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OCTOBER EVENTS

Event information, sign-up and scheduling are available on

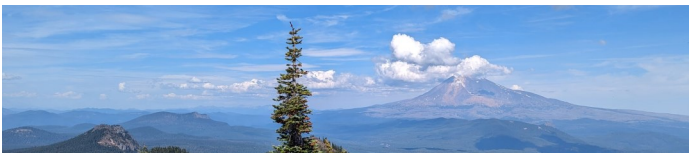
TCO Website Calendar

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

Meetup

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

4	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
6-8	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Party
6-8	Fri-Sun	Tyee - Open for Members
7	Sat	Hike: Multnomah Falls to Nesika
7	Sat	Membership Hike: Timberline
10	Tues	Board Meeting, Zoom
11	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
14	Sat	Social at Stub Stewart
14	Sat	Idiot Creek Loop Hike
20-22	Fri-Sun	Deschutes River Backpack
20-22	Fri-Sun	Food Dehydration for Backpacking
25	Weds	Halloween Decoration Cond Hike
28-29	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party
28	Sat	Tyee Harvest Party



Welcome New Members!

Megan Nace

Paul Fusch

October TCO Social:

Annular Solar Eclipse Alternative!

Saturday, October 14, 12:00-3:00
Hilltop Shelter, Stub Stewart State Park

Can't make it to Prineville or the Southern Oregon Coast to see the eclipse? Hot drinks, refreshments and snacks will be available. This is a potluck so bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hike Trustee Craig will be leading a hike prior to the social in the Tillamook State Forest, so feel free to join in. The park has a vast array of walking trails. The Banks Vernonia Linear Trail is one of the best multi use trails in the area so bring a bike or take a hike!



Tyee Open House. Photo: Nicole Rogers



Nesika Work Weekend. Photo: Craig Gwydir

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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 12, 2023 7:00-9:00 | Zoom

Attendees:

President:	Bev Drottar
Vice President:	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer:	Rachel Eggers
Secretary:	Rebecca Knudeson
Publications:	Joel Reitz
Membership:	Lori Leach
Tyee Trustee:	Paul Cutter
Nesika Trustee:	Crisse Milner
Trips Trustee:	Craig Gwydir
Social Trustee:	David Noyes
Nom Future Treasurer:	Nicole Rogers

Regular Business:

July board minutes were approved by email prior to The Blazer publication.

Treasurer's Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance, July:	\$15,731
Checks and Payments:	\$10,645
Deposits and Credits:	\$562
Cleared Balance:	\$5,648

Beginning Balance, Aug:	\$5,648
Checks and Payments:	\$13,365
Deposits and Credits:	\$2,072
Cleared Balance:	\$6,356



Waespe Point. Photo: Nicole Rogers

Documents stored on Dropbox

- Membership applications for Cherry Stovall and Norma Gregor have been sent to the Membership chair.
- Tyee key application forms from Craig Gwydir and Nicole Rogers have been uploaded to Dropbox.
- Ad hoc report sent to Paul with listing of all payments made to the US Forest Service for his meeting with them on Tuesday.
- Transition of Quickbooks and check payments will be made to Nicole Rogers this coming weekend. Rachel will then move to a consulting role, giving Nicole the information she needs to handle the day to day affairs of the club.
- Full transition of the accounts themselves will happen in January or February after the membership has elected Nicole. At that time, we will move her into the "owner" position on the checking account and remove Rachel.

Membership Report, Lori

Provisional: Norma Gregory

First Reading: Cherry Stovall, sponsored by Nicole Rogers and Trisha Schultz

Approved Second Readings:

Megan Nace, sponsored by Eric Zimmerman and Janice Messervier
Paul Fusch, sponsored by Nicole Rogers and Craig Gwydir

Membership:

9 Golden, 1 Junior, 35 Life, 1 Life/Golden, 8 Provisional, 1 Provisional Jr, 223 Regular, 278 Total

Publications Report, Joel

Joel is doing regular maintenance.

Nesika Report, Crisse

Pete R and Paul C were able to order and install one window. Everything worked well. They ordered the remaining windows which are on the way. We are hoping to have them installed before at the October work party. Larch Mt Road construction is almost complete. Weather permitting, it will be done by the end of September, and we should have no further access limitations or restrictions. Technically they have until the end of Oct to complete the road work and will keep us posted if there is a need to work past the end of Sept. Glen C and Bob W were at the lodge last weekend and began to repair the tractor. They will continue the work this weekend.

We have a work event scheduled for Sept 15-17 where we will be prepping for replacing the windows and exploring how to build the doors for the dorm basement.

We have two more work events scheduled this year, Oct 6-8 and Nov 17-19, when we will close up for winter.

Tyee Report, Paul

The Catlin Gabel week was very successful with 20 teenagers, 5 adults and \$2,000 in lodge fees. The ceiling is complete, \$1300 under budget, at \$2200 total. The basement and games room painting is nearly completed and should be finished this fall. Joel installed LED tubes throughout the entire lodge.

The Forest Service has finally caught up on their billing from 2019 through 2023 and billed us as follows:

2019 We owe \$985.

(We will dispute this amount as we have already paid \$665. It includes 2018, which needs to be sorted.)

2020 We owe \$300. Lodge closed for COVID

2021 We owe \$300. Lodge closed for COVID

2022 We owe \$1,925 based on a complicated formula revenue of \$6,400 (will be questioned)

2023 We owe \$300. Balance to be paid in the fall when revenue is completed.

Paul requested a meeting with the 3 folks involved in this billing to get clarification. He and Joel met with them virtually on 9/12. The outcomes of the meeting were:

- Paul asked about the possibility of receiving credit for Nesika road clearing and the hundreds of manual hours Catlin Gabel volunteered at Camp Cody while they stayed at Tyee.



Huckleberries! Photo: Craig Gwydir

- Crisse will provide hours, dates, descriptions and expenses donated by our members in clearing roads near Nesika so we can submit it to the USFS.
- The 2022 payment will be deferred because it is high and was issued late.
- We may get some credit for our members who volunteered with the Trailkeepers of Oregon.
- Joel will write a paragraph for the Blazer asking our members who have volunteered for PCT or TKO to let us know the hours (and dates?) they have donated to these organizations.
- The USFS also asked whether we have performed fire prevention clearing and brush thinning.
- We understand that the Mazamas have reduced/eliminated their fees paid to the USFS by maintaining a trail on Mt. Hood. We should investigate the possibility for TCO.
- It is critical that we encourage youth groups to use the lodge, and we need to be sure all children at Tyee are logged into the register as a child since the USFS' land fee formula is positively weighted for youth.

Paul needs to update Tyee's operating plan for the USFS. It was last done in 2019 by Aaron. Sept 23 is the Tyee Open House. Paul encourages all board members to attend to see how the Board's allocation of money was spent. With Paul's encouragement, all weekends in Jan and Feb have assigned hosts.

Trips Report, Craig

During August and September, we have had 2 Trip Leaders Online Planning events, 4 day hike events, 1 day tour, 1 backpack and Wednesday conditioning hikes. □ The Bull Run Watershed tour was very well attended with a full 12 person TCO group. It was a full day and very informative. The Trails Club made contact with the Bull Run staff who were not familiar with us or the location of Nesika Lodge. It was good to introduce ourselves to them since we are essentially neighbors. We will need some TCO hike leaders to assist leading fall events. Craig is looking into doing a TKO meetup event.

Social Report, David

The next event is 10/14 at Stub Stewart Park with snacks and drinks or a potluck picnic. Craig will work on a couple of hikes in the area which also has good biking and walks.

History Report, Linda C via email

The history committee is organizing the many photos for a display at Tyee. There is much to do as the collection is disorganized. We are trying to let the pictures tell a story in a timeline format. If time allows, we want to make some posters. We have two new runners to place in front of the Schrader wood stove. We would like to have seat cushions on the benches for comfort. Donations would be appreciated. We will have pictures available for the back pack class also. Eventually we want to write a story for the Blazer each month but, currently, we are focused on organization. We are also trying to get the pictures into archival albums for protection and are close to being finished.

OLD BUSINESS

501(c)(3) discussion, Lori

We had a member, Rom G, respond to the Blazer notice asking for input with this endeavor. He has a nonprofit for medical work in Uganda and recommends StartCHURCH, the organization that helped him establish 501(c)(3) status a number of years ago. Lori talked with them. They could help us through the necessary steps and provide lifetime access to a software program to support us as a 501(c)(3). The process would cost less than \$3500 including the StartRIGHT fees and the one time payments to Oregon and the IRS.

The President appointed a committee: Lori L, Rebecca K, and Nicole R. Craig knows another member who has experience operating a nonprofit. He will ask him if he would like to help. The committee will develop a proposal to present to the membership at the annual meeting for approval to move forward

with the 501(c)(3). We expect it will be necessary to call a special meeting in 2024 for a vote to amend our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal from Paul

Paul suggested offering reduced lodge fees for groups of adult nonmembers much like we do for youth groups. The Board decided not to approve it at this time.

Fundraising, Linda Conrad

Linda will have a fundraiser at her Backpack Class. She needs donations for raffle items. Eric and Craig are discussing ideas.

FWOC annual meeting representative

No one attended as a TCO representative this year. Craig is willing to attend this zoom meeting each year.

New members communications, Eric and Lori

We need more communication with applicants after provisional applications are submitted. Lori wants to put together a timeline for communication, including a condensed explanation of the process for membership. Lori will contact Eric who has indicated an interest in improving communication. Lori will report back next month.

Financial Information for membership

We need to have a presentation at the Annual Meeting about our financial situation and how we are slowly draining the fund we gained when the club sold property near Nesika decades ago. Our budget has been about \$10,000 in the hole each of the recent years. Bev will present this situation in light of our pursuit of nonprofit status.

Nominations

We will put a notice in the next Blazer to announce the Nesika Trustee (or co trustee) board position that will be open starting in January.

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 conditions may increase the exertion and skill required; be prepared. Contact the trip leader if you have any questions and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring the 10 Essentials and please, no alcohol. 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.

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

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