

2018 CPOCA Summer Membership Meeting Minutes

Time: 11:30 am, **June 23, 2018**

Location: Nile Valley Community Church, Nile, Washington

12:04 pm; New CPOCA President Ralph Berthon opened general meeting.

Ralph introduced guest speakers for the meeting; Doug Gann (NFHA), Tyson Carlson (DOE), new Sherriff Deputy Justin Swale, (Ranger Kelly Lawrence was unable to attend)

12:05 pm; Doug Gann, president of National Forest Homeowners Association

- Talked about his experience with CUFFA fees and other Forest Service fees, past and present.
- Talked about the changes in cabin ownership, including current numbers of owners VS the history of past numbers of owners. There has been a substantial decrease over the years.
- The changing USFS vision for cabin ownership and maintenance.
- Discussed USFS formula for Owner Transfer Fee and the need for USFS to finish defining the process.
- Reviewed his meetings with Wash DC USFS and US Senate representatives.
- Informed membership that USFS now use 60% of its budget fighting fires as opposed to 15% in the past. Congress Omnibus FS Bill includes more money for firefighting.
- Discussed Cabin Insurance Program. Mentioned survey where 60% of cabin owners already have insurance they like, 20% have insurance but don't like coverage, 20% have no insurance. Mr. Gann discussed his own insurance policy "adventure". He encouraged owners to at least get liability insurance.
- Informed meeting that NFH fees are going up. + \$10 for full membership and +\$5 for associate membership. Fees have not gone up in 6 years.
- NFH "Resources" menu can be found at NFH website.

12:45 pm; Tyson Carlson, Dept. of Ecology

- Informed membership of ongoing 10 year old water rights project.
- Talked about ground water vs surface water priorities.
- Mitigation suitability
- Difference between senior water rights, junior water rights and the water right "bank".
- Showed examples of water rights issues at Cooper River, American Lk and ESA listed rivers.
- Discussed difference between cabin tract water rights and individual water rights. USFS will process water rights on the tracts located on the American River. The USFS will be the only signer for those tracts.
- Discussed meter permit exemptions for all owners, 1 meter per cabin diversion, if no reported use, no or very small fee. Meter screws on hose bib, small fee for portion of water" bank" system. Does not affect surface water (stream) usage.
- Questions should be directed to his office.

1:10 pm; Justin Swale , Deputy Sherriff

- Grew up locally.
- Please report all break-ins to Justin.
- Tues/Wed/ Thurs no law enforcement in area typically, other days on patrol.

1:17 pm; Jim Lundeen, CPCOA Treasurer

- Reported 92 full members and 22 associate members.
- Cabin Defense Fund at \$7690.00
- General checking balance at \$4675.00
- Dues breakdown; current \$60 (\$20 CPCOA/\$40 NFH)
- Discussed possible dues increase as NFH dues are increasing in September 2018.

1:25 pm; Gary Jackson, Board member

- Discussed benefits and details for the “Fire Wise” Program.

1:29 pm; Carl Buchholz, Board member

- Informed membership of possible upcoming field trips and requested input from members for additional trip ideas.
- Boulder Cave: need FS permit to park (July 7, 11am)
- Cabin Tract Tour...5 cabins (Aug 11, 11 am)
- Possible “Old Growth Tour”
- Possible “Bull Trout Tour”, interns may lead tour
- Possible “Gold Prospecting Tour”

1:42 pm; Ralph Berthon, Board member

- Discussed 501.C-7 articles of non-profit incorporation, June 18, 2018, not tax deductible.
- Need for all tracts to become certified “Fire Wise” and on Forest Watch Program.
- Need to find ways to increase membership in CPCOA (“strength in numbers”)
- Better communication between tracts and between FS. (Ideas; cabin marketplace on website, switch to Google platform, create “members only” site on website.)
- Board questions; Define policy governing Cabin Defense Fund and policy to govern Board expenditures.

2:01 pm; member

- Request to reinstate chipper service, addressed to Laurie at DNR or Commissioner Hillary Franz.

2:05 pm, Wayne; member

- 2028 Cabin user fee renewal
- Lease excise tax question

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2:40 pm Adjournment