

**Chinook Pass Cabin Association Summer Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2017—Nile Valley Community Church—11:30 a.m.**

President Maureen Bell opened the meeting at 11:40 welcoming members and guests. We had 39 members representing 8 tracts: Bumping Lake, Crag, Cliffdell, Gold Creek, Kloshe Gold, Indian Flats, Sleepy Hollow & Union Creek. A moment of memory for Albert Low Jr., a Crag cabin owner, who died this spring at 98 years old. He loved coming to his cabin and fishing on the Naches River. New members were introduced.

Lunch: Thank you to members for providing food for the potluck, one of the highlights of our meetings. Thank you to Karen Jackson who assisted in the kitchen.

Speaker: Tory Smith, FS Law Enforcement Officer was unable to attend.

Business Meeting:

President's Report: Since 2015 when we published the last directory, we have had 45 new members. It is time to update and publish a new directory. Maureen shared ways we communicate with members: Feb. Welcome Letter that includes a renewal membership form and return envelope for members to renew their members, May—yearly newsletter, "Cabin Tracts," and via our website and emails. She encouraged members to register with the National Forest Homeowners Association to receive updated NFH information. **Treasurer's Report:** As of June 24th, we have 118 memberships (98 full & 20 associate) with cabin owners joining today. We have 26 new members from last year's membership. We have a banking balance of \$12,229.55—General Fund \$6209.55 and Defense Fund \$6090.00.

Reports:

Forest Service Update: Kathryn Buchholz, cabin administrator, reminded members their self-inspection cabin form is due July 1st. Copies were available for members to take home, fill out, and return. Kathryn shared a PowerPoint explaining the 700 Special Uses Permits that are issued each year.

Mountain Pass Deputy Perry Brown: Deputy Brown reported there have been cabin break-ins during the winter and spring months. As yet, no one has been apprehended. He encouraged cabin owners to check their cabins and around their tracts and do not hesitate to call if needed.

Incorporating: Ralph Berthon presented information on 501.c7 and 501.c3 incorporating structures the board reviewed. This information will be posted on our website and members were asked to review these documents as we will vote if the association should incorporate at our fall meeting, Sept. 23, 2017.

NFH National Convention: Roy & Winona Rombough, Scott Miller, Kirsten & Larry Sandberg, and Wayne & Maureen attended this conference held in March in Seattle. Wayne, Winona, and Scott shared information on the conference. The conference main topics were: fire, water rights and quality, historical preservation, and acquiring affordable insurance for cabin owners. The NFH is working on these critical issues and will share information in the future.

Field Trips: Carl Buchholz reminded members there will be an "Old Growth Forest" field trip on July 8th. Other field trips are in the planning stages. One field trip is on Goose Prairie History and Sharon and Betty Ford have been contacted to present this information. There will be a Rock Hound-Thunder Egg field trip scheduled. Information will be posted on the website when plans are complete.

Carl shared with members a tool that was used at his cabin. No one was able to identify an oil lamp cleaner.

Firewise Communities and Cabin Watch: Gary Jackson encouraged members to be involved with the Cabin Watch Program our association has in action. He has information if a tract wishes information. Gary has been working with Todd Hottell and the Firewise Community personnel to encourage tracts to become Firewise Communities. Sleepy Hollow and Union Creek are Firewise Communities. Cliffdell South is in

the planning stages. Gary has information for any tract that is interested. This information is also posted on our website.

Service Projects: Our 1st service project is scheduled for Sunday, Jun 24th at Mather's Memorial on 410 beginning at 9:00. We clean this area that takes about 1-2 hours to complete. Jim and Ginny Lundeen are planning another service project at Pleasant Valley. Once this service project has been scheduled we will post information on the website and send members an email.

Elections: The summer meeting in June is time to elect new board members. Board members are elected and the board determines officers for the association. There are 5 positions open. Jim Lundeen and Gary Jackson agreed to rerun, so members selected 3 new members: Bill Hopkins from Crag, Tamra Johnson from American River and Vicki Wenham from Gold Run. We thank Kathi Lindberg, Suzan Nettleship, and Maureen Bell for their service on the board. These members will join Ralph Berthon, Winona Rombough, Carl Buchholz and Scott Miller.

Fall Meeting Guest Speaker: Doug Gann, NFH Vice President has agreed to attend our fall meeting. Mr. Gann is the NFH Board liaison person for CPCOA.

Member Comments: It was asked if the board considered investing the Defense Fund in a short-term CD to earn money. The board will discuss this at our next board meeting.

Door Prizes: Thank you to Whistlin' Jack Lodge--\$150 gift certificate, Gold Creek Station--\$25 gift certificate, and scratch cards and table decorations provided by CPCOA. Since the books Jack Nelson, We Never Got Away and Della Gould Emmons, Nothing in Life is Free have not been returned, no Traveling Door Prize was drawn.

Dates to Remember:

- July 1: Cabin Inspection forms are due
- July 8: Old Growth Forest Field Trip
- Sept 23: Fall Membership Meeting
- Sept. 29: WHF Association Fall Meeting—Wenatchee

Next Meeting: September 23, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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