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FEBRUARY 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

3-5	Fri-Sat	Kids Stay Free at Tyee
7	Tue	Milo McIver Hike
14-20	Tue-Mon	Nevada Car Camping
17-20	Fri-Mon	Tyee Lodge is Open
18	Sat	Hike & Dine at Tyee Lodge
21-23	Tue-Thu	Tyee Lodge is Open

Get involved at TCO!

Lodge and Road Clearing Committees

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

Calling All Musicians! TCO is looking for members who have musical talents and might enjoy a chance to play live at the club's Social Gatherings. Solo acts or small ensembles are welcome! If you are a singer, or play a musical instrument and might be interested in joining in the fun, contact Tom at [<tom_thrall@hotmail.com>](mailto:tom_thrall@hotmail.com)

Welcome New Member!

Janice Messervier

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2023 7:00-9:00

Bev Drottar's home

Attendees:

President	Bev Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
Membership	Lori Leach
Publications	Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee	Crisse Milner
Trips Trustee	Craig Gwydir
Social Trustee	Dave Noyes

Absent:

Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
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Regular Business:

December minutes were approved by email prior to the Blazer publication.

Craig Gwydir was approved as Trips Trustee via email in December, 2022.

Treasurer's Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance 12/31/22:	\$20,714
Checks and Payment:	\$14,902
Deposits and Credits:	\$3,337
Cleared Balance:	\$9,148

Full reports as well as the 2022 Trial Balance and General Ledger Reports can be accessed by board members:

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Trustees%20Share/Monthly%20Treasurer's%20Reports>

Both insurance policies as well as the D&O Board Insurance are now renewed.

Documentation on these policies can be accessed by board members in Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Trustees%20Share/Insurance>

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Federation of Western Outdoors Clubs (FWOC)

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Documents to help with 2023 Budgeting:
2023 Account Listing - This is a listing of every accounts we currently have within Quickbooks. When you create your budget, you will need to tell Rachel how much to put into each account category under your budget area. Taxes will be our next big expense. A second generation club member donated \$2000 for use at Nesika. The Nesika committee will decide by next month the best use for it.

Membership Report, Lori

First Readings:

Mark Rees (Vancouver), Sponsored by Beverly Drottar and Glen Conrad

John Burkhart (Vancouver), Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Judy Immesoete

Approved Second Reading:

Janice Messervier (Beaverton)

Resignations:

Sara Chan, Marilyn Ohm, Chirzuru Naruse, Laure Bordelon

Membership summary:

101 paid members for 2023. 10 Golden, 2 Junior, 35 Life, 1 Life/Golden, 8 Provisional, 1 Provisional Jr, 248 Regular
Total membership: 305

Publications Report, Joel

There was a snafu with our reservations for events. It has been fixed. We will continue to use board address for board only. An address for the agenda will be used for anyone who wants notification of board meeting agendas. Our final print Blazer will be March of 2023.

Nesika Report, Glen and Crisse

More trees are down on the road. We have enough wood for the winter.

We are working to put together a road clearing crew.

Tyee Report, Paul via email

December started well with Sheryl having 12 guests from her local youth group. We had a good start to the snow season.

Unfortunately, during her first experience as host, Olivia encountered a frozen split shower pipe and damaged shower valve. Between Olivia, Sheryl and Joel the shower was capped off and the water cleaned up. Olivia's father, Jim, stepped up and said he would like a shower so he and Emerson rebuilt the entire shower. A verbal Thank You was said many times and I

sent a Thank You card on behalf of the club to his home in Florida. So we are ready for winter 2023.

Trips Report, Craig

2 membership trips to Nesika

1 backpack on New Year's Eve

We discussed the need to keep the ornament trail maintained, cleaning the trash and fallen ornaments regularly. Glass ornaments should not be used because they fill with water, freeze and break.

Social Report, David

Will try to have a couple socials before the spring "banquet."

New Business

Tyee 2023 Budget

A request for a 5% increase above 2022's budget for ongoing maintenance, supplies, and mileage reimbursement. Two big projects we wish to complete:

1. Cedar tongue and groove ceiling in dining room, trim, faux beams and accessories \$3,000; LED lighting in the dining room \$500. Total \$3,500

2. Upgrade to games room and basement painting and repair. \$1,000

Tyee income for 2022 was \$6,000. Paul expects it to rise to at least \$7,000 with the 20% overnight fee increase and the large Catlin Gabel school booking in July.

There is \$7,500 budgeted from 2022 for the furnace installation. Paul believes there is money enough to include the chimney flue cleaning and duct cleaning (which may have never been done).

Award Plaques

Bev has the plaques. We should have them ready by next month.

Life memberships bylaw change

We briefly discussed a suggested change about life memberships and decided that interested members could pursue it.

Possible 501c Status, Donor Offer

We have received a generous matching donation plan from a lifelong, second generation club member. The offer would require that the club obtain 501(C)3 status. Beverly, Lori and Jennifer will look into it.

Adjourned at 8:45

Submitted Rebecca Knudeson, secretary

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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