



Trail Blazer

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February Events

1	Tues	Vancouver Urban Hike
4-6	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
11-13	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
19-21	Sat-Mon	Tyee Lodge Open
23-25	Wed-Fri	Tyee Lodge Open
27	Sun	TCO Family Social Event

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

Membership Dues are Due NOW!

Submit fee payment by January 31 to avoid late fees!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Vancouver Urban Hike

Tues, Feb 1, 10:00am

Host: Paul Cutter

Easy 5-mile hike, Esther Short Park, Vancouver Waterfront, Old Apple Tree Park, Pearson Airfield. Meet at Ft Vancouver Visitor Center. Signup and more info: see MeetUp



Tyee Lodge Open

Many opportunities to enjoy!

Fri, Feb 4 - Sun, Feb 6

Host: Sheryl Wagner

Feb 11 - Sun, Feb 13

Host: Paul Cutter

Fri, Feb 19 - Sun, Feb 21

Hosts: Meladee Martin & Joel Reitz

Weds, Feb 23 - Fri, Feb 25

Host: Julia Mace

Skiing, snowshoeing, overnights, relaxing, COVID protocols. Come enjoy Tyee!

Signup and details: see TCO Calendar and MeetUp for more information and to contact your hosts.



TCO Family Social Event

Sun, Feb 27, 1:00-3:00

Chapman Landing, Scappoose, OR

This is a TCO Social Event for kids and their caregivers. All family make-ups are welcome, moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers... Activities for this day include: simple creative activity, fun mixer game, scavenger hunt (bring a device to take photos), snacks will be available. Important: Caregivers must supervise their children at all times. Masks are required. Signup and details: see TCO Calendar



Nesika at New Years. Photo: Trisha Schultz

Welcome New TCO Members!

Adonica Marshall
Joern Wettern

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022 7:00-9:00
Zoom

Attendees:

President	Beverly Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
Membership	Lori Leach
Publications	Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee (acting)	Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
Social Trustee	Julia Mace
Trips Trustee	Crisse Milner

Regular Business:

- Treasurer’s Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance.....	\$16,339
Checks and Payments.....	\$15,039
Deposits and Credits.....	\$1,413
Ending Balance.....	\$2,714

Insurance for the lodges was a big part of the month’s expenses. When uncleared transactions are completed, the ending balance will be \$3,854.48.

We discussed the budget for 2022 and assigned members to help develop it by February’s meeting. They will send information to Rachel by 1/25.

2. Membership Report, Lori

First readings:

- Olivia Bakke** (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Sheryl Wanger
- Brook Winter** (Portland) Sponsored by Rachel Eggers and Jim Hawkins
- Victoria Knutson** (Silverton) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Crisse Milner

Sharon Epstein (Milwaukie) Sponsored by Gisela Piercy and Debi Baker

Julie Cline (Stevenson) Sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Julia Mace

Kenneth Potter (Canby) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Linda Conrad

Cheryl Willson (Portland) Sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Crisse Milner

Second Readings:

Joern Wattern (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Bill Yandon

Adonica Marshall (Boring) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Linda Conrad

Resignations: David Crout, Carolyn Wills

Empty Boots: Patricia and Victor Hahner

Membership Summary:

Golden (11); Junior (2); Life (34); Life/Golden (1); Provisional (15); Regular (252); Total (315)

3. Publications Report, Joel

He has completely revamped how the calendar works. It’s much easier to submit events, and it can now be linked to MeetUp. We will need to pay a bit more to have MeetUp events automatically post to the Club calendar.

4. Nesika Report, Glen

We have to fulfill our building permit by the end of September. That means we need to complete the external siding and the 4 foot front porch extensions on the dorm. It would be nice to get a wood stove into the dorm by next winter. A small group got to the Lodge at New Years. They reported that there is extensive blowdown on the road. We have tentatively scheduled March 19 to start clearing the road. All else was in good shape. They got wood into the main Lodge.

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5. Tyee Report, Paul

Ideas for this year's projects:

1. Repair internal water valve (Joel)
2. Insulate dormitories as much as possible
3. Rework storm drain at back to prevent basement flooding after heavy rains
4. Place shelving where water heater was removed in women's bathroom
5. Reinforce the fire escape (additional stair runner)
6. Repaint exterior windows FS approved green. He plans on to do this while hosting in June.
7. Make the game room more pleasant and useful.
8. Need to determine whether the fire escape on the south side needs to be rebuilt.
9. Investigate dorm improvements such as better lighting, curtains on bunks for privacy and other general upgrades

Tyee has had quite a bit of use so far. A lot of snow came off of the roof on 1/10. The water shutoff on the outside is working well.

6. Trips Report, Crisse

We had 7 hikes/snowshoes. A backpack was cancelled due to weather, and we held a planning meeting.

7. Social Report, Julia

She is planning six events for the year on alternate months:

January, hikes and picnic at Champoeg State Park
March, educational/conservation with Audubon
May, annual banquet at Champoeg
July, Nesika hike and dine
August, Tyee hike and dine
November, annual meeting

There was about a 10% response to her survey.

Her goals for the year:

- Build our TCO community by providing opportunities for members and interested individuals to connect and socialize in 2022.
- Provide inclusive events to TCO members, their guests and families and interested individuals. Be welcoming of individuals of diverse backgrounds and abilities.
- Offer outdoor events that allow for social distancing and require masks, unless people are eating. Follow State COVID mandates at events.

- Include as many volunteers as possible in the planning and execution of the events by reaching out in the planning phase one-two-three months prior.

New Business:

1. New Club Historian

We discussed the role of the TCO Historian. Linda Conrad was appointed TCO's historian. She is authorized to create a budget as needed.

Job Description: Historian, December 2021

The role of the volunteer TCO Historian is to collect and preserve all publications of the Club and record the Club's activities and achievements (per TCO bylaws).

Historian responsibilities include:

- Maintain archived materials in an organized and accessible manner
- Continue adding items to TCO archives, consistent with current cataloguing system
- Chair the TCO History Committee (when committee is active)
- Provide access to archived materials as directed by the TCO Trustee Board

2. Trip leader guidelines.

Joel and Crisse will develop a new trip leader section and forms for our website.

Crisse proposed guidelines for trip leaders:

- TCO membership
- Attend basic trip training (can be done online)
- Have current certification in first aid
- Co-lead one hike or backpack with a current TCO Trip Leader or demonstrate experience leading trips with other groups and review TCO trip expectations with Trips Trustee
- Complete Trip Leader registration/application form and submit to Trips Trustee
- Be approved to be a Trip Leader at a regular TCO Board meeting.

Application for Trip Leader will be on our site.

Current trip leaders have 1 year to complete the first aid training.

The President directed Crisse to codify the process to approve leaders.

Next meeting at 7:00 PM, February 1, on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary



New Year's Eve Snowshoe. Photo: Deanna Reiber



Christmas Eve Ornament Trail Hike. Photo: Deanna Reiber

Tyee Note

Paul Cutter, Tyee Trustee

Tyee has had ten feet of snow in the past month, it's a winter wonderland up there. If you'd like to plan an overnight visit, please check the TCO website and contact the host for that period. Number of guests is limited due to COVID restrictions. Day visitors are always welcome, but face masks are currently mandatory.

I am putting together a small group to oversee the work parties this year. We will be working on some of the recommendations from a member survey taken during 2020 and some of the recommendations from the October 2020 presentation to the board. Our main goal is to upgrade the dorms. Not an easy task due to the lack of space, but we can try.

If coming to Government Camp, consider the Mt Hood Express leaving from Sandy every two hours, with the last bus leaving from Summit Ski Area at 10pm. Cost is \$2 one way, a bargain. You can snowshoe from behind the rest area at Summit Ski Area, then West Leg Rd for one mile, turn right into the trees at the Tyee Lodge sign. Then it's another 500 feet to the Lodge.



Five Mountain Day at Chehalem Ridge Nature Park. Photo: Glen Conrad

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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.

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