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November Events

2	Tues	Board Meeting
5-7	Fri-Sun	Nesika Dorm Celebration
6	Sat	Nesika Membership Hike
14	Sun	Annual Member Meeting

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org



Whittier Ridge Hike. Photo: Rachel Eggers

Welcome New TCO Members!

Valarie Bryant	Christine Dunn
Thane Gebbie	Siena Gilbreath
Glenice Naslund	Eric Zimmerman

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Nesika Dorm Celebration
Fri, Nov 5 - Sun, Nov 7
Host: Linda Conrad

See (a) TCO Calendar and (b) Board Minutes in this piece (p4, f. Social) for details.
Contact: Linda Conrad (360) 907-5096
Signup: see Meetup



Nesika Celebration Membership Hike
Saturday Nov 6, 10:00-5:00
Leaders: Jennifer Samuels, Crisse Milner

This is a membership hike and lunch to celebrate Nesika's new dorm! The new dorm is nearly done – join in for a lunch celebration and submit your suggestion for naming the dorm. On the way to the Lodge, we'll visit the hidden ornament trail. If you're into it, do some research to see if you can figure out where it is ahead of time. We'll stop for 1.5 hours to visit at Nesika Lodge where our hosts will provide us lunch, drinks, a tour.
Signup and full details: see Meetup



Annual Member Meeting
Sunday, November 14, 2:00-4:00

Hosts: Sheryl Wagner, Linda Conrad
Willamette Park, 6500 S Macadam Ave, Portland
See (a) TCO Calendar and (b) Board Minutes in this piece (p4, f. Social) for details.
See p5, right-hand side for votes to be taken at this Annual Meeting.



Golden Lakes Backpack. Photo: Eric Zimmerman

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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.

Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021 - Zoom

Present:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Rachel Eggers	Treasurer
Glen Conrad	Nesika Trustee
Bill Yandon	Tyee Trustee
Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee
Linda Conrad	Social Trustee
Dolores Niebergall	Trips Trustee

Absent:

Rebecca Knudeson Secretary

1. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance.....	\$25,739
Expenses.....	\$829
Deposits.....	\$306
Ending Balance.....	\$19,761

So far we are under budget for the year, but we still have to pay our insurance which is a big expense.

2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika - Glen reported

Glen reported that we had a work trip with 10 people where we got the doors on the building, and the wood shed 1/2 way completed. Glen has hauled up paint, door locks and other materials in the meantime. Paul Cutter and Glen did interior painting inside of the dorm. They also put gutters over the steps. The building is sealed for the winter. At the next work trip we will finish the wood shed. There will be a dorm celebration the first weekend in November. Next year we will put up board and batten siding and will put the woodstove inside. After that time we will be able to get our building permit signed off. It has been one year's worth

of labor and the building is almost done! Thank you to all the volunteers! The dorm can now be used for sleeping for vaccinated individuals. It is a co-ed dorm. There are trees across the road every time now, so you need a chain saw to get in. Please contact Nesikachair@trailsclub.org before driving in as access will need to be approved. Hiking in is ok without prior authorization. Glen will store the two club owned trailers and other stuff that was stored at George Milne's business since he has sold the business.

b. Tyee Lodge - Bill reported

We had a good work party September 18-19th. We did cleaning, painted the trim in the fireplace room (Loriann) and on the downstairs side of the basement door (Julia Mace), and did a complete clean /disinfection of the mattresses in the dorms (Elaine Nelson). The curtains have been taken down and will be cleaned (Julia Mace). We double checked the winter trail.

We measured out 100 feet from the Lodge, took photographs, completed a diagram, and inventoried the trees within that space. We will be putting together a report as to what safety measures we need to take moving forward.

I delivered supplies to the Lodge on Saturday Oct. 2nd and winterized the Lodge. The magnetic summer/winter label has been changed to winter indicating that we need to follow winter procedures. Thought it best to change early, rather than too late.

I checked the water meter after closing the supply valve and opening the drain valve. Still a slow spin on the little triangle in the meter, one revolution every 40 to 45 seconds.

There will be one more work party in order to prepare Tyee for winter.

Nathen has not sent the keys and key stamps to Bill. Dolores will contact him and try to get those items from him in person.

c. Membership - Lori

In total there are 11 golden, 3 junior, 34 life, 2 life/golden, 6 provisional, and 252 regular members adding up to 308 members total.

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Board Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

First readings:

Alexandria Burkleaux (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Heidi Spence

Brook Harris (Portland) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Carolyn Wills)

Jeff Churchill (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Derek Atterbury

Second readings:

Christine Dunn (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Heidi Spence

Glenice Naslund (Portland) sponsored by David Crout and Maureen Covel

Thane Gebbie (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Debi Baker

Siena Gilbreath (Oregon City) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Heidi Spence

Valarie Bryant (Dundee) sponsored by Dolores Niebergall and Sheryl Wagner

Eric Zimmerman (Portland) sponsored by Susan Ashenfelter and Dolores Niebergall

Lori will send out a postcard for annual meeting and the 2022 dues notice to all members.

d. Publications - Joel reported

Joel tweaked the website so there are more directions for authors. This is so multiple people can change event descriptions and Authors can post events immediately rather than submit events for the publications chair to post.

e. Trips - Dolores reported

Thank you to all who led events! Please contact TripsChair@trailsclub.org if you are interested in leading. In September we had 2 Day hikes including one membership hike coordinated with Nesika, 2 Backpacks, 5 Wednesday night hikes and one bike ride. That might be the last bike ride of the season as it will get cold and wet from here on out.

Trips committee will have a Zoom planning meeting in November for the purpose of brainstorming for next year and planning winter hikes, snowshoe or possible backpacking events. If enough potential new leaders are interested in starting to lead there will be a repeat Zoom Introduction to Trip Leader Training. This will likely occur in early Jan 2022.

f. Social - Linda reported

The Annual Meeting is November 14th from 2-4pm at Willamette Park in Portland in the covered area. Everyone needs to pay for parking. Glen will bring a generator to provide hot drinks. People can bring cookies and snacks to share. A car battery will be used for the projector so the generator can be turned off during the talk.

There will be a Nesika Dorm celebration on Saturday November 6th where we will name the new dorm. If you have a name suggestion, send it to nesikachair@trailsclub.org. Jennifer Samuels will lead a hike which will meet at Milepost 10 on Larch Mountain Road (green metal gate) at 10:00am and drive into the brown gate where they will park the cars and hike 3.5 miles into Nesika Lodge. Lunch will be served and is free to all. We will have the christening/naming ceremony of the dorm after lunch. Whitney "Allgood" LaRuffa will display new backpacks and tents and will give a talk to those interested in the afternoon about gear. This is a day event, but the new dorm will be open for sleeping to vaccinated individuals. There are no beds, but you can put sleeping pads on the benches. We will be taking donations for cots for the new dorm which cost \$125/cot. Donations can be done online or by check to Trails Club with the notation 'Nesika cots'.

4. New Business

A. We discussed doing background checks on members but it was decided this would be cost prohibitive. We will continue to take any complaints or concerns about any member or potential member to the board. Names of potential new members are listed in The Blazer so that current members can comment on whether each individual should be allowed membership.

B. Elections - We have now found volunteers for every board position except Nesika Chair. Glen will stay on as an interim until the dorm is completed if no one can be found.

C. The board voted to make the hike and lunch for the dorm naming ceremony free to all members and non-members.

D. We discussed the upcoming FWOC resolutions. Bill Yandon will represent the club at the FWOC annual meeting.

Next Meeting, Nov. 2 on Zoom.

Submitted by Sheryl Wagner, President



Canby Ferry Ride. Photo: Andrew



Mt. Adams Backpack. Photo: Helen Wang



Cottonwood Canyon. Photo: Tanja Diers

**Trails Club of Oregon Annual Meeting
Votes will be Taken on the Following:**

- (1) Vote: board members
- (2) Votes: bylaw changes for approval at the annual meeting

The struck through words are the present bylaw language to be replaced by the words in **bold**.

Section 10. Trips Committee:

(a) The Trips Committee shall ~~plan and conduct~~ **oversee and support** all hikes and outings of the Club, including regular hikes, backpacking, bicycling and winter sports activities, except those authorized by the Board of Trustees to be conducted by other committees.

(b) It shall provide leaders for all its events.

(c) The Committee shall ~~prepare and submit for approval by the Board of Trustees a schedule of hikes and outings covering a period of three months and to be kept current on a three months' basis.~~

For trips and events to be official, they shall be placed on the Club's calendar. The Board has the right to evaluate and approve the appropriateness of any activity or hike for safety, liability or other reasons and may remove any not deemed appropriate for the Club.

(d) It shall provide the Chair of the Publications Committee with a complete list of scheduled events for the coming month, together with all pertinent data concerning said events.

Leaders shall attempt to schedule trips and events on the Club's calendar by the 15th of each month so they may be published in the monthly *Trail Blazer*.

(e) The Chair shall obtain promptly from the leader of each scheduled event a complete report on the event, the revenues derived, completed guest cards, and such other information appropriate for reference.

The Treasurer shall obtain promptly from the leader of each scheduled event the revenues derived from the event. Trips reports and/or other information appropriate for reference may be submitted.

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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.

Blazer Editor: Jennifer Samuels

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