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Trails Club Annual Meeting. Photo: Linda Conrad

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



MONTHLY TRIPS PLANNING MEETING (ZOOM)

Weds, December 2, 7:00-8:30pm
Host: Dolores Niebergall

Back by popular demand!

We look forward to the first Zoom Trail Trips planning meeting!

Please come with ideas of places you might like to bicycle, hike, bike pack, backpack or if you have other ideas? Any who like to plan or lead car camp/RV with day hikes?

Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 990 6867 8956
Passcode: 006508



TYEE LODGE OPEN

Sat, Dec 26 - Mon, Dec 28
Host: Sheryl Wagner

Sheryl will be hosting at Tyee for a family event. If COVID restrictions allow, other members will be able to join. However, at this time, our COVID policy is that only one family be in each lodge room. Day use OK with social distancing and masks.

RSVP to drwagnernd@gmail.com



TYEE LODGE OPEN

Mon, Dec 28 - Thurs, Dec 31
Host: Joel Reitz

Joel will be hosting at Tyee for a family event. If COVID restrictions allow, other members will be able to join. However, at this time, our COVID policy is that only one family be in each lodge room. Day use OK with social distancing and masks.

RSVP to tco.joel.tco@gmail.com

December Events

2	Weds	Monthly Trip Planning (Zoom)
8	Tues	Board meeting
26-28	Sat-Mon	Tyee Open (host Cheryl)
28-31	Mon-Thur	Tyee Open (host Joel)
Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org		

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Many first and second readings! See the board meeting minutes (page 4)

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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.

Board Meetings: Usually first Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave at SE Stark St, Portland

President	Sheryl Wagner President@trailsclub.org
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EVENT CANCELATIONS

Please note that some events may be canceled at a future date, depending on late-breaking COVID-19 related issues, etc. Check the [website](#) regularly.

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, head east to 99th Ave, turn north, head 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): 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.

Target: A common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave, drive south to Evergreen Parkway turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of the Target 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 at Boone's Ferry Rd split. Right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near the Nature Center.

Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites

Our website (TrailsClub.org) is the official site for club events and information. There is also a Trails Club Meetup.com site that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/). However, all events posted on the TCO Meetup site should be added to our TCO website as well (and this no longer happens automatically, unfortunately).

While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

Use the Calendar menu item for a monthly calendar or use the Activities menu to filter events. Registration on the web site is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our web site to use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 8
Willamette Park and Zoom

AGENDA

The meeting began at 2:05pm with 42 members attending in person or via Zoom.

President Sheryl Wagner shared a PowerPoint presentation to summarize lodge usage, trips, activities, and lodge work trips. We have hired Doug Atterbury's sons to manage the construction of Redwing at Nesika. The conservation committee published articles in The Blazer and worked with other conservation groups. It was noted that Trailkeepers of Oregon are willing to coordinate activities with us. Sheryl explained how COVID has impacted the Club this year. Lodges are for day use only for now unless the use is for a family/ COVID bubble.

For Publications, the website is up to date, a PDF is available of a printable directory. The trip section on the website is underused. Members are encouraged to submit a trip report after an activity. All Club forms and documents are on the website and all payments may be made on our site.

VOTES

Bylaw amendment vote:

The board proposed to strike Article VI, Section 5, referring to the bonding of the Treasurer. Explanation for the change is that we dropped the practice years ago, the amount required by the bylaws wouldn't be enough for the amount of funds held by The Club, and the board reviews the finances every month. *Moved, and seconded. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained.*

Officer Elections:

Vice Pres: Beverly Drotter; Trips: Delores Niebergall; Social: Linda Conrad; Publications: Joel Reitz; Secretary: Rebecca Knudson.

It was moved and seconded to accept the roster. All officers were unanimously elected.



President Sheryl leading the meeting. Photo: Linda Conrad



Ready for the annual meeting. Photo: Linda Conrad



Cold weather and hot drinks. Photo: Linda Conrad

AWARDS!

Can't Stop Won't Stop Award: **Bob Horn** for all the downed trees he took care of at Nesika.

Den Mom Award: **Linda Conrad** for feeding and caring for everyone.

Fun Mom Award: **Nina Rohrs** for the junk food she endlessly provides.

Mary Lou Green High Miler Award:
Delores Niebergall with over 900 miles.

Allen Burell High Bike Mileage Award (new!):
Rachel Eggers with 4,500 miles.

Henry Weaspe Distinguished Service Award:
Cynthia Lee, the most recent past treasurer who served for about 10 years (more than she's able to count).

Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2020 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Zoom

Present:

Sheryl Wagner President
 Beverly Drotter Vice President
 Bill Yandon Treasurer
 Rebecca Knudeson Secretary
 Glen Conrad Nesika Trustee
 Nathen Barton Tyee Trustee
 Lori Leach Membership Trustee
 Joel Reitz Publications Trustee
 Linda Conrad Social Trustee
 Susan Ashenfelter Trips trustee

Absent:

1. Approved minutes of the October meeting

2. Treasurer’s Report by Bill

Beginning balance.....\$27,581
 Total deposits.....\$299
 Total payments.....\$9,614
 Ending balance.....\$18,266

Insurance will renew in December. Our current premium is \$8,756.65, but our agent is checking to see if that is an appropriate amount. He is also checking to see if there has been enough time since the Eagle Creek Fire to drop TCO out of the high risk group.

The John’s Landing US Bank Branch closed. A new safe deposit box has been set up at the Burlingame Branch. Bill is the only signer. We need more.

We need to schedule a Budget meeting with Lodge, Membership, Trips, and Publications Trustees. Bill will send out possible meeting dates(s).

Property taxes have been paid for both Lodges.

3. Committee Reports

a. Nesika – Glen reported

The work trip had about 12 people. We cleaned out the work room and moved items into the basement. A membership hike and Meetup each brought in a group. We received 6-8 membership applications from them. Currently, we have to hike in from Larch Mt Road, not Multnomah Falls. Conrads have had 2 additional trips to move in building materials. The rear tire on the tractor was replaced. It’s stored in the basement of Redwing.

b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen (sent a report)

The work party had a big turnout. Some membership applications came in. Tasks completed: fireplace room chairs’ support straps were replaced to increase comfort; junk taken out of basement; wood split and stacked. We want to put lockers in the basement to rent out to members. Nathen will do a writeup in the Blazer about use of Tyee this winter. He will contact USFS about clearing the area around the lodge for fire protection. We discussed the possibility of fee mitigation on our lease due to limited use under COVID and future work projects.

c. Membership—Lori reported

First reading:

Molly Swisher (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and David Bogardus
Kate Fitkin (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and David Bogardus
Jennifer Trask (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and David Bogardus
Gayle Minnick (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and David Bogardus
Mike Wolfson (Vancouver) sponsored by Linda Conrad and David Bogardus
Tawni Chavez (Milwaukie) sponsored by Bill Yandon and Jennifer Samuels
Josh LaFevre (Aloha) sponsored by Bill Yandon and Jennifer Samuels
Mary Bremen (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jennifer Samuels

Lora Grant (Portland) sponsored by Mike Haasken and Elaine Nelson
Debi Baker (Milwaukie) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Nina Rohrs
Lilly Foxx (Beaverton) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Bill Yandon
Michael Perry (Portland) sponsored by Julia Mace and Shirley Hoehne
Michelle Japhhet (Portland) sponsored by Julia Mace and Shirley Hoehne
Ester Needham (Portland) sponsored by Nathan Barton and John Heaton

Second Reading:

Laure Bordelon (Silverton) sponsored by Beverly Drotter and Sam Nagmay
Walter Schaffer (Portland) sponsored by Walt Garvin and Sue Holmes
Helen Wang (Portland) sponsored by Susan Ashenfelter and Linda Conrad

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Lori sent dues forms with information about annual meeting.

d. Publications – Joel reported

Joel did some work on the website. Linda will bring a generator to the annual meeting at Willamette Park. Susan will start the meeting on her phone at the park and give Joel host privileges at home. Notices for the virtual meeting will go out to those who will be attending from home. Lori will have a signature sheet at the park. Joel will keep track of who attends on zoom. We still need a Blazer editor and will ask at the annual meeting.

e. Trips - Susan reported

One backpack is planned for next weekend. Otherwise, COVID has impacted activities. The bicycle group will be encouraged to publicize on Meetup.

f. Social - Linda reported

There are a couple of hikes related to the annual meeting. We will have two propane heaters, a generator and hot drinks. We will try to put some sides on the shelter. One side could be used as a screen.

4. New Business

- a. Moved, seconded and passed to institute a bike award named The Allen Burell High Bike Mileage Award.
- b. Discussed the development of a design plan for Tyee by a committee, including a wish list for items for the lodge.

Next meeting: Tues, Dec 1 on Zoom, 7:00-9:00pm

Meeting ended at 8:47

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

LOWER DESCHUTES RIVER BACKPACK

November 2020



Photo: Rachel Eggers



Photo: Dolores Neibergall

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Gentle Reminders

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

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.

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 trip leader if you have any questions 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.

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.

Fees

There is no charge to Trails Club members for day activities; non-members pay \$2. 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. Other fees may apply.

If you have RSVP'd 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.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

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.

Editor: Jennifer Samuels

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to: webmaster@trailsclub.org