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OCTOBER 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

30-2	Fri-Sun	Larch Lake Backpack
30-2	Fri-Sun	Milo McIver State Park Campout
2	Sun	Tomlike Mountain Hike
5	Weds	Wed Eve Conditioning Hike
8-9	Sat-Sun	Overnight Backpack at Nesika
12	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
19	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
21-23	Fri-Sun	Tyee Fall Celebration & Work Party
28-30	Fri-Sun	Nesika Fall Celebration & Work Trip



Nesika Sunset. Photo: Glen Conrad

Save the Dates!

TCO Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 2:00-4:00

@ Fulton Park Community Center

Register for your free ticket:

[HERE](#) or TCO Website Calendar

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner Party

Saturday, November 19, 5:00

@ Tyee Lodge

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dena Brehmer
Cathy Van Zyl

Kathleen Curry
Pavlina Kovarik



Nesika Membership Hike. Photo: Kassie

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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 when the date is at least the 4th, 7:00pm, over Zoom. See the calendar on the TCO website for the link if you wish to attend. Contact the President prior to a meeting if you have an issue to bring to the board.

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.

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 listing of events. Registration on the website is not required to view the events.

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

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Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President	Bev Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Membership	Lori Leach
Publications	Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee	Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
Social Trustee	Julia Mace

Absent:

Secretary	Rebecca Knudson (EXCUSED)
Trips Trustee	Crise Milner (EXCUSED)

7:03 meeting called to order

Regular Business:

1. Treasurer’s report (Rachel)

Checking Reconciliation Summary:

Beginning Balance.....	\$19,194
Checks and Payments.....	\$2,418
Deposits and Credits.....	\$1,136
Ending Balance.....	\$16,674

Hasn’t spoken with TKO about partnerships yet, still working on connecting.

2. Membership report (Lori)

First Readings:

Nancy Taylor (Corvallis) – Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Glen Conrad
Tina Mendel (Oregon City) - Sponsored by Ron Gladden and Siena Gilbreth
Paul Avallone (Portland) – Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Rebecca Knudsen

Approved Second Readings:

Pavlina Kovarik (Prineville) – Sponsored by Helen Wang and Debi Baker
Kathleen Curry (Tualatin) - Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir
Cathy Van Zyl (Gresham) – Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir
Dena Brehmer (Wilsonville) – Sponsored by Bev Drottar and Craig Gwydir

3. Publications report (Joel)

Nothing to report

4. Nesika report (Glen)

We are done with permitting and inspection business. We can now make indoor improvements. Julia cooked at Hike and Dine, Linda led Hike and Dine, five members. Crisse and Jennifer hosted a membership luncheon over Labor Day, Dave Noyes led hike. Most of the firewood (from road clearing) is in the Lodge or in the parking lot. Going to work on woodstove in dorm this weekend; hope that there are four people to help move. Working on wrapping everything up for end of the season. Railing on steps isn’t quite done yet.

5. Tyee report (Paul)

Another successful work party in August. Fire escape 75% complete, thanks to Richard G and Chaz. Two trees down, thanks Mike H and Tom T. Third woodshed started, will finish next workday and load up with surplus wood. Paul and Tim K built tote box area in basement. Tote boxes can be purchased for \$20. Windows and door painting will be finished this week. This was Paul’s project. (He enjoys painting and likes it done right.) A painting snob!
Tim K showed an interest in the audio equipment at Tyee. When Paul asked him two days later what would it take to get up and running, he replied "I have the equipment on order, will install later." So as of last Sunday, we have new audio equipment, bluetooth, cd and the original 8-track working through the original speakers. Beach Boys sounded really good when Paul was cooking chicken curry for the group. Thanks to Tim K.

5. Tyee report (continued)

Paul's question: should we solicit money for Tyee floor and ceiling?

Julia: suggests Lodge chairs have a wish list for Lodge improvements.

Lodge chairs will send Blazer editor requests for items and donations for inclusion in newsletter.

6. Trips report (Crisse) via email

Thank you to all those who have led trips and activities the past few months. We have had a number of fun activities through the summer despite the heat and smoke from wildfires.

This past month we have had five day hikes, four backpacking trips, one membership hike and lunch to Nesika lodge, one kayak event and a planning meeting.

We have had three members interested in becoming trip leaders and we are working to have them complete the trip leaders expectations and hope to have them leading trips within the next few months.

7. History and Nomination Committee Reports (Linda) via email

History Committee:

I will be taking the last of the history material to Nesika this weekend. Per Cindy Lee and Rachel, I am disposing of all financial reports greater than ten years old. Also, all trip reports greater than ten years old. I have a budget of \$700 for the history committee. I plan on creating a comfortable history corner with this money. Also, an additional \$20 has been donated to TCO for history corner. I plan on purchasing an area rug, a few comfortable chairs. I am looking for donation of coffee table, side tables for chairs, floor lamps for the area. I figure if we use patio furniture the mice will leave it alone. I am donating a couple short bookcases to go under the windows in the lodge. I am thinking the NW front corner would work well. Also, would like opinion on curtains for area to make it warmer looking. Julia has agreed to label green picture albums to make it easier to find pictures we are looking for.

Any suggestions or donations are welcome. Please email Linda or text me at 360-907-5096.

Nominating Committee Report:

I emailed all potential members sending out over 100 emails looking for Social Trustee or someone interested in Nesika Lodge Trustee position. Rahul a new lifetime member emailed an interest in working on a committee. I sent his information to Julia who will reach out to him. She is looking for a possible chairperson to assist her on the Social Committee if no one steps forward to volunteer for these positions. I have had a few replies stating if they were retired they may be interested in the future. I will reach out to these people again and see if they want to share trustee position.

8. Social report/Awards & Recognitions (Julia)

Julia and Paul will draft an agenda for the Annual Meeting. Social committee would like to have fun acknowledging and recognizing members with awards. Everyone is welcome to send nominations to Julia: social-chair@trailsclub.org

9. DEI Outreach committee report

Trails Club of Oregon Outdoors Inclusion Update (9-13-2022)

As a part of the Trails Club of Oregon's (TCO) effort to support "outdoors inclusion," we expect to collaborate with others in the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) program. We would work with Sierra Club local partners in Portland, including Janus Youth Programs, the David Douglas School District, and Big Brothers Big Sisters to help youth from communities with limited outdoor access to increase their exposure to outdoor recreation, especially hiking.

TCO Trip Leaders have valuable skills that youth organizations need. Our Trip Leaders could be of considerable assistance in leading day hikes that teach a variety of outdoor skills and basic "Leave No Trace" principles.

**Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections
Outdoors (ICO) program**

<https://www.sierraclub.org/ico>

Inclusion committee will meet in October

New Business:

Paul

1a. Trees at Tyee: I was hoping that we would be able to take all 4 trees down "in house" but I have been told, one will probably need a climber, the 2nd has a crack midway. Mike Haasken has advised me to get a professional. I met with a Steve Cuthbert (sp) from Welches to discuss price and feasibility of getting these 2 trees down, He quoted \$750 for both. This is to drop them, TCO will buck the log. The dead tree has a crack through middle, and woodpeckers have pecked away a left a sliver 30 ft up. So the plan is to drop one tree and attempt to hit the second. Forest is at caution 4 now, no saws until heavy rains. The second estimate cannot make it here until October. He is from Bend. Here is the dilemma though, I transferred the tree removal money to the dorm upgrades, which I have no regrets. How much, if any is my approval for additional money for this project? Linda added, "If we have difficult trees we call Forest Service and they remove the tree. It is their land and their liability."

Risk: larger tree could take down fire escape and a piece of the Lodge if it comes down. Smaller tree is away from the Lodge, it could snap and fall on ground.

Actions:

Glen will ask Forest Service Duty Supervisor, "We have two trees that 'should' come down at Tyee – do they know if there's a cutting crew in the Mt Hood National Forest?" Will find out this week and let Paul know.

Glen will give Paul names of two additional tree crews for estimates

If there is no cutting crew, what do we do?

Decision is deferred until next month.

1b. I request that the lodge events for November (one Nesika, two Tyee) that we

we scheduled before the fee increase was passed, be billed at the old rate, as the Boy Scouts were quoted the old rate and have paid their deposit. Jennifer moved to approve, Glen seconded, unanimous.

1c. Sheryl Wagner requested a weekend (it's on the calendar) at Tyee in Dec for her church group. In the by-laws it quotes "contact vice-president for board approval." Do I have the authority to say yes as it's from a known and trusted host?

Anyone wanting to make a reservation – contact Lodge chair, who will recommend to board for approval.

Action: Joel – update on the website

Vote: unanimous for West Linn Boy Scouts and Sheryl's church group

2. Linda: proposed bylaw change, see below

Nominating:

Maybe we should make TCO positions more favorable by offering free membership for Trustees while they are serving on the board

Consensus: no (no vote)

Lifetime membership for anyone serving over six years. May need to change a Bylaw:

propose new language?

Consensus: not as policy. Subsequent board can vote to offer a departing board member a lifetime or one-year membership as a thank-you.

3. Bev: opportunity to table at OMSI

Bev and Lori will attend.

Request from History Committee for display materials at this event in September.

Motion to adjourn: Glen, Lori seconded, adjourned 8:35

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Samuels, VP

Fees for use of the lodges are as follows:

	Members	Guests
Nesika: overnight	.10	.35
day only	.10	.25
Tyee: overnight	.75	1.00
day only	.35	.50

TCO Lodge Fees: 1957. Photo: Jennifer Samuels



TCO BAKE CONTEST

@ Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, November 13

Theme: Fall

****Prizes awarded****

Criteria:

Home-baked

Originality

Overall Taste

Connection to the Theme



Nesika Membership Hike. *Photo: Craig Gwydir*



Silver Star Hike. *Photo: Simon Ray-Cutter*



Merwin Lake Paddle. *Photo: Sheryl Wagner*



Tyee Bunks looking sharp. Photo: Sheryl Wagner

Nesika Lodge Donation Wishlist

- Large area rug
- Patio loveseat
- Patio chairs
- Corner bookcase
- Coffee table
- Floor Lamps



Labor Day at Nesika. Photo: Crisse Milner

Tyee Lodge Update

Projects are moving along and many are coming to completion. To date we have a new reading nook, with couch, carpet, and coffee table. All within arms reach of the newly installed audio system. Thanks Tim K. The triangular speakers installed in the sixties, sound good. Crystal clear. The southside fire escape is close to completion. Thanks Richard G for designing and leading this project.

It was one of my high priorities when I took over last November. In the basement we now have space for six personal tote boxes. See me if you need to purchase one for \$20. All fifteen windows and four doors now have a dark green trim. This was my personal project as I enjoy painting. Forest Service gave us two choices, green or brown.

After reading the 2020 survey it was concluded that the dorms should be high priority. Hence, new varnish on beds, insulated where possible, six foot drapes to create small rooms and personal drapes on all lower bunks. The biggest and most impressive task was accomplished by Adonica M, cutting and hemming all 22 drapes. New power outlets installed on inside walls.

The October work party will be short, mid afternoon Saturday I invite all and everybody to 'The Great Harvest Festival'. Pumpkin carving, construction of veggie animals. Remember Henry the Hedgehog from the hike and dine in July? And other activities. Bring the children.

The big final event on Nov 19th, your Trustee is cooking a turkey at the lodge, pre-Thanksgiving. Bring a potluck dish to share and we shall have a feast. Later at 6pm Craig Gwydir is to show a 300 slide show on this year's activities. Sign up on Meetup or email me.

- Paul Cutter, Tyee Trustee



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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