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December 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

3-4	Sat-Sun	Nesika Open (host only)
3	Sat	Nesika Lodge hike
27-2	Tue-Mon	Tyee is open



TCO Annual Meeting. Photo: Jennifer Samuels



Dry Falls Hike. Photo: Crisse Millner

Welcome New TCO Member!

Bruce Peterson

TCO Annual Meeting

November 15, 2022

Voting Results:

Board Members:

Vice President: Jennifer Samuels

Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson

Nesika Trustee: Crisse Milner

Social Trustee: Dave Noyes

Trips Trustee: Craig Gwydir (appointed)

Publications Trustee: Joel Reitz

Vote to amend bylaws: passed

And Awards!

Most Creative Hike Award: Craig Gwydir

Outstanding Social Volunteer: Nina Rohrs

Outstanding Tyee Volunteer: Adonica Marshall

Outstanding Nesika Volunteer: Bob Walker

ML Green High Miler Award: Chris Seubert

Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award:

Glen and Linda Conrad

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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
November 7, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President	Bev Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
Membership	Lori Leach
Publications	Joel Reitz
Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
Trips Trustee	Crisse Milner
Social Trustee	Julia Mace

Absence:

Nesika Trustee Glen Conrad

New Business:

October minutes approved via email

1. Financial Report (Chris Monte) In our investment fund, we have moved into taking a small risk with a small amount of our portfolio. With the interest rate change, he's going to look at a general bond investment along with another investment in stock, slowly building up the portfolio risk, moving from a preservation to a growth emphasis.

The original amount invested was around \$400,000. In last 5 years we've shifted from merely protecting that amount to making investments. We won't make any sudden moves. We'll slowly move into an income based portfolio, keep 3-5 year's needs in place and slowly make a capital investment with a balanced approach.

Our current balance is \$425,000, with \$330,000 in cash.

2. Treasurer's report (Rachel)

Beginning balance.....	\$16,032
Checks and payments.....	8,478
Deposits and credits.....	7,782
Cleared balance.....	15,337
Uncleared checks and payments.....	8,857
Uncleared ending balance.....	6,480

The check to Carson got damaged somehow in the mail so she had to call in a payment. The voided check can be seen in the detailed reports as well as the electronic payment to them in the Uncleared Transactions section.

Items coming due:

Tyee Property Taxes
Nesika Property Taxes
Annual Insurance renewal

\$15,000 withdrawal requested from the investment funds was to cover the furnace replacement at Tyee. The funds should be in the PO Box within the next week. It will stay in checking until we need to make the other half of the payment for the furnace installation. 2023 membership payments are starting to come in. See the Deposit Detail report or the Check Register report in Dropbox.

Annual meeting treasurer's report will take some time. She will try to get it out by Friday of this week.

3. Membership report (Lori)

Dues are coming in. The membership data base is now up to date.

First Reading:

Janice Messervier (Beaverton), sponsored by Craig Gwydir and Linda Conrad

Second readings approved:

Bruce Peterson (Aloha), sponsored by Grant Nelson and David Noyes

Resignation: Christine Foytich (has moved away)

303 Total Membership: 10 Golden, 2 Junior, 35 Life, 1 Life/Golden, 248 Regular

Cotopaxi, an outdoor wear store in NW Portland, connected with us at OMSI After Dark. They are interested in partnering with us, perhaps cosponsoring a hike.

4. Publications report (Joel)

He's thinking of revamping the website. The Mountain Shop is offering us a 10% discount off most items. He's trying to get the event costs/payments on our website to work better. If events have some cost element but some not, it doesn't work well with our software package.

5. Nesika report (Bev in Glen's absence) We have had successful work parties. Rain impeded the final outdoor painting. The wood shed is filled. The water has been drained for the year. The lodge is winterized.

6. Tye report (Paul)

The fire escape completed, the third wood bay built, wood split and stacked. Tye has approximately five cords of wood on hand. The lodge is winterized. In late Sept he scheduled a service call with Carson on 10/17/2022. The service tech pointed out damage to the furnace firebox and announced the box was condemned. In the space of four days, Paul met with the estimator, sent an estimate to the board for approval, paid 50% down and a furnace that was shipped from Pennsylvania. It arrived in Portland on 11/4/2022. It will be stored for 6 months.

Tye's fall lasted 10 days with the snow starting on 10/28. The chimney sweep scheduled for 11/3 had to be cancelled. With more snow over the weekend, there is no chance for the furnace installation due to depth of snow. The Forest Service has posted a sign, "Gate will be locked at 12" snow depth," and mentioned the code violation if access is made through a locked gate. The furnace was removed on 10/30. The hole in the firebox was considerably worse than we first observed. The exhaust vent was 75% blocked at the 90° bend in the chimney.

Previous board members do not recall the furnace vent ever being cleaned. Drapes have been installed to help maintain fire insert heat. They can be opened & closed as the host chooses. Paul has committed to make Fridays

his snowshoe days and will call on the lodge in the afternoons on weekends it is scheduled to be opened in order to get it to temperature using the above measures and the wood insert. The new furnace will be stored in Vancouver, unless the board decides differently cleaned. He vacuumed up to three feet and found some unsavory stuff. The chimney will be swept before the furnace installation. Ground water is still seeping back in the basement when rain is really heavy. So, the French drain didn't fix our problem.

Winter plan: Joel will repair the blower in the drying room to push air into ducts. Two 1500W heaters have been purchased for dormitories. 20A furnace circuit will be used for a new heater. Four oil filled heaters will be used on main floor. Drapes similar to those in the dorms will divide dining and living rooms to living rooms to help maintain the fire insert heat in the living room. They can be opened and closed as the host chooses. Paul has committed to make Fridays his snowshoe days and will call on the lodge in the afternoons on weekends it is scheduled to be opened in order to get it to temperature using the above measures and the wood insert. The new furnace will be stored in Vancouver, unless the board decides differently.

7. Trips report: (Crisse)

It was a slow month: 6 hikes and 2 backpacks. Trips leaders info on website has been updated. We are still looking for leaders for trips. A trips leader meeting is coming up. A first aid training is planned for sometime in late spring.

8. Social report (Julia)

The annual meeting and social is our event for the month.

9. Update on proposed bylaws (Bev)

We discussed a change that has been proposed. It was decided to wait until next year.

10. Discussion of nominations for 2023: David Noyes for Social Committee Chair. Lori will print a ballot for officers. Since we do not have a volunteer for the Nesika Lodge Trustee position, a Nesika Lodge Committee will

"replace" Glen who, after many years of dedicated volunteer service at Nesika, will be relinquishing the Trustee position as of January 2023.

Nesika committee formation: The proposal is to run Nesika by monthly rotating Hosts in a committee that meets monthly from January 2023 by zoom. The committee will be formed from lodge key holders & prior cooks. An email was sent out to 33 people who have been active at Nesika, presenting this proposal. Bev has received exactly 3 responses to this email. She may try telephoning in early January 11. Linda has worked through a significant amount of history material. The history corner at Nesika is looking warm and cozy.

New Business:

1. Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs 2022 Annual Member, Business, and Ex Comm Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, 10:00 am to 12 noon. Bev will contact Candace Bonner to see if she'll attend. If she doesn't go, Bev will attend.
2. We discussed the Una Davies High Traveler and Mary Lou Green High Miler awards. We will promote them so members can accumulate miles to submit next year. We discussed the awards in general and whether these awards interest current club members. We did note that it would be valuable to continue the names related to the awards. Moved and approved to gather at least 25 signatures in support of awarding Glen Conrad an honorary membership at this year's meeting to be voted on at next year's annual meeting (as the bylaws direct). We will also waive his membership dues for next year.

We will have our potluck with new board members on 1/8/23 at Bev's house.

Next meeting:

12/6, 7:00 on zoom Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Minutes submitted by:

Rebecca Knudson, Secretary



Nesika Harvest Celebration. Photo: Crisse Milner

Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award

This award was created in memory of Henry Waespe, an avid supporter of the Trails Club of Oregon. It is given to individual(s) in recognition of their long-term dedication and support of the Trails Club.

The 2022 award was awarded to a husband and wife team, **Glen and Linda Conrad**. For the past twelve years, they have been stewards of Nesika Lodge, our home in The Columbia Gorge.

On Labor Day in September 2017, the Eagle Creek Fire forced the folks at Nesika Lodge to flee, gathering as much history and documentation as they could collect. After the smoke cleared and the US Forest Service gave us the all-clear, Glen and a USFS escort were able to view the damage. It was bittersweet; viewing the devastation, trees black and dead, seven out-buildings destroyed, but miraculously the main Lodge stood proud with only some minor cosmetic damage.

During the next two summers Glen and Linda organized work parties to clear the devastation, while simultaneously wading through the permitting systems of Multnomah County, USFS, and The Gorge Commission to rebuild Green Fern Dorm. Finally, in the summer of 2020, the floor was installed, then the big framing build of 2021, the siding completion in 2022, and the permit was closed by the County.

I experienced firsthand what it entailed in ordering, deliveries, and moving the wood packages to the Lodge for the construction dates. The Trails Club of Oregon is honored to award Glen and Linda the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award. In the words of Glen, "Can't stop, won't stop."

- 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.

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