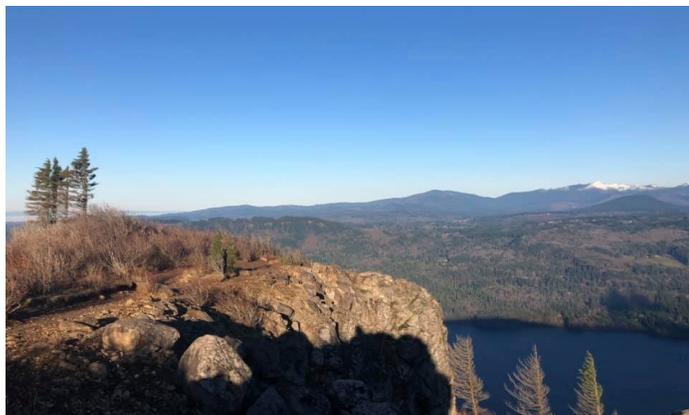




# Trail Blazer

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Nesika Hike. Photo: Dolores Niebergall

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### MONTHLY TRIPS PLANNING MEETING (ZOOM)

Weds, January 13, 7:00-8:30pm

Host: Dolores Niebergall

We look forward to the second 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: 906 118 7636

Passcode: 1243

## Membership Dues are Due Now

Oregon Trails Club annual membership dues are due January 1 - pay by January 31 to avoid late fees!

To pay online: Go to [TrailsClub.org](http://TrailsClub.org)

1. Click on [PAYMENTS](#) in header
2. Click on [Member Dues](#)
3. Select **Regular** from *Choose an option*
4. Type in member name where "First & Last names for dues"
5. Adjust the quantity if paying for more than one member
6. Click **Add to cart**
7. Click on **View cart** (or cart icon in header)
8. Click on **Proceed to checkout**
9. Enter address and phone information (to update our records)
10. Select **PayPal** – you do not need a PayPal account! (you can pay by check if you prefer)
11. Click **Proceed to PayPal** (or Place order)
12. PayPal returns to Order received page at [TrailsClub.org](http://TrailsClub.org)

### January Events

5	Tues	Board Meeting
13	Weds	Trip Planning (Zoom)

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome new members! (Second readings)

Molly Swisher	Michael Perry	Kate Fitkin
Jennifer Trask	Gayle Minnick	Lilly Foxx
Mike Wolfson	Tawni Chavez	Lora Grant
Josh LaFevre	Michelle Japhhet	Mary Bremen
Ester Needham	Derek Nesland	Debi Baker

Total members (320); Golden (11); Junior (3); Life (35); Life/Golden (2); Provisional (3); Regular (266)

## TYEE REMINDER FOR THIS WINTER

Both daytime AND overnight use at Tye is by reservation ONLY until COVID restrictions are lifted. Please do not visit unannounced and thank you for keeping everyone safe and healthy!



# Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 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
Dolores Niebergall.....	Trips Trustee

## 1. Approved minutes of the November meeting

## 2. Treasurer’s Report - Bill reported

Beginning balance.....	\$18,266
Total deposits.....	\$3,412
Total expenses.....	\$633
Ending balance.....	\$21,045

Liability insurance went up \$100 from last year. We haven’t found another insurer due to the brush fire threat.

We discussed the budget. Dolores will look into our charge for the Garmin to see if we can get a lower rate. Nathan will keep the Garmin since he uses it a lot. Others can arrange to get it from him.

## 3. Committee Reports

### a. Nesika - Glen reported

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### b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen reported

Nathen reported that he hasn’t been to Tyee since the last meeting. He and Dolores had a long conversation with our USFS contact person. They took extensive notes about USFS’s expectations of the TCO as an organizational camp that uses federal property. We are encouraged to make Tyee available to the public which would decrease the fees we pay for our lease. Tyee may qualify as a historic building. The USFS will check. We are required to post a nondiscrimination notice on our website and our meet up site. An abbreviated note needs to be included on our membership application. He and Dolores watched a required video on diversity and equity and need to answer questions related to it. We discussed how to respond.

### c. Membership - Lori reported

First Readings:

**Anjanette Milazzo** (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Bill Yandon

**Brad Huit** (Tigard) sponsored by Susan Ashenfelter and Joel Reitz

**Zhen Yang** (Sherwood) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Nathan Barton

Second Readings - all accepted:

Molly Swisher  
Kate Fitkin  
Jennifer Trask  
Gayle Minnick  
Mike Wolfson  
Tawni Chavez  
Josh LaFevre  
Mary Bremen  
Lora Grant

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d. Publications - Joel reported

Joel reported that we have a new editor: Jennifer Samuels. We have a 1 year zoom account for \$10/month that allows 1 meeting at a time with 100 person limit. Dues payment interface on our website is improved for clarity. To pay dues, you don't have to log into website. Just need to go to payments.

e. Trips - Dolores reported

Dolores reported that trips planning meetings will be held monthly via zoom to share ideas between leaders, add new leaders and identify possible trips. We discussed first aid training for new hike leaders, organizations that could provide it and the necessary level/kind of training.

f. Social - Linda reported

Linda reported that the outdoor annual meeting and the electronic alternative went well.

**4. New Business**

a. Alcohol use at Tye.

We discussed allowing alcohol use at Tye. Our insurance policy does not restrict members from bringing alcohol. The club can't provide or serve it, however. The bylaws do not mention alcohol. It was moved and seconded to allow the moderate use of beer and wine at Tye when the host(s) publicizes that the weekend or opening will permit wine and beer. Otherwise, all official openings will be alcohol free. During unscheduled openings of Tye by members, moderate use of wine and beer is also allowed. The Club or hosts may not provide or serve alcohol. Individuals may bring their own. This policy will be evaluated after one COVID free year use of Tye (probably the summer of 2022, if not earlier). The motion passed: 9 in favor, 1 opposed.

b. Tye proposed updates and cost estimates.

With the desire to improve Tye in order to increase lodge use, Nathen presented a list of projects with estimated costs. We began a discussion. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

c. FWOC - voting on resolutions - do we need to bring these to the greater membership?  
Tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting: Tues, Jan 5 on Zoom, 7:00-9:00pm

Meeting ended at 9:16

Submitted by Rebecca Knudson, Secretary

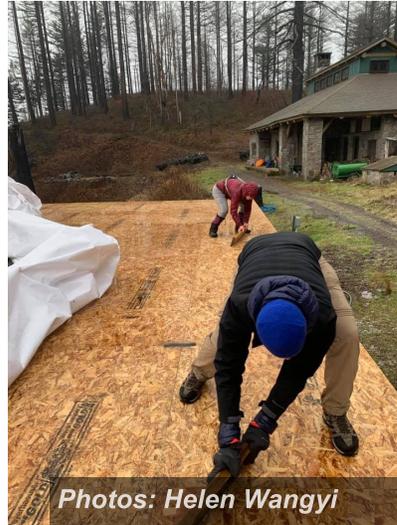


*Nesika Hike. Photo: Dolores Niebergall*



*Wildlife near Nesika. Photo: Ralph Bloemers*

**Nesika Hike**  
(and impromptu maintenance)



*Photos: Helen Wangyi*

**Mecca Flats to Trout Creek Backpack**



*Photo: Zhen Yang*



*Photo: Jennifer Samuels*



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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](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@trailsclub.org)