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Open House

The OEO Committee is proud to host a Tye Open House, Saturday, July 11th from 9am-3pm. We invite current and prospective members to come see the Lodge. A schedule is posted on the Meetup site [here](#). Please RSVP via Meetup if you plan to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet potential members and connect with old friends.

The Trails Club of Oregon now has 501(c)(3) status!

Trails Club of Oregon is a tax-exempt public charity under IRC Section 501(c)(3), effective March 2, 2026 (EIN: 93-6026721). Donor contributions are fully tax-deductible, and the organization is eligible to receive tax-deductible bequests and gifts.

July Events

Check the [Trails Club of Oregon website calendar](#) for up-to-date event listings.
Click on the Details Icon for a link to the event.

See the [trip reports](#) on the TCO website to see what you have missed!



Details

Obsidian/Scott Loop Backpack

Jun 29-Jul 1, Mon-Wed

Leader: Tom Thrall



Details

Costa Rican and American meet - Tye

Jul 1, Wed

Leader: Paul Cutter & Gabriella Maertens



Details

Wednesday Evening Hike

Jul 1, Wed

Leaders: TBD



Details

Nesika open

Jul 3-5, Fri-Sun

Leader: Pete Recksiek



Details

Wednesday Evening Hike

Jul 8, Wed

Leaders: TBD



Details

Introductory Backpack - Tye

Jul 10-11, Fri-Sat

Leader: Tom Thrall & Julia Carroll



Details

Tye Open

Jul 10-12, Fri-Sun

Leader: Sebastian Powers-Leach & Julia Carroll



Details

Tye Open House: RSVP

Jul 11, Sat

Leader: Sebastian Powers-Leach & Julia Carroll & Tom Thrall



Details

Day Hike to Table Rock, Oregon

Jul 12, Sun

Leaders: TBD



Details

Tye Private Group Retreat

Jul 12-14, Sun-Tue

Leader: Joel Reitz



Details

Board Meeting

Jul 14, Tues

On Zoom



Details

Wednesday Evening Hike

Jul 15, Wed

Leaders: TBD



Details

CDT Sheridan Road to Heart Lake - Wy

Jul 16-26, Thu-Sun

Leader: Linda Conrad



Welcome

Provisional Members:

Debra Dia

New Members:

Zlatko Tanovic sponsored by Jeff Churchill and Lori Leach



Photo: Sheryl Wagner - Zinger at the splitter



Photo: Sheryl Wagner - Olivia at the games closet



Photo: Sheryl Wagner - Marybeth and Lori cleaning the basement



Photo: Bev Drottar - Social picnic



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Photo: Eric Zimmerman - Multnomah Creek

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026 Time: 7:00-9:00 PM Location: Zoom

Attendees:

President:	Bev Drottar
Vice President:	Eric Zimmerman
Treasurer:	Sydney Jackson
Secretary:	Rebecca Knudeson
Publications:	Joel Reitz

Membership: Lori Leach
Tye Trustee: Eric "Zinger" Eisinger
Nesika Trustee: Pete Recksiek
Trips Trustee: Craig Gwydir
Outdoor Ed/Outreach Trustee: Sebastian Powers-Leach
Fiduciary for Fidelity Account: Chris Monti

REGULAR BUSINESS

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report, Sydney

Beginning Balance, 6/8/2026:	\$17,308.62
Checks and Payments:	\$2,192.21
Deposits and Credits:	\$1,214.60
Cleared Balance:	\$16,331.01

Complete reports can be found by the Board in Dropbox.

June will be the last month we pay for the original, non 501(c3) Quickbooks license. It's been a process migrating over. Sydney had to upgrade the original license. As of 6/8/2026, the migration has begun and the last steps will be reconnecting to the bank and updating settings.

Bev will sign the Business Annual Report form and a Department of Justice form for registering as a 501(c3).

Membership Report, Lori

Provisional: Debra Dia

Membership Reading unanimously approved:
Zlatko Tanovic sponsored by Jeff Churchill and Lori Leach.

Total membership: 265
8 Golden, 3 Junior, 34 Life, 12 Provisional, 204 Regular

Publications Report, Joel

The lodge fee payment form is now live with improved mobile interface, automatic fee calculation, and 90-day payment log accessible to lodge chairs. The new system separates lodge fees and meal fees in reports for bookkeeping purposes. A voluntary Stripe fee option has been implemented for the shopping cart; lodge fee direct payments bypass WooCommerce without additional fees.

Nesika Report, Pete

5/16 Rob Parker hosted a weekend at Nesika for hikers and volunteers

5/23 Pete Recksiek hosted the Memorial weekend for recreational hikers. 6 of 7 members made it up Larch Mountain to Sherard Point (the cook needed a nap).

5/28 Pete Recksiek hosted a volunteer work weekend. The dorm breaker panel was connected to the grid, all switches and outlets upstairs were tested successfully. Lighting will be done on the next trip. Wood was split, hauled and stacked. The metal door to the generator shack was repaired. Grass was mowed and the pedestrian trail was trimmed.

6/4/26 Rob Parker and Ken Potter finished the dorm electrical installation, with lights in the

dorm and shop. Way to go guys!

Forestry Service update: No work has been done on installing water bars on the Basin Road this month because crews have been out attending to fires. ODF is planning to complete the project this summer, so please check in with Pete Recksiek if going in by car during the week.

The old tractor has been pushed outside the garage, and the team is working on placement in the parking lot and a removal strategy.

Tyee Report, Eric Zinger

We had a fantastic turnout for the work party, 26 folks in total over the course of the 4 days. 8 participated in the work in lieu project on Kiwanis Camp Road, collecting 6 bags of trash and 32 total hours towards our rent! We dropped 2 large trees which turned into 3 cords of split and stacked fire wood. 6 tent pads were cleared. The water seeps into the lodge have been located and a plan is being established for remediation. Two new drain catchments with strainer baskets were installed to prevent pine needle clogs. The squirrels have been evicted from the vestibule under the kitchen deck. The game cabinet had been purged of redundant and broken games and puzzles which have been donated. Tyee lodge is appreciative of all the love!

This year's heating oil consumption was reduced to a half tank versus three-quarters last year.

It was moved and seconded to remove the old ski patrol sled: 7 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 opposed.

Trips Report, Craig

Craig suggests we no longer collect a \$2 hike fee. He will look at changing the trip log form.

The Wednesday evening hikes continued through May. There was an online TCO "Trails Talk!" presentation via ZOOM. Please see the online trailsclub.org calendar and the Trails Club of Oregon Meetup site for trips information.

Craig will create QR codes for Nesika and Tyee lodges linking directly to payment form with pre-selected lodge options.

The TCO Stormy Trails committee examined the following Basin trails on May 31:

Cougar Rock Trail - clear, no obstacles, brushy (ferns) in short sections

Elevator Shaft Trail - clear, no obstacles, not brushy

High Water Trail - clear, no obstacles, brush cleared May 31

Ornament Trail - clear, no obstacles, brush cleared May 31

Basin Cutoff Trail - clear, no obstacles, brush cleared May 31

Nesika to Franklin Connector Trail - clear, no obstacles, brush cleared May 31

Please email tripschair@trailsclub.org if you are interested in assisting with trail work, including trail scouting, restoration and maintenance.

Call for help: If you are interested in learning about adventures on the Multnomah Plateau and willing to help co-lead hikes and/or join a TCO trips planning committee, please join our "TCO Talks Talk!" this month, or send questions to tripschair@trailsclub.org.

Outdoor Ed and Outreach, Sebastian Powers-Leach

The OEO committee is planning an open house hosted at Tyee on Saturday, July 11, to encourage new membership. We are meeting as a committee next week (June 15) to finalize plans and details. As this is the first open house this group has hosted, it'll be a good trial run for future open house-style events to promote the club. This event coincides with an

introductory backpack that weekend up and around Tyee, which will be another great opportunity to get folks to try sleeping outside—with the security of the lodge just down the hill. Thank you especially to Tom Thrall and Julia Carroll for all your work on these two events!

Social Report, Jeff via email

We had a very successful Spring Social Picnic at Sellwood Park this past Saturday with an attendance of 31 people despite the rainy weather. See the photos on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/303364637180/>

OLD BUSINESS

Threadneedle memorial fund

Chris Monti, a TCO member and a fiduciary in charge of our Fidelity account, explained what was needed to move our Memorial fund from Threadneedle to Fidelity. He will submit a letter to Threadneedle authorizing a fund transfer to Fidelity.

Bev moved and Eric Z seconded to remove Randy Dietrich from trading authority on the Fidelity account. It passed unanimously.

Eric E moved and Eric Z seconded to add Lori and Joel as backup agents on the Fidelity account. It passed unanimously.

Rebecca moved and Eric Z seconded to authorize Chris to send a letter to Threadneedle telling them to transfer the fund to Fidelity. It passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Eric will lead the July meeting. We will not hold an August meeting.

2) At the end of the year, we will need to send receipts and/or letters of acknowledgment to everyone who made a donation to TCO. Eric E will work with Sydney on it.

3) Rebecca will contact the long time member who had offered to do a challenge grant when we get 501(c)(3) status.

Moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 8:36.

Next meeting July 14, 2026, Zoom

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

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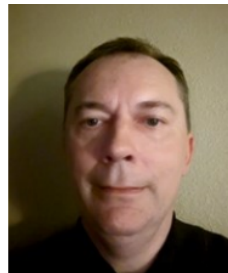
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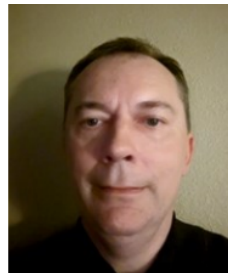
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Reminders

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 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 for day activities. Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.20 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.50 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.

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Member of the 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 second Tuesday of the month, 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 site](#) that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-ofOregon/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 Trail 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.

Send write-ups to: Blazer@TrailsClub.org

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

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Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the

Trails Club of Oregon website to: webmaster@TrailsClub.org

