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JANUARY 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

26-4	Mon-Tue	Tyee Lodge Open
29-1	Thu-Sun	New Year's at Nesika Lodge
13-15	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
14	Sat	TCO Winter Games at Tyee
20-22	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open



December Nesika Hike. Photo: Cynthia Lee

Get involved at TCO!

Nesika Lodge needs you!

Nesika Lodge Committee

Help lead the upkeep and planning for Nesika Lodge. Committee members will meet to plan work parties, discuss and coordinate Lodge needs and member use as well as plan activities and events at the Lodge.

Nesika Road Clearing Committee

Join the road clearing crew for Nesika. Add your voice and ideas and help us coordinate keeping the road cleared to make access to the lodge more accessible to all members.

Contact Crisse Milner: Nesika Trustee at NesikaChair@trailsclub.org

Conservation Committee:
Conservation@trailsclub.org

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:
Diversity@trailsclub.org

History Committee:
Historian@trailsclub.org



Nesika Road Clearing. Photo: Aaron Aschenfelder

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Electronic subscription is included with membership. Send address changes and club correspondence to: Membership@trailsclub.org or the address above.

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
December 6, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President	Bev Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
Publications	Joel Reitz
Nesika (Acting) Trustee	Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
Trips Trustee	Crissi Milner
Social Trustee	Julia Mace
Trips Trustee Elect	Craig Gwydir
Social Trustee Elect	David Noyes
Historian Chair	Linda Conrad

Absent:

Membership	Lori Leach
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Regular Business:

November minutes were approved by email prior to Blazer printing.

2. Treasurer’s report (Rachel)

Beginning balance.....	\$15,337
Checks and payments.....	\$13,511
Deposits and credits.....	\$18,888
Uncleared ending balance.....	\$20,714

General liability insurance for the board costs about \$3,400 this year. We voted unanimously to approve this liability policy. We were quoted over \$21,000 for 1 year of building coverage for Tyee. Our insurer will not insure Nesika. We decided to continue to pursue reasonable costs for insurance.

Note: In the days following our meeting Rachel and Joel worked with our insurance broker and found a plan through Oregon Fair Plan

Association that will provide coverage for Nesika. A summation follows:
Nesika: \$400,000 structure and \$50,000 contents (i.e. appliances, etc.) = \$6,291 (Oregon Fair Plan Association).
Tyee: \$600,000 structure and \$50,000 contents plus liability policy on both lodges = \$4,529.61
The total cost to renew the liability and property policies together is \$10,821. This is \$679 under the budgeted amount for insurance this year. The board approved these 2 policies via email.

2. Membership Report, Lori absent

3. Publications Report, Joel
Our website can now support both paid and free event registrations for the same event.

4. Nesika Report, Glen
The trees are falling more regularly and are becoming a bigger problem. It took all day to remove 50+ trees from the road with 8 chainsaws and their competent operators. 2 new large trees have fallen in the last week since our tree removal trip.

5. Tyee Report, Paul
We had two large events at Tyee in November. Troop 396 from West Linn had 9 adults and 15 Scouts. The Pre-Thanksgiving meal the following week saw 30 people sitting down for dinner with a slideshow by Craig Gwydir afterward.
The heating issues are still being worked out, but Paul has proved it is possible to get the lodge to temperature, it just takes longer. Temperature inside the lodge has been in the mid twenties so it takes time to get to 65 degrees. There is 4 feet of snow at the lodge as of last Friday.
He's looking forward to a second winter on his watch despite the lack of furnace...
A project for next summer.

6. Trips Report, Crissi
It was a slow month: 1 camping trip, 3 hikes and an online planning meeting.

7. Social Report, Julia

In November, the social committee hosted a Fall Social in connection with the Annual Meeting. The event was held at the Fulton Park Community Center in Portland on 11/13/22. It was a time to connect with each other and celebrate the work of TCO volunteers. There was a slideshow reminding us of trips and events from this past year, live music by Tom Thrall, raffle prizes and a Bake Contest. Thank you to all who contributed to making this event enjoyable!

8. History Committee, Linda Conrad

Things are moving forward with the history project. She has found a graphic designer willing to come to Nesika to put together a presentation for our club.

What is needed:

1. A computer. She would like to recover on from the history office to create a video presentation.
2. A printer. She would like a color printer to create albums of our pictures so the originals do not have to leave the lodge. These pictures would tell the history of our club in 2-3 albums.
3. She would like to have \$600 for 3-4 history work shops at Nesika with a limit of 10 people at each. Food for 3 meals would cost \$150 per weekend.

New Business:

1. History Committee Requests:

- \$600 for history work weekends
- \$300 for printer, ink and photo paper
- \$100 for posters and updated pictures for mantels
- \$100 for finishing the history corner with covers for love seats and cushions

The proposed funding for the history committee should be included in the big budget for 2023.

If the computer is not recoverable Linda will need money to purchase a computer to work on history projects.

We had 2 computers in the office before it was closed and a scanner (that is now at Nesika). The old printer is obsolete. Joel has an external hard drive with scans that are also on the computer. Craig will work with Linda to get (a) machine(s) available with reasonable cost. He will contact Linda to see what she needs.

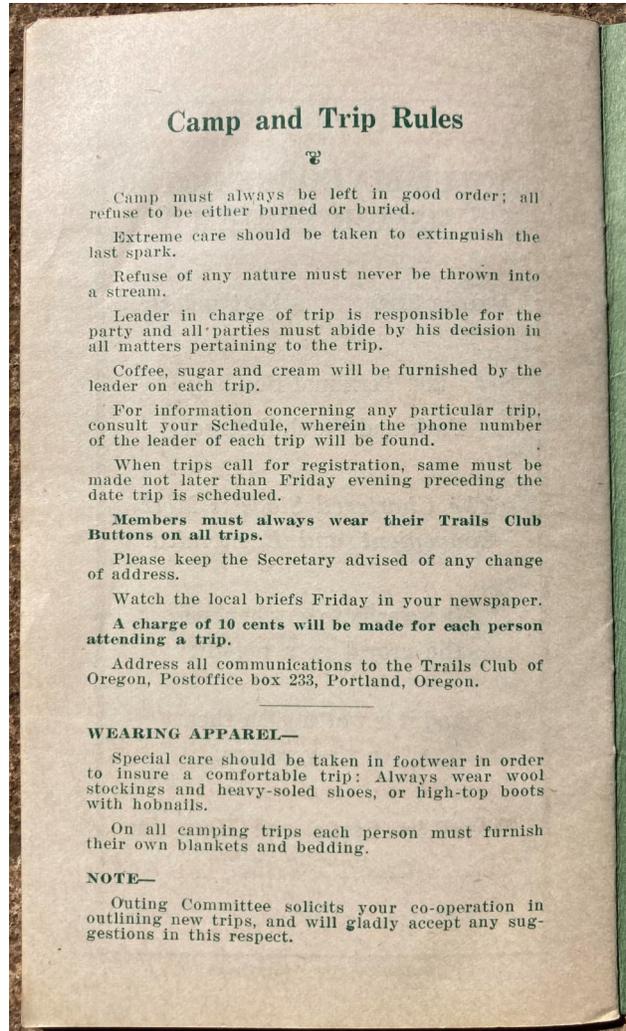
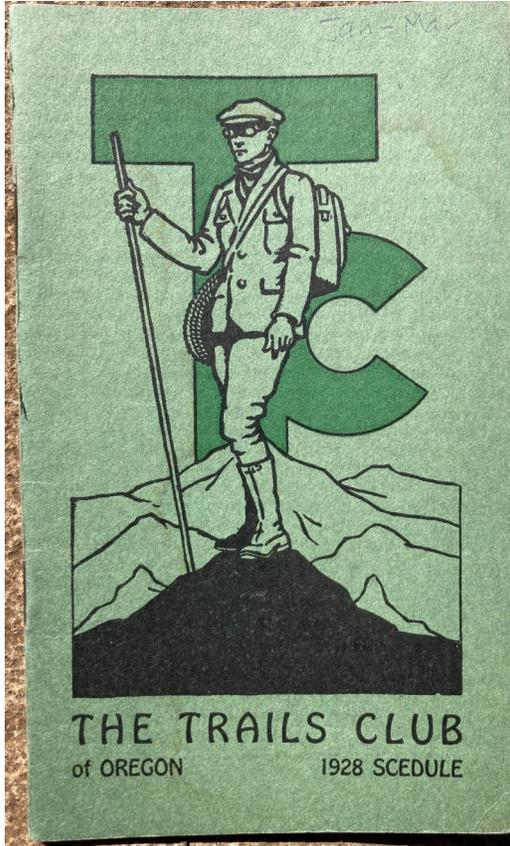
2. Lodge budgets. How to develop budgets for the new year? Lodge chairs will estimate lodge income as well as expense. We discussed how board members who have a budget along with those that have held budget positions in the past can support each other in budget development. Start with last year's budget and look at operating expenses and tweak for the next year. We will approve the budget in February. Put budget ideas on January's board agenda and, then, have it ready for approval in February. We will put a notice in the Blazer about committees (Memorial Endowment fund, etc.) that need volunteers. We have email addresses for history, bicycle, conservation and diversity and equity, and Nesika road clearing committees on our website. It's suggested to list these addresses in the Blazer. Vacant positions should be noted in the hope that members will volunteer to serve.

3. Nesika tree cutting request, Linda

We need a chairperson to remove trees. Glen and Linda sponsored the last tree removal effort with over 20 people helping. She thinks we will need a fund for this committee to clear the road. She suggests 6 days of tree removal at \$100-\$150 per work day for a total of around \$600-\$800. This amount would cover food, gas, and oil for chainsaws. We might want to ask the membership for a donation of a chain saw. It will no longer be safe to go into Nesika without a chain saw since trees fall on the road unexpectedly. A voucher can be completed for chain sharpening costs. The chair of the road clearing committee will supply gas and oil. The extra cost will be

added to Nesika's budget. We will seek a person to head up the road clearing crew. For the next 5 years or so, trees will fall down as a result of the 2017 fire.

Adjourned at 8:25
Next meeting, January 10, Bev's home
Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary



TCO Trip Rules: 1928. Photos: Jennifer Samuels



Snowy Nesika. Photo: Crisse Milner



Welcome to Nesika. Photo: Aaron Aschenfelter

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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