 2017 at Nile Valley Community Church.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted by

Maureen Bell

Maureen Bell, Secretary