



Trail Blazer

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November 2018

Upcoming Events			Events
Date	Day	Event Description	
----- November -----			<p>Nov 2-4 (Fri-Sun) Annual Backpack Seminar at Tyege Lodge</p> <p>GPS Class and Sunday Membership hike from Barlow Pass to Frog Lake: 5.5 miles. We will start the seminar with a GPS class taught by Trisha Schultz on Friday at 10:00 AM till noon. Please bring a GPS. Friday afternoon there will be a slide show the of Montana section from Lima To Lemhi Pass. Pictures provided by Tom Ward. The GPS class will be repeated on Saturday morning from 10:00 to noon. The classes should take around 30 to 60 minutes of indoor mapping and 30-60 minutes of practical outdoor work. Bring a compass and navigation using a compass bearing will also be covered. A Mapping class will include how to read a map, how to read UTM's, and use of GPS. We will practice finding different coordinates relevant to our location. We will also be instructed on use of the GPS Sunday on our membership hike. Speakers for this year's seminar on Saturday include:</p> <p>Lisa Holmes author of "I Heart Oregon's Seven Wonders", and "I heart Oregon and Washington". She will have a new book coming out in the spring on nutrition and backpack gourmet food. Lisa will also do a pack breakdown.</p> <p>Whitney LaRuffa has just finished the Oregon Natural Desert Trail. He will do a presentation with great pictures from his trip. He will also do a pack breakdown and teach how to pack a backpack for comfort.</p> <p>Sylvia Ashley will be presenting a slide show on the John Muir Trail which her and a group of Trails Club members just completed including a climb of MT. Whitney.</p> <p>Six Moon Designs will again do a presentation on light weight packs, tents and accessories. We will not be doing too much on nutrition as we will have a food drying class in the spring at Tyege and hopefully invite Lisa Holmes to present her new book</p> <p>See the sunday hike description below.</p> <p>Come and help us plan our hikes for the 2019 hiking season. Goal is one to two backpacks a month to include Class A through Class C hikes.</p> <p>Cost for Saturday and Sunday is \$50.00. If you come Friday bring your own food and the cost will be lodging for Friday night. GPS class is free.</p> <p>To register go to Trails Club of Oregon Meetup site.</p> <p>Nov 4 (Sun) Barlow Pass to Frog Lake We will hike from Barlow Pass to Frog Lake. It is around 5.5 miles. This hike qualifies people who attend the backpack seminar at Tyege for TCO membership. Bring a day pack, lunch and water along with warm clothes and rain gear.</p>
2-4	Fri-Sun	Annual Backpack Seminar at Tyege Lodge	
4	Sun	Barlow Pass to Frog Lake	
5	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC	
11	Sun	Trails Club Annual meeting	
14	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
15	Thur	Blazer Deadline	
17-18	Sat-Sun	Tyege Open - Host training	
21	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
28	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
----- December -----			
3	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC	
5	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
12	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
14	Fri	Mazama Movie - 7-9PM	
14-16	Fri-Sun	Tyege Open - Candle making class	
15	Sat	Blazer Deadline	
19	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
21-23	Fri-Sun	Tyege Open	
26	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org			
TRIP FEES: Members: No Fee; Guests \$2			
<p>Dues are due!! - Members should be receiving renewal form in the mail soon. Please respond promptly so we can keep our membership data current.</p> <p>Thank you - Membership Chair</p>			
<p>Donations in general will not be refused. They will be put to good use. Remember, this is your club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.</p>			
<p>Donations to the History Fund - Help preserve over 100 years of Trails Club History. A special "History Fund" has been set up to pay the cost of our storage & preservation work space in Oak Grove. Those wishing to contribute to the fund may send a check to PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061, payable to "Trails Club of Oregon." Write "History Fund" on the designation line of the check. .</p>			

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues and a \$15 entrance fee.

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Depart 8:30 AM from Tyee and travel by car to Barlow Pass. Leader: Linda Conrad
Note: Leader will be at Tyee for the weekend, no meeting place in town.

Nov 7 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Nov 11 (Sun) Trails Club Annual meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Annual Member Meeting will be held on Sunday November 11th 2018 from 3-5 PM at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave, Portland OR.

We will start by enjoying a treat or two together with social time. Water, coffee, tea and juice will be provided. We will then focus on reviewing the budget, voting in new board members and addressing important club business.

Please come and ensure that your voice as a member is heard.

Bring a treat to share with others. Show up a half hour early if you would like to help set up or stay to help clean up if you can.

Questions or suggestions? Call or email Susan Ashenfelter, socialchair@trailsclub.org
This differs from our previous Monday evening time so members that do not like to drive after dark can attend the club's only open business meeting.

Nov 14 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Nov 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Host training

Tyee will be open and folks will be on hand to train folks in the proper operation of Tyee so they can be Tyee hosts. Any TCO member can train to be a lodge host (you must be a member for a year before you can request a personal lodge key). Lodge will be open by 3 PM Saturday and will be open until Sunday at noon. Stop by for training any time during the weekend.

Host: Nathen Barton TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org

Nov 21 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Nov 28 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

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Dec 5 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Dec 12 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Ded 14 (Fri) Movies at Mazamas - See Page

Dec 14-16 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open - Candle making class

Just in time to put you in the Christmas spirit, join two guest experts as they help you make and decorate candles! We will supply the beeswax and wicks and ability to melt and dye the wax. Wax takes time to set, so we highly recommend you stay the night and use Sunday to decorate the candle or just to make sure it transports home safely.

You should bring fancy containers for container candles, or the cylinders from juice concentrate or the small milk cartons. If you are pulling off pillar candles, we should have some gold and silver foil tissue paper for wrapping them. If you want scented candles, please bring your favorite essential oils or other high quality fragrance!

Cost: The biggest single expense is the bees wax. So we will initially promise 10 oz of wax and the supplies to make candles for each \$10. The better deal we get on wax the more there will be at the event for the money. We should have more wax available for purchase if you want to make more or bigger candles. 10 oz of wax will make a big candle or several small ones. Kids are welcome.

We will be buying supplies, and so ask that you pay \$10 per participant in advance (not refundable) to cover costs. You can send \$10 to TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org. Please include a note saying whom the deposit is for.

Exact lodge open and closing times will be updated later or contact the hosts for more details.

Register with: Host Nathen Barton,
TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org

Dec 19 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Dec 21-23 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Breakfast will be provided on Sat and Sun. Dinner to be provided on Sat.

Register with Host: Pamela Moore pmoor1@gmail.com

Dec 26 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO : From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84: take I-205, take the above exit and instructions

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC): is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Rose Villa: 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

Target: is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park: sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near Nature Center.

Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site allows event planners to organize TCO events online. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

Final Historian's Report

I invite you to attend the Trails Club's annual meeting on November 11th and vote on whether our centennial history is worth preparing it for presentation and safe storage at the new museum. The one being built in Corbett by the Crown Point Country Historical Society (CPCHS). To meet this goal will require a major shift in thinking, as to how club records are preserved. It involves developing an electronic archival system to take precedence over the earlier "scrapbooking" and the current practice of just "posting photos with no context or story," on social media.

In 2008, we began a journey toward developing this electronic system when that Board contracted American History Savers, Inc. (AMA) to assess our collection. The goal, recommendations and suggestions for safely storing the club's growing collection. This year, the goal is deciding, through a bylaw required vote of the membership, if the club remains faith full to that goal.

If so, next steps would involve deciding how the club will fund the cost of the following items: work space, software, training, some supplies and professional scanning. Startup costs associated with Past Perfect software, will run about a thousand dollars. The software costs between \$700-\$800, the remainder is an annual IT service contract. Not known, if our 6-year-old computers will interface with this software. As for historic slides, what we do know, high-resolution cost is about 42 cents each. Another recommendation to consider, joining the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), which is \$98 annually and lines us up for trainings.

Championing the purchase of this software, used at CPCHS, Mazamas and the other local museums, is driven by the search for safe long-term storage. It acts as an indexing tool with the capacity of managing membership contact information, their donations and much more. Original files are kept in intact and the system allows for cross referencing information and photos. Preset categories are helpful in arranging collections and discerning historical significance. This indexing system would benefit all those who testify to protect our wild places and those who research and present historic information in reports, newsletters, books, and webpages. At some point we may consider marketing some photos.

In 2012, that Board appointed me as club Historian. In return, I reached out to long-term active members to recruit them to the History Committee. Together, we lobbied the Board for funds to bring to fruition the next steps recommended by the AMA. In response to our request, TCO President Richard Gaunt scheduled a special Board meeting mid-January to discuss and to vote on just this proposal.

In addition, President Gaunt offered to help the committee develop a plan. It consisted of 3 key components.

- 1) Statement of purpose: [index our historical documents, collect written and oral history from long term members, and provide information to members and guests]
- 2) Projected duration: "short and long-term goals (Next 2 years and beyond)."
- 3) Resources required: "Dedicated work space, with 7 day a week access."

At a 2013 special meeting of the Board, after much deliberation, they adopted the plan with one abstention, which later turned in favor of it. It seems an honest oversight, that board was amiss in asking the membership to vote on the outcome.

In those 2013 negotiations, that Board funded a direct contract with Brian Johnson, who originally assessed the collection and now provides oversight of the club historian. (In his primary job, he coordinates the City of Portland Archives.) Also, the Board signed a lease with the Oak Grove Business Center. By authorizing this lease, they centralized the location of our growing archive project on the Trolley Trail, legitimizing our club history. Over the years being in a business center attracted the attention of many professionals. It is through these associations, and other research the breadth and the depth of our collection has revealed itself to a loyal and cohesive committee.

June of 2016, still seeking stable funding for the Archival Project, the History Committee acted upon a request of the Board to submit an updated office plan with their annual budget. The Board did not approve the lease portion of the budget. In fact, they were adamant they would not even back club donations, closing it at the first sign of a depleted account. Yet at the November Board meeting, they did adopt our office plan, a written one reflecting Mr. Johnson's earlier verbal recommendations for archiving, which required the centralized work space, but they did not fund it.

Thing to consider when you vote:

So, you might ask, how has the Archival Project remained alive the last two years? The answer, through loyal persistence and donations to the Archival Project from members who knew the value of a History committee working to preserving our rich legacy.

Other thoughts/questions include:

Without an active archive, there is no way for a Historian to be a reference librarian or to guardian our centennial history. No way to publish a narrative timeline of club history, authored by club members. Or follow-up, with correcting or helping to install an interpretive sign in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area on Larch Mountain.

Too, these questions remain, if the lease is not renewed, who in my absence will dismantle the club's present archive in Oak Grove? Will the powers that be notify members and their families of this change in operation? And without a safe

place in the museum, will our archives end up being sorted and shredded by a newbie rather than a seasoned member? My passion is to remain Historian, be a CPCHS Liaison and record the information acquired over the past 6 years in Past Perfect. However, this is only possible if the membership determines our rich legacy is worthy of museum presentation. Whatever transpires, let it be known that the voters, not your Historian, will be responsible for any potential damage to the club's records.

Notes: Per the club Bylaws Section 1. a. i., the "duties and the duration" of the History Committee are determined by a membership vote. This vote will give the History Committee and the Board clear direction. The History Committee will finally know HOW the membership expects them to carry out their bylaw duties as stated in Section 16, "...shall collect and preserve all publications of the Club and record the Club's activities and achievements."

Interesting Bylaw facts related to Committees:

Though the membership vote dictates "duties and duration," according to Section 2.a. Committee Chair and Members: the President, upon approval of the Board of Trustees, appoints the committee chair "...from the membership at large subject to approval of the Board of Trustees, unless other provision is made for naming a Chair in the Bylaws. Also, Section 2 e. The President, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, may at any time, in his discretion, add members to, remove from or replace a member of any committee, or fill vacancies therein.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is a non-profit association for state and local history, with a primary focus on history professionals, history volunteers, museums, historical societies, and other history-related organizations and public history professionals. Since 1964, it is headquartered in Nashville, TN, and currently has about 6,000 members.[1][2] The organization has eight full-time staff members. AASLH is the only comprehensive national organization dedicated to state and local history.

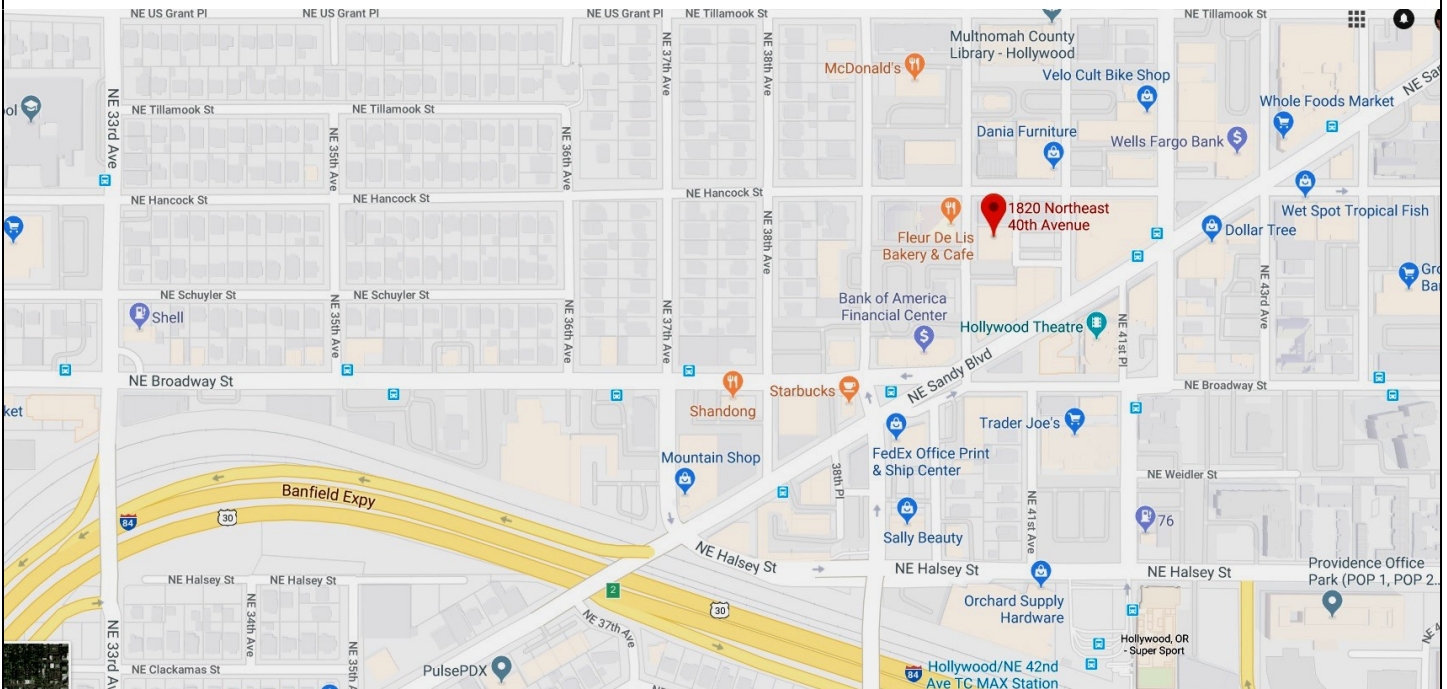
Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia Milne, Historian since 2012, with 500 documented trips to the Archives

Annual Meeting Notice

Members are encouraged to attend the Trails Club of Oregon Annual Member Meeting on Sunday November 11th, 2018 at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hollywood Senior Center. This centrally-located hall seats up to 200, is equipped with kitchen facilities and is ADA accessible. The address is 1820 NE 40th Ave, Portland OR. Parking is in the surrounding neighborhood or in the nearby library parking lot. See the map below.

We will start by enjoying a treat or two together with social time. Water, coffee, tea and juice will be provided. We will then focus on reviewing the budget, voting in new board members and addressing important club business. Please come and ensure that your voice as a member is heard.

Bring a treat you would enjoy sharing with others. Show up a half hour early if you would like to help set up or please stay to clean up if you can. Please call or email Susan Ashenfelter, socialchair@trailsclub.org with questions or suggestions.



Conservation note for November - Bark, Protector of Mt Hood National Forest

Bark's roots go back to 1993 when a lawyer and a musician walked into Mt Hood National Forest, and came upon vast clearcuts and old growth logging which no one seemed to know about. They vowed that such activities would never go unknown again, and took it upon themselves to walk each and every timber sale in Mt Hood National Forest, finding and documenting the truth on the ground, and making that truth known in their new mission to protect this forest they loved. They trained others to do this work with them, and in 1999 a new organization, Bark, was officially born, with ground-truthing a central tenet of its work.

Bark continues to train volunteers year round to groundtruth proposed timber sales. An annual summer Base Camp provides 2 weeks of training and groundtruthing, camping and camaraderie. There are additional workshops in tree climbing with Bark partner NEST to document nests of protected species, and wildlife tracking with partner Cascadia Wild.

Bark takes seriously its role in protecting Mt Hood National Forest, and does not hesitate to bring suit when making the truth known is not enough.

How you can support Bark:

Do you love tromping the woods off trail? Learn to groundtruth, hone your knowledge of native species of trees and plants and of wildlife signs, learn to measure tree girth, ground slope and aspect, etc.

See: <http://bark-out.org/content/groundtruthing> BARK offers frequent training, and always has ongoing projects in groundtruthing.

Are you a rock climber? Learn to climb trees with Bark partner NEST, and document the presence of protected species such as the red tree vole during groundtruthing. Learn to place your first rope with a bow and arrow!. <https://nesticascadia.wordpress.com/nest-faq/>

Volunteer with Bark partner Cascadia Wild, <http://www.cascadiawild.org>, to monitor their Mt Hood wildlife cameras, in all weather, all seasons. It is always a thrill to be the first person to see what wild creatures have been sharing the trail.

Many other ways to support Bark are listed on their website: <http://bark-out.org/content/get-involved> Dive in! It is not only worthwhile, but fun!

Next month: Friends of Mt. Hood

Thank you for caring about Mt Hood National Forest!

Your Conservation Committee.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 50th Anniversary Celebration Holman Auditorium, Mazamas Lodge

The Mazamas Conservation Committee would like to invite all TCO'ers to join them to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act with two films by director Shane Anderson: Run Wild, Run Free and Salmon without Rivers. The first is a history of the passionate and bi-partisan creators of the Act and information about rivers, many in the Northwest, which still need protection. The second highlights the Skokomish River in Washington State where wild salmon have to cross roads to find home. A \$5 donation to Pacific Rivers is suggested.

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**October TCO Board Meeting
Oct. 3, 2018**

Present:

Susan Ashenfelter	Lori Leach
Aaron Bech	Cindy Lee
Raya Budrevich	Joel Reitz
Glen Conrad	Sheryl Wagner
Randy Dietrich	

Absent:
Rebecca Knudeson.

Meeting was called to order at about 7PM
Sep. minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance at7//2018	53,473.04
Deposits	937.50	
Withdrawals	(8,101.63)	
Ending Balance at7/31/2018	46,308.91

The check for the Tye fireplace in the amount of \$5259 was written on 8/23/18. Joel mentioned the new fireplace is working REALLY WELL, but we need to remember to turn the fan on to prevent overheating. Specific instructions are to be provided next to the stove.

Nesika: Glen provided an update on the Nesika work trip during which many trees were broken down for firewood. He has tree removal by Iron Mountain Tree Service scheduled in the coming month. The bill for tree removal so far has come to \$2800.

Charley Willing from Iron Mountain Tree Service is a prospective member and has proposed to create slabs out of one of our ancient trees that can potentially make \$1000 per slab, for which he has gleaned much interest in his community of woodworkers. This could potentially be a huge form of income for towards the rebuilding.

There is a large crack in the road to Nesika since the Forest Service added a water bar that the forest service has been approached to fix and they will try to use the burn money to fix this. Per Glen the road is no less safe

than before, but just needs to be fixed.

Power Systems West is almost done with fixing the generator. It has a new starter and water pump and the generator itself has been rebuilt among other things. The motor may need to be replaced but the generator itself is solid per the technician. The repair is over \$5000, which is cheaper than a new, smaller generator for \$7500. The power is ready to hook back up to it when it arrives, hopefully in the next few weeks. We discussed asking the insurance company to cover this repair as a necessary part of running the lodge, along with the water tank. It can't hurt to ask.

Tyee: Aaron Beck reported on options for a replacement of the fire escape. We discussed many designs from ladders to chutes to slides with a sense of humor attached. This needs to fulfill building codes and be inspected by the local fire department.

Membership: Lori Leach presented 2nd readings for the 5 members whose first readings were presented last month.

Lori also presented a TCO business card than can act as an invitation to join for those who our members deem appropriate. She also created a dues reminder/annual meeting reminder postcard to be sent out this month in advance of the November 11th annual meeting at the Hollywood Senior Center.

We discussed the intricacies of inviting and paying for families to become members, with the intention of including and encouraging younger membership.

Randy Dietrich (Publications) is working with Joel Reitz to update the TCO website. Joel presented his intention to present the new website at the annual meeting. His goal is to change the web page so that the new information is

replaced under the same website address as we've always used, by the new year if possible. Randy is discussing the changing nature of the Blazer so that it remains a snapshot of our club for that month.

Raya (Trips) is hoping to do some kid-friendly, in-town trips this fall. She's hoping to do a mushroom trip as there is much interest in that. If it is to be in the vicinity of Tyee it needs to be soon due to the early freeze there, but if it is done later it can be done in the valley.

Susan (Social) is planning the Annual Meeting, requesting assistance from members for setup, snack offerings and take-down. So far Celeste as offered her time to set up and bring devilled eggs. Sheryl will make a powerpoint/ agenda and Susan will make a slideshow of trails events for the year to be displayed before and after the meeting.

We had an extended discussion on the costs and feasibility of cutting slabs for sale and profit at Nesika. Trails club will not invest in equipment but can offer a percentage of the sale of each slab to Charlie Willing who can pay for the cost of his equipment in the sale of the slabs and will find benefit in upkeep and later use of the saw and jig. Trails club volunteers would be needed to haul out the slabs but we have a few in the board already.

Aaron Bech suggested we keep better records of what events actually result in membership for the club. We should add a line to our membership form, "How did you hear about us?"

We discussed new ideas for attracting new members, to include theme weekends.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Next meeting will be on November 6th.

Proposed Slate of Officers

Publications: Joel Rietz

Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson

Social: No candidate yet. If interested in this position please e-mail Bill Yandon at wkyandon@gmail.com

Trips: Nathen Barton

Vice President: Beverly Drottar

The above candidates agreed to fill the above positions if elected. At the Annual Meeting (see page 5 for time and location) , where the election will be held, other potential candidates may be nominated from the floor. - Ed.

Membership Notes - September 2018

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting. We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

New Members:

Eddy Crouch sponsors:
Susan Holmes, Nancy Panitch
Jeffrey Hopp sponsors:
Aaron Beck, Charles Shaw

Troy Tyrrell sponsors:
Mike Stupek, Glen Conrad
Charlie Willing sponsors:
Mike Stupek & Glen Conrad

Nathaniel Willing sponsors:
Mike Stupek, Glen Conrad

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes and snowshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities. Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge involving food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

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Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

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