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APRIL EVENTS

Event information, sign-up and scheduling are available on TCO Website Calendar

<https://trailsclub.org/activities/calendar>

Meetup

www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon

1-3	Fri-Sun	Painted Hills Tent Camping
1-3	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge is Open
3-5	Sun-Tue	Tyee Spring Break (WA)
6	Wed	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
9	Sun Sat	Social: Cape Horn Conservancy
13	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
15-17	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Work Party
17	Sun	Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck
20	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
22-24	Fri-Sun	Nesika Lodge Work Trip
23	Sat	Membership Hike: Nesika Lodge
27	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
28-1	Thu-Sun	Trip Leader Backpack Olympic NF

Get Involved with TCO!

TCO is looking for members to get involved in the following roles:

- Conservation Chair
- Nesika Lodge Chair
- Social Committee Volunteers
- Trip Leaders

Contact: board@trailsclub.org



SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON – ANNUAL BANQUET

Champoeg State Park in St. Paul, OR

Memorial Building & Pavilion



1:00-6:00 p.m.



FOOD ~ PRIZES ~ MUSIC ~ SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!

TICKETS:

Lifetime & Gold Members:

\$15 | \$10 early-bird thru May 1st

Members:

\$15 | \$12 early-bird thru May 1st

Guests/Non-Members:

\$15

LINE UP OF FESTIVITIES:

1:30 p.m. – Welcome & Remarks

1:45 p.m. – Guest Speaker with Q&A

2:45 p.m. – Music & Socializing

4:30 p.m. – Dinner & Festivities

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Chandra LeGue, author of "Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide"

MUSIC: Six Pack Possum

Register by May 1st for early-bird pricing

[https://trailsclub.org/events/TCO Annual Banquet](https://trailsclub.org/events/TCO%20Annual%20Banquet)

Welcome New TCO Members!

Rose Marie Lavoie	Adonica Marshall
Jim Spencer	Libby Spencer
Joern Wettern	

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President: Bev Drottar
Vice President: Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer: Rachel Eggers
Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson
Membership Trustee: Lori Leach
Publications: Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee: Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee: Paul Cutter
Trips Trustee: Crisse Milner

Absent:

Social Trustee: Julia Mace

Regular Business:

Minutes were approved by email, prior to Blazer printing.

1. Treasurer’s report, Rachel

Beginning balance.....	\$7,953
Checks and payments.....	\$801
Deposits and credits.....	\$1,993
Balance.....	\$9,146

Each budget owner should look at the Budget vs. Actual Report to make sure they are on track. Paperwork for the Memorial Fund Reimbursement (around \$1,800) has been sent. We are missing paperwork in the PO Box with the membership forms sent in from a February weekend at Tyee. Taxes will soon be paid and as will a reimbursement to Paul.

2. Membership report, Lori

Provisional Members:
Annalise Moran (Beaverton); Shawn Moran (Beaverton)

First Readings:

Olivia Bakke (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Sheryl Wagner; **Peat Bakke** (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Brad Huit;

Kim Barnett (Tigard) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **Diana Bartolme** Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Carlene Blach** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **AnaMaria Bruce** (Washougal) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Julie Cline** (Stevenson) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **Sharon Epstein** (Milwaukie) Sponsored by Gisela Piercy and Debi Baker; **Michael French** (Portland) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz; **Atul Ingle** (Portland) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Rahul Jain** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Kate Fitkin and Trisha Schultz; **Victoria Knutson** (Silverton) Sponsored by Crisse Milner and Sheryl Wagner; **Kendra Madrid** (Vancouver) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz; **Jerry Manuell** (Vancouver) Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Trisha Schultz; **Michaela McCoog** (Portland) Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Trisha Schultz; **Kenneth Potter** (Canby) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Linda Conrad; **Francis Pham** (Forest Grove) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Henny Rademacher** (Estacada) Sponsored by Bill Rude and Paul Cutter; **Robin Rohwer** (Portland) Sponsored by Kate Fitkin and Pete Recksiek; **Sharon Selvaggi** (Oregon City) Sponsored by Gisela Piercy and Glen Conrad; **Jacques Thibodeaux** (Mollala) Sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and David Noyes; **Thomad Thrall** (Forest Grove) Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Glen Conrad; **Cheryl Wilson** (Portland) Sponsored by Crisse Milner and Jennifer Samuels; **Brooke Winter** (Portland) Sponsored by Rachel Eggers and Jim Hawkins; **Jiao Ye** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz

Approved Second Readings:

Rose Marie Lavoie (Salem) Sponsored by Pamela Moore and Sylvia Ashley; **Adonica Marshall** (Boring) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Linda Conrad; **Jim Spencer** (Gladstone) Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Julia Mace; **Libby Spencer** (Gladstone) Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Julia Mace; **Joern Wettern** (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Bill Yandon

3. Publications report, Joel

Not much to report. We’ve encouraged people to submit their own events, and it has gone well. He’s still working on coordinating with Meetup. He has updated some items on the website. Let him know if you see anything else that needs attention.

Board Meeting (continued)

4. Nesika, Glen reported
Thanks to Eric Zimmerman for brushing and clearing the road last Saturday. He said the buildings looked good. Costco had some cots on sale. Glen bought a couple to try at \$49.47 each. He will donate these 2 to the Club and pick up about 6 more.
5. Tyee, Paul reported
A very successful "committee" and interested parties discussed ideas on 2/12. Many were accepted and some rejected. It occurred to us that COVID rules had created two co-ed dorms and if this situation remains, then going forward more privacy is needed. So without removing any bunks, it was agreed upon that two separate private "rooms" could be created in women's (west) side and one in men's (east) side by the use of 7ft drapes. Other lower single bunks will have 3ft curtains for privacy. It was also agreed that no bunks will be painted. We discovered no dorm walls are insulated except one, the one facing the dining room. Work will start on insulating next month. We will also need to weatherproof the dorm doors. The lighting in the dorms will be upgraded with LED circuits and dimmer switches. We're still working on the logistics of it.
The host or group leader may designate male and female dorms for their time at the lodge. We're looking forward to moving Tyee forward in the next year without touching its loved, admired rustic looks.
The lodge has been busy almost every day this last month.
6. Trips, Crisse reported
It was a slow month: 2 day hikes, a planning meeting, and a snowshoe.
7. Social, Julia reported
A Social Planning Meeting was held via Zoom on 3/3/22. There are a total of 10 TCO members who have expressed interest in supporting Social Events this year. Most of the planning meeting focused on the Annual Banquet scheduled on 5/15/22. Time was also spent discussing the 4/9/22 Cape Horn Conservancy Day events that will include trail maintenance work,

a community lunch and hikes. The Kids Friendly Social Event for 2/27/22 was cancelled due to lack of attendees. The dates of the Hike and Dines to be hosted at the lodges are on the TCO calendar. The Annual Meeting in November is also on the calendar. Save the dates so you don't miss out!

8. President reported on old business

History Report, Linda Conrad

We discussed what paper minutes we need to keep. Joel has hard copies of Blazers to give to the History Committee. Linda is trying to correct membership addresses and eliminate those who have died. She has communicated with Joel about errors on the website. The lodge chair material given to Paul Cutter was over 10 years old; Linda threw some away and made up 2 notebooks of current information and forms. She printed off the whole directory and placed it in a notebook for him. She organized all the appliance guidelines, furnace, water reports, etc in notebooks. She will start putting together a collage as soon as she can get to Nesika to get the Tyee pictures.

New Business:

1. Trip Fees, Jennifer Samuels
There has been confusion about fees for hiking and backpacking.
Moved, seconded and unanimously approved the following fee structure:
 - Day hikes and backpack trips are free for members
 - Day hikes are \$2 for non-members
 - Backpack trips are \$2 per day for non-membersWe will change information on the website to be consistent with the above vote. We may need to vote on a bylaw change to make outings free for members.
2. Redefining Covid 19 guidelines for lodge use. We will follow Multnomah County's guidelines as they become available. In the meantime, the use of pods, masks, and vaccination status is up to the host to choose and post for their time slots. The

host has the discretion to post more restrictive requirements. Unvaccinated persons should protect themselves by maintaining space, washing hands, masking. Any personal health concerns are up to each individual. The lodges will have a posting in the buildings instructing guests to check with host for current guidelines.

3. Sheryl Wagner proposed reduced fees for special families. We moved, seconded and unanimously approved to waive lodge and trip fees for foster families retroactive to the first of 2022. We will adjust the lodge and trip fees schedules to reflect this vote.
4. Board members present at the annual banquet will briefly introduce themselves: how we became involved in TCO and our goals/ intentions for the year.
5. Conservation Chair, Candace Bonner, feels she can't adequately continue in this position. She is willing, however, to continue until we find a replacement. The Board appreciates the work that Candace has done in her role as Conservation Chair.

Adjourned at 8:59
Next meeting, April 5, Zoom
Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

Tamanawas Showshoe. Photo: Sheryl Wagner



Conservation Notes

Candace Bonner, TCO Conservation Chair

Following are some of the current conservation actions going on in Oregon: Many of us have been fighting for improved riparian protections for decades without any significant results. This year the Private Forest Accord (PFA) was reached between industrial timber and a coalition of environmental groups. This will finally bring real change to how we treat our streams and protect riparian habitat. Senate Bills 1501 and 1502 are on the floor now, with bipartisan support, embodying these changes. The PFA will also require extensive and much needed revision of the Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA). This is a real sea change in how we treat our private forest lands and protect our waters. Oregon has added new members to its Board of Forestry (BOF) and has a new State Forester. I have had the opportunity as part of the MCAT forestry group to interview the BOF members and new State Forester. There has been a positive shift in climate change awareness and commitment to climate action. (Note: The PFA has just passed this month!)

The Elliot State Forest may finally be decoupled from county payments and become a research forest, preserving much of its old growth. SB 1546 is now on the senate floor.

The Natural and Working Lands bill SB 1534A is also on the floor. This would provide incentives for better stewardship of natural and working lands, to increase carbon sequestration.

This year DEQ and ODF have developed climate action plans. ODF had its Climate Change and Carbon Plan (CCCP) approved by the Board of Forestry. DEQ has a new Climate Protection Program (CPP) starting this year. All the climate and conservation related plans and bills have had opportunity for public comment, public efforts to improve and mold them, and opportunities for organizations to sign on to support or oppose plans and bills.

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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