



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

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1	Sun	Hike to Nesika Lodge--Class B
1	Sun	New Year's Day Snowshoe--Class A
2-4	Mon-Wed	Tyee Lodge Open
4	Wed	Morning Hike--Class--A/B
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6-8	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open--Nite in the White
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7	Sat	Ghost Ridge Snowshoe--Class B
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15	Sun	Blazer Deadline
17	Tue	Board Meeting—7PM, Mazama MC
18	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
19	Thu	Adventures & Travel--Death Valley
21	Sat	Snowshoe Hike at Mt. Hood--Class B
25	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
25	Wed	Social Committee Meeting
25-29	Wed-Sun	Suttle Lake Winter Trip
28	Sat	Pocket Creek XC Ski Trip--Class A
28	Sat	Silver Falls Hike--Class B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section.
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

Announcements

2012 Dues Reminder

Remember to pay your 2012 Annual Dues. A late fee of \$5.00 applies after February 1st.

January Board Meeting

The January TCO Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, at the Mazama Mountaineering Center at 7:00 PM

Coordinators Needed for Weekend Hikes

If you are a club member please consider scheduling fellow club members for hike leads. A list of members who are possible hike leaders is available. A Backpack Coordinator and a Kayak Coordinator are also needed. All these Coordinators find leaders and oversee getting event notices sent in before the deadline each month. For more information please contact Trips Trustee Carolyn Jenkins at 503-422-6456 or TripsChair@trailsclub.org

Events

Jan 1 (Sun) Hike to Nesika Lodge - Class B

Let's begin the New Year in a fun and healthy way. Join friends, old and new, on this traditional New Year's Day hike to the lodge high above Multnomah Falls in the Columbia Gorge. Prepare for winter weather. The trail may be icy so bring hiking poles and Yak Trax (or similar) traction devices for your boots. Bring a lunch to enjoy in front of the huge stone fireplace. Hike 8 miles RT with 1826 feet elevation gain. Depart: 9 AM from SE Corner, Gateway Transit Center
Leader: Brian Carlson 503-703-8598 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Jan 1 (Sun) New Year's Day Snowshoe - Class A

Start the New Year with a snowshoe hike in the winter wonderland. On Sunday, we will start from Tyee Lodge at 10 a.m. for an easy snowshoe hike on West Leg Rd for 4 miles. Leader will be staying at lodge. Please be aware of clothing and equipment requirements and

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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 \$45 in dues for first household member, \$25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month ,7:00 pm, at Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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bring water for a safe and fun trip. This is a Membership Qualifying Hike for Prospective New Members For registration and more info, contact Callista Snively at membershipchair@trailsclub.org or 503-330-7344

Jan 2-4 (Mon-Wed) Tyee Lodge Open

Come join us at Tyee Lodge. This is a "Host only" event. Bring and cook your own food. Callista Snively and Arleta Miller are the Hosts.

For registration and more information, contact Callista Snively at kissta9@gmail.com or 503-330-7344

Jan 4 (Wed) Morning Hike.-Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Mike Harrison, 971-279-2707

Jan 4-6 (Wed-Fri) Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee

Gathering of Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee Lodge. Lodge will not close on Friday as Gerda Eck will host the weekend. Call Gerda for reservations. Join in a "membership" ski or snowshoe (if snow is poor). Room rate \$10/Day for TCO and \$15 for guests. Meals \$10/Day for breakfast and dinner (two breakfasts, two dinners \$20). Bring your lunch, sleeping bag, pillow & towel. No alcohol. Host: Pete Nelson, Cook: Nancy Overpeck

Departure: 9:30AM from the Government Camp rest stop (if you don't know where to park for the lodge) Meet at the SnoPark on Timberline Road at 10:00AM

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 1st

Contact: Pete Nelson 503-591-0160 or petermvnelson@gmail.com

Jan 6-8 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Lodge - Nite in the White

What does this mean? Well - bring your tent and try it out, the annual snow camp event is called Nite-in-the-White and brings out adventurers, plus some are wanna-be adventurers. It gives you the opportunity to try snow camping. Pitch your tent in the summer parking lot, yes it is snow covered, come in for meals or to warm up or to say: forget this, I am using a bunk. Participate with the campfire in the snow, view the star studded sky and then sleep outside! Fun? YES.! Questions? ask Allen Burrell at burrell@teleport.com

Note: the lodge opens on Wednesday with Nancy and Pete hosting until Friday, when Allen and Gerda take over for the weekend - you can make a winter vacation of it if you want.

Sign up for dinner Friday and/or Saturday plus breakfast Saturday and/or Sunday, come for one or two or all meals - your choice, but sign up early!

Reservations: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214 or gerdaeck@comcast.net

Jan 7 (Sat) Trillium Lake XC Ski – Class A

We will do a 5 mile loop around Trillium Lake. Please sign up with leader by 8 p.m. Friday Jan 6, I can arrange car-pools, as I will be at Tyee Lodge.

Depart: 10:00 a.m. at Mazama Snopark. Drivers need snopark permit. Call leader if more complete driving directions are needed.

Leader: Barb Jones 503-819-8983

Jan 7 (Sat) Ghost Ridge Snowshoe - Class B

Beginning at Barlow Pass, the snowshoe will follow level trails to some steep climbing just before we reach the summit. Great views (weather-permitting) of Mt Hood and Mt Jefferson are possible. 5 miles with 800 ft elev gain. No cotton clothing, please. Vehicles will need to display a Sno-Park permit. Leader is staying at Tyee Lodge for “Nite in the White”.

Depart: Call for Details

Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com or 503-654-1353

Jan 8 (Sun) Crosstown Loop X/C Ski Trip- Class B

We will start at Tyee lodge, follow the ski trail North of Government Camp toward Enid Lake, cross Hwy 26 and return via Ski Bowl and Multorpor. This X/C ski trip is approx 8 miles. If you are not staying at the lodge, please contact leader Gerda to figure out a meeting place.

Depart: Tyee Lodge - time TBD, contact leader

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214

Jan 11 (Wed) Morning Hike Class.-A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Jan 14 (Sat) Saturday Surprise Hike – Class A

Bring at least \$15 in small bills for carpool expenses, in case the round trip is 100 miles. Bring lunch and water. Hike not more than 8 miles with 1000 feet elevation gain. Check the new Cold Weather Guideline, www.trailsclub.org, Hiking Page, for hints on how to stay warm and happy. Back to Gateway hopefully by 4 PM, could be sooner. Destination decided by Friday before hike, call for more information.

Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 9 AM.

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Jan 18 (Wed) Morning Hike Class.-A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Ron Kinder 503-636-4166

Jan 19 (Thu) Adventures & Travel: Death Valley

Is your idea of Death Valley that it is just a desert? Come and enjoy a presentation of pictures from this wonderful, diverse National Park of over three million acres. On four

trips there, Gary Holman and Brian Carlson have explored the park – from the main tourist areas that are easy to access, to the rugged back-country roads that require a four wheel drive vehicle, or just hiking cross-country. They will show the different sides of this area that is not just a desert, but so much more. Come for desert and dessert! Refreshments and coffee at 7 p.m. Slideshow at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Rose Villa Fellowship Hall ,
13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie

For more information contact: Lisa Osburn
riversdream@msn.com or cell 503-476-5638

Jan 21 (Sat) Snowshoe Hike at Mt. Hood - Class B

Hoping for a good snow by now to get up and enjoy a long hike in the woods. Depending on conditions we'll take a five to seven mile adventure through the trees. More info as the date draws near. Call or e-mail for the latest.

Leader: Brian Carlson 503-703-8598 or
owatta53@hotmail.com

Jan 25 (Wed) Morning Hike Class.-A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Carolyn Coleman 503-635-5991

Jan 25 (Wed) Social Committee Meeting

This is our first meeting of the year. Anyone interested in being a part of the Social Committee or helping with events is invited to come. We will be signing up people to help with refreshments at social events, signing up coordinators for this year's social activities, and planning future events and meetings. Social Activities include: Adventures & Travel Slideshow Presentations, Eat & Hike Picnics, Hike & Dine Lodge Events, Holiday Lodge Events, and the Annual TCO Banquet. Please contact the Social Trustee if you plan attend, to help determine a meeting place. Location: To Be Determined
For more information contact: Lisa Osburn
riversdream@msn.com or cell 503-476-5638

Jan 25-29 (Wed-Sun) Suttle Lake Winter Trip

Come and enjoy the very cozy Wesley Meadows Lodge at Suttle Lake. This camp is run by The United Methodist Church and Oregon Episcopal Diocese. We can downhill ski at Hoodoo, cross country ski or snowshoe at Ray Benson Sno-Park or other areas in the Metolius or Sisters area. You can also relax or visit Sisters. Price for 4 nights, Wed thru Sat night, including food and trip fees, is \$165 for Trails Club Members, or \$170.00 for Cascade Prime Timers. Bedrooms have twin beds. Limit of 24 people. If less than 15 people overnight price may increase. No refunds for food costs after Jan. 18. For a minimum of 20 people the camp will cook all our meals.

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The Lodge has a complete kitchen and group hall with a woodstove. We provide our own bedding & towels. Go to www.gbgn-umc.org/suttlelake/index_files/Page416.htm to see pictures. It is a lovely setting. Contact Barbara Jones at Barbjones50@hotmail.com or 503-829-6424 before January 11, 2012 to register and to request Outing forms. Outing forms and check made payable to Trails Club of Oregon will reserve your spot and are to be mailed to: Trails Club of Oregon Attn: Suttle Lake Winter Trip Coordinator PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207-1243. Please specify if you have a roommate or need a roommate. This should be great time for all participants.

Jan 28 (Sat) Pocket Creek XC Ski Trip Class A

From the Pocket Creek Snow Park this tour follows a road to the upper junction and returns for a round trip distance of 5.4 miles with 400 feet in elevation gain. The return leg is a gentle but sustained downhill run for two miles. Skiers will need basic downhill control skills (snow plow, turning and stopping) to maintain control on the return portion of the trail. The tour passes through forest and open areas with good views of surrounding landmarks such as Bennett Ridge and Elk Mountain. Driving distance from Portland is approximately 130 miles round trip.

Please register for this tour with the leader. Sno-Park permit needed for drivers.

Depart: Gateway Transit Center Parking Structure at NE 99th and Pacific at 8:30am

Leader: Steve Gilbert skibum7989@comcast.net or 503-292-8099

Jan 28 (Sat) Silver Falls Hike - Class B

Hike 4 to 7 miles depending on weather and preferences of group, with 500 to 900 feet elevation gain.

Depart: 9 AM from Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160 or cell 503-888-7203

Meeting Places

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of blocks and park in the park and ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy. Turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on rtes 47, 52 and 89 is near by.

President's Parting Words

As president of the Trails Club for the past two years I have not felt it necessary to address routine missives to the membership, but it seems some parting words as I leave office are in order.

It has been a great privilege to lead the club for the past two years. I have had two boards of hard working and considerate people that have kept the club running and made monthly board meetings a gathering of friends to look forward to, rather than a business meeting to dread.

The Trails Club is run by volunteers and the board members and committee heads are the hardest working volunteers we have. They do their jobs because they enjoy doing them, and because they enjoy the activities that their work supports. But even the most enjoyable job becomes a chore if you have to do it too long or with too little help, and it seems the work of running the club is falling on a smaller group of people each year.

The board of trustees is nine people. Each person serves for two years with about half of the board elected each year. This means that over the course of three years you could have about 23 different people holding board positions. In fact this task was done by 15 different people over the last three years. This is not because these people want to "hold power" or because there is an inner circle that keeps its cronies in the chairs. It is because these are the people that are willing to serve the club.

Club officers are elected by the membership, but the slate chosen by the nominating committee is almost always elected. The nominating committee may seem to be controlling who is in office and choosing from some elite pool, but in fact they scramble every year to find people willing to fill the open offices. People willing to take a second term are happily accepted. People that have held board positions before often serve again in a new position. This makes the group of members serving on the board across the years a rather small group for a club of 400 people.

So what is the point of this? For the club to survive and thrive we need to expand the volunteer base of the club. Not just the routine jobs (lead a hike, host a lodge event), but some of the key jobs in the club, board positions and committee chairs. I am hoping that people are willing, but just do not know how to get involved. So, what can you do?

- >Join a committee—If the club is not doing things that interest you, get involved and help start new activities. The club is far more open to new things than most members realize. Almost any outdoor activity is within our charter. The most common stumbling block is **someone to make it happen**. Contact any board member or e-mail the club (mail@trailsclub.org will work).

•>Come to board meetings—Board meetings are open to all members. This is where the business of the club is conducted. Members can participate in the discussions. Time and place of each meeting is on the club web site (usually the second Tuesday of the month).

•>Volunteer for a board position—The Nominating committee will be formed in the summer to find candidates for four board positions to be elected in 2012. The two officers positions (VP and Secretary) are not difficult or time consuming and a great way to get involved in running your club. Watch for a Blazer announcement in late summer.

I know there are many members who did their parts in running the club before I was even a member. But I also know there are many talented people that have not stepped up yet. I plan to continue doing my part to keep our club running. Please help where you can

Randy Dietrich, Retiring Trails Club President

Let's Talk About

Trails Club Lodge Policy Reminder

The Trails Club maintains the lodges for the enjoyment of the members, their families and guests. For a non-member to use the lodge, or attend an event at the lodge, he or she must be a guest of a member. The hosts may sponsor their own guests, but are not responsible to sponsor a non member wanting to attend an event. In addition, we have a policy that a member can have a maximum of five guests, including children, for any lodge visit. If you are planning an event or are scheduled to host a weekend it would be advisable to review the detailed lodge rules and policies on our web site.

We are planning on having a full schedule for the winter weekends, especially at Tyee. If you are planning on staying overnight at the lodge on a scheduled weekend, and you have not registered for that weekend, it would be advisable to contact the host to make sure there are beds available. You can find contact information in the Blazer, and on the TSO website.

Also, please do not make alterations or changes to the building or property without first contacting the Lodge Chairs, Steve Brown @ Tyee or Glen Conrad @ Nesika. Their contact information is on the web in the Lodges section or in the directory.

We were unable to complete work on the deck outside the kitchen at Tyee before the snow fell. There is an expensive membrane installed on the deck to keep the winter entry dry. However, it is not ready for foot traffic, especially shoveling off the snow, and can easily be damaged. Because the deck is not completed the guard rails could not be put back in place. The kitchen door cannot

be considered a fire exit at this time. Be sure everyone attending an event is aware of the situation. The deck will be completed and the seats and guardrails will be completed next summer

The Tyee and Nesika Lodge Committees have done a fabulous job of maintaining both facilities for our enjoyment. Take advantage of the facilities and the excellent rates by attending one of the events.

George Milne, Trustee Lodges

Tyee Hosts,

Having all of you wonderful hosts makes my job exciting and fun. Since it's my second year, I have set a challenge for myself; to have Tyee open for more days than last year. I am hoping to fill up the calendar and have the lodge open throughout the entire winter. Most of you know that the winter season is the busiest season for the Lodge, but we need YOU to make that possible. We need you, as hosts and leaders, to help us make our wonderful lodge available for use, and I can not win this challenge without you! Think about taking a day or two to help out by hosting at Tyee. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, tell stories around the fire, or relax by watching the snowflakes drift to the ground knowing that you are making a difference for every Trails Club Member.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!
Mya, integritydoc@aol.com or 503-330-7009

Trails Ahead

2012 ALPINE OUTING TO BIGHORN CRAGS IN IDAHO

August 5-12 and August 12-19, 2012

Backpack without a heavy pack or freeze dried food

The 2012 Alpine Outing will be at the Bighorn Crag, near Challis, Idaho. The Bighorn Crag feature the most spectacular peaks and lakes in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The scenery includes craggy granite spires, high peaks, and dozens of gorgeous alpine lakes tucked into glacial cirques. Sharp-eyed hikers also see elk, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep for which the area is named. This is high country: we will be hiking and camping between 8,000 and 9,000 feet elevation. Participants must be able to hike at least seven miles at this elevation in order to reach the base camp.

A professional outfitter will transport your gear as well as the group food, cook tent, camp chairs, and camp equipment. You will only need to carry a day pack on the hike into and out from camp. All back country meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the participants. Menus will be simple but tasty and will include fresh vegetables.

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Week 1 will be from August 5-12; Week 2 will be from August 12-19. Each week will be limited to 12 people.

Member applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2012 and cannot be postmarked prior to that date. Non-members and members of FWOOC organizations applications postmarked after March 1 will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$350 for Trails Club members and members of FWOOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$400.

To apply for a place on the outing:

1. Download these forms – Alpine Outing Application, Release of Liability, and Medical Information from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org)

2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$100 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON.

Send to:

**Trails Club of Oregon
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207**

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing. Your \$100 deposit will then be credited to your balance. Your final payment will be due May 1, 2012. Your final payment will be the total cost from above minus the \$100 deposit. If not received by May 1, your place on the outing will be assigned to the first person on the Alternates List. Alternates need to be aware that your \$100 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it will be returned to you if no opening occurs. **Refunds of the final payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be processed after the outing has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your final payment is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before outing starts.**

Bill Kingsbury and Gary Holman will be the leaders for the outings. Diana Forester, Callista Snively, Joyce Rasmussen, and Pete Nelson will also be planning the outings. If you have questions, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email at diana_forester@msn.com.

**Future Outing
Feb 22-24 (Wed-Fri)**

Combined TCO and CPT at Tyee Lodge. Plenty of skiing and snow shoeing.

Nancy Overpeck Cook and Pete Nelson Host

**ALPINE OUTING KITCHEN MONITOR
STILL NEEDED**

Each of the two Alpine Outing sessions will need a volunteer to be the "Kitchen Monitor", formally known as the "Kitchen Goddess". The work involves shopping for the non perishables before the August 1, 2012 packing session. Before leaving for the outing, the Monitors will also need to purchase the fresh food and the ice for the coolers. On the first day of the outing, each Monitor is responsible for seeing that the food is organized and that the participants can find ingredients for the meals. The Monitor will also make sure that whoever is cooking the meal understands where to find ingredients and what is on the menu.

The dates for the outing are Aug. 5-12 for the first session and Aug. 12-19 for the second. We will be in the Bighorn Crags area of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness of Idaho. Monitors will have the undying appreciation of the participants and will have a space reserved for them at the top of the list. Also, they will not be part of the normal chore rotation of cooking or washing dishes. However, all participants (volunteer or not) will pay the same fees as the rest of the group.

If you are interested in volunteering as the Monitor, contact Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or diana_forester@msn.com.

Summary of Board Minutes

**TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 13, 2011**

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M. Attending: Randy Dietrich, Bill Yandon, Audrey Perino, Nancy Overpeck, Carolyn Jenkins, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, and George Milne. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Admin. Assistant, Richard Guant, President-elect and Lisa Osburn, Social Trustee elect. Vicki Wood excused.
Approval of Minutes— November 8, 2011 were approved as corrected (msc) Audrey/George.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson completed duties as assigned: Met with current and newly elected Board of Trustee members to help new members understand their job responsibilities. (Randy and Richard, President, Vicki and Callista, Membership, and Callista and Lisa, Social). Met with Diana Forester, Carolyn Jenkins, and Susan Saul regarding Outing Policies and Procedures changes.

Membership dues and Club interests are coming in and being reported to the Data Base Manager and Membership Trustee.

Google Doc set up for tracking applications for Alpine Wilderness Outing.

Will meet Debi Ralls, Historian, 12/19 at Mazamas to see our collection and work needed with historical documents.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino reported that bank statements and bank reconciliations are on file.

Cash balance at Nov 30, 2011 \$3,810.74

Beginning balance 11-01-11	\$2,332.06
November Deposits	6,560.50
November Checks	- 5,081.82
Ending balance 11-30-11	\$3,810.74

Normal Financial statements for November were presented (all documents on file).

Audrey reported that the cost for bonding the Investment Committee would be prohibitive. We need to explore other ways to secure transfers from the investments.

Committees

Membership—Vicki Wood (excused) Callista reported 1st Readings: Brian J. Dunn, John P. Weathers. 2nd Reading: Bill F. Rude. Unanimously approved

Reinstatement: Nick (Atanas) S. Atanasov. Resignations: Gregory Hancock, Elizabeth Menozzi.

Deceased: Dorothy Soderback, 11-5-10.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins reported: Trailer that TCO owns is not suitable for use for the Alpine Outing. A used, closed, trailer will cost around \$1100.

A revised TCO Outing Policy and Procedures document is ready to be reviewed.

Publications—Phillip Jackson asked for proof-readers for the January Blazer. Audrey and George volunteered.

Social—Callista Snively reported a variety of desserts were provided by the Social Committee for the Annual Meeting. Adventures and Travel in November on the Grand Tetons presented by Steve Levy was a success in part due to the work of our new Social Trustee, Lisa

Osburn. No Adventures and Travel for December. The Snively's will host a family friendly New Year's weekend. Lisa Osburn (new Social Trustee) met with Callista and Virginia to review duties and responsibilities. Lisa contacted Rose Villa to set dates for Adventures and Travel and Annual Meeting. A Social Committee Meeting is set for Wed. Jan. 25, 2012. Articles for the Blazer have been submitted.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne advised not making any alterations to lodges unless you call lodge chairmen (Nesika, Glen Conrad or Tyee, Steven Brown). Deck on Tyee closed for Winter.

Tyee fire escapes need to be replaced in 2012.

Engineering drawings for Multnomah Creek Bridge road repair have been completed and will be submitted in January to the Forest Service for approval.

Mazamas have applied for a grant to add parking to their loop road by their lodge. We will continue discussions with the Mazamas to look into space for joint use.

Unfinished Business

2012 Budget presented by Audrey (msc) Audrey/ Callista.

New Business

Outing Policy update ready for review.

Good of the order

Copies of TCO By-Laws will **not** be printed for the Board. Board members said they could print their own. By-laws on the website have been updated.

Adjourn 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Overpeck, Secretary

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits and other trips.

1st Readings

Brian J. Dunn
5380 S.W. 150th Ct.
Beaverton, OR 97007
503-569-0508
Sponsors: Terry Dewhurst & Kristi Haveman

John P. Weathers
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503-521-0605
skunkybiker@gmail.com
Sponsors: Kristi Haveman & Mya White

Reinstatement

Nick (Atanas S.) Atanasov
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2nd Readings

Bill F. Rude

Resignations

Gregory Hancock
Elizabeth Menozzi

Deceased

Dorothy Soderback (11-05-10)

Changes

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Richard Gaunt:
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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.

For hikes and showshoe activities:

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.

Note: 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 leader if you have any questions about the trip 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.

Everybody should 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.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

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.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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 of 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

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