



Trail Blazer

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February 2016

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
----- February -----		
3	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
05-07	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
8	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
10	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
13-15	Sat-Mon	Tyee Open
15	Mon	Blazer Deadline
17	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
18	Thu	Adventures in Travel, Australia
24	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
26-28	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open / TCO CPT
27	Sat	Government Camp Snowshoe – Class A
----- March -----		
2	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
7	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
9	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Tue	Blazer Deadline
16	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
23	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
30	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

Events

Feb. 3 Wed. AM Hike

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Watch the website for updates.

Feb 5-7 (Fri-Sun)Tyee Open

Get up to the snow before Super Bowl. Lodge will open by 5 PM Friday and will close at 2 PM Sunday. Gluten free meals.

Register With: Sheryl Wagner drwagnernd@yahoo.com or call 503-319-2989.

Please Register by Wednesday the 3rd to be included in meals.

Feb. 10 Wed. AM Hike

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. This hike will meet at Friendly House at NW 26th and Thurman. We will probably hike up through neighborhoods to Pittock Mansion. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@gmail.com.

Feb 13-15 (Sat-Mon) Tyee Open

Join us for fun in the snow Saturday to Monday with dinner Saturday and Sunday and Breakfast Sunday and Monday provided. Cook is Debi Ralls. Lodge will open around noon on Saturday and close around 2 PM on Monday. Saturday 1:00 guided snowshoe hike near the lodge with Mike Haasken 3-4 miles. Applicable for membership requirements.

Register with: host Diane Brooke (prefer) waterdi.Diane.Brooke@gmail.com 503-781-2791

Feb. 17 Wed. AM Hike

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911, audrey53@comcast.net. Watch this site for the meeting place or call the leader.

Feb 18 (Thur) Adventures in Travel, central and east coast Australia

Pete and Elaine Nelson will present a program about their travels last September and October thru the red center and east coast of Australia. The slideshow contains photos of the Great Ocean Road, outback, Uluru, Coober Pedy, rain-forest, Great Barrier Reef, and east coast cities and beaches. It was spring down under and the flora and fauna were at their best!

Social hour 6:30 p.m, program starts at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation towards expenses. Guests are very welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room and Art Rooms.

For more information, please contact Nader Rahimizad, socialchair@trailsclub.org or call 503-619-9567.

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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.

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Feb 24 Wed Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: Marlys Edwards, 503-956-1630, marlysoe@hotmail.com Watch this site for the meeting place or call the leader.

Feb 26-28 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open, TCO and CPT weekend

Two nights and three days at Tyee Lodge with Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Cook: Nancy Overpeck. Lodge will be open about 11 AM on Friday and close about 2 PM on Sunday. Cascade Prime Timers Ski Club (CPT) members will join us as guests. Depending on the snow conditions, snowshoeing, sledding, and X-country skiing are right outside the lodge door. Overnight Fri. and Sat., Feb 26-27. Meals: Dinner on Fri. and Sat. Breakfast on Sat. and Sun. Bring your own lunches. Cost: \$40 for TCO members, \$50 for guests. Bring sleeping bag, clothes, toiletries, towel, and washcloth. Bring snowshoes and/or X-country skis, depending on snow conditions.

Meet at: Fri, Feb 26 at 10 AM at Restroom on east side of Government Camp (Summit Snow Park) or meet at 10:15 AM in parking area on Timberline Road.

Register with: Pete Nelson, 503-591-0160, petermvnelson@yahoo.com by Tuesday, Feb 23rd. Register early for a bottom bunk.

Feb 27 (Sat) Government Camp Snowshoe – Class A
Snowshoe in the Government Camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Depart: 10 AM from Tyee Lodge. Carpool transportation from Portland not set up for this event as the leaders are staying at Tyee.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, 503-591-0160, petermvnelson@yahoo.com

Mar 2, 9,16,23 and 30 Wed Morning Hikes – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Meeting Places are shown on page 5

From the Archive

Editor's Note: Sylvia Milne sent me this as a PDF. It is of a hand-written letter from Sam Lancaster to Sam Boardman relating to Lancaster's cabin which was near the construction site of Bonneville Dam, by far the largest hydro installation on the Columbia Basin at that time. The first powerhouse was started in 1934.

Figuring that Optical Character Recognition (OCR) wouldn't do a lot of good, I attempted an interpretation of his flowery script. Any errors are my own, but I thought members might be interested in what the art of communication entailed in those days. The PDF is reduced to about 80% of the original resulting in approximate alignment between it and the printed version in our usual Arial 10 font.

Monday P.M. Dec 4th 33 Mr Sam Boardman:- State Park Engineer, Salem, Ore Dear Mr Boardman: Sorry to have missed you when you called at Cabin - arrived just after you came for the tools and on previous Friday and Saturday was in Portland attending meeting of Portland Branch National Plant Flower and Fruit Guild of which I have the honour to be President - This being the last meeting until next spring. I will be at the Cabin all week except Monday when I will come in for supplies and change of clothing. Have a number of teeth requiring attention and will have to be in Portland tomorrow (Tuesday) returning Wednesday P.M. I have used about all the wood within easy reach of my Cabin and would like to have a dead tree cut up into one foot sections and piled or stacked up on my porch in case severe storms shut me in. Also need a few loads of crushed rock on road leading from the highway to my Cabin - as with winter weather the milk man can not reach my Cabin with milk and supply of drinking water. Great numbers of people drive in to see what progress is being made on the Bonneville Project. They tell others and the number of visitors is increasing steadily. Thanking you for your prompt attention and hoping that I may have the rake which you promised to bring, and which I need very much, I am Yours Very Truly Samuel Christopher Lancaster	Monday P.M. Dec. 4, 1933 Mr Sam Boardman, State Park Engineer, Salem, Ore Dear Mr. Boardman: Sorry to have missed you when you called at cabin - arrived just after you came for the tools and on previous Friday and Saturday was in Portland attending meeting of Portland Branch National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild of which I have the honour to be President - this being the last meeting until next Spring. I will be at the Cabin all week except Monday when I will come in for supplies and change of clothing. Have a number of teeth requiring attention and will have to be in Portland tomorrow (Tuesday) returning Wednesday P.M. I have used about all the wood within easy reach of my cabin and would like to have a dead tree cut into one foot sections and piled or stacked up on my porch in case severe storms shut me in. Also need a few loads of crushed rock on road leading from the highway to my cabin - as with winter weather, the milk man can not reach my cabin with milk and supply of drinking water. Great numbers of people drive in to see what progress is being made on the Bonneville Project. They tell others and the number of visitors is increasing steadily. Thanking you for your prompt attention and hoping that I may have the rake which you promised to bring, and which I need very much. I am Yours Very Truly Samuel Christopher Lancaster
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Let's Talk About	New Year's Eve at Tyee
Mt.Hood Museum Last week, Nadine Morris and I drove up to the Mt Hood Museum and Cultural Center to dismantle the special exhibit showcase prepared for the 100th anniversary of the Trails Club. The celebration was held in October 2015 at the museum. Above the door, a huge white banner announcing our 100th anniversary in large black printed letters on bright white background paper had been made by Lloyd Masser, the museum curator. Below that was a detailed backboard with interesting pictures and snippets of printed information about the people who built and are still building the Trails Club. Even though I had seen this showcase before I was dazzled by the presentation, and the thoughtfulness, determination and skill that went into preparing it. Items bringing the story to life were lent by many members; T-shirts, an ice axe, wooden panniers used for the Alpine Outings, a historic back pack from the past were there to be seen. Now these items are no longer available to be seen as a display in the museum. Even though there were many members and families of past members I am hoping that many more members visited the museum and saw the display. This would not have been created if the committee had not had collected the historic items, researched, organized them and had space and equipment to work in to create the display boards on the several different topics. The information barely scratched the surface of people involved in the creation of events and buildings in the club. Documentation of what we do and who does it, and where, and why comes in handy when telling an accurate story and helps in deciding what to do next. I came into this project late in the game, being involved only a few months but since I helped create only one display board I know that the sign-in register in the office does not begin to tell the hours spent outside the office. Sylvia Milne and I worked quite a while on that board, but it does look really good, as do all the others. Although Facebook is an exciting way to collect people for events, we have to find a way to save those moments in time for our future. That needs reporting, recording, planning and possibly teaching us oldies how to do it. Reporting on what happened seems to be left by the way-side. On to the next 100, Celine Stroinski	Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 24-26, 2016 (Fri-Sun) Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 11th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126) has 2 mineral springs, swimming pools, and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.com for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs. The outing is Fri and Sat nights, with an option of Sun night on your own. Sat and Sun breakfasts and Sat appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7 mile loop hike Sat to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake. LODGING OPTIONS (per night, including tax): Tent sites for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$32.70 near the outing group area or \$27.25 across the river on a footbridge RV sites \$38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each add. person) Cabin prices are divided by the number of people and ranges from \$152.60 for up to 4 people to \$277.95 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person) Lodge rooms range from \$109 for 2 people to \$152.60 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person) FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, totaling \$22 for adults and \$11 for children under age 12. If you attend the hike there is a \$1 fee for members/\$2 nonmembers.

TO REGISTER (*registration opens Feb 1st for TCO members and March 1st for nonmembers):

1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability;
2) Mail a \$25 **nonrefundable** deposit and completed application/liability **and** medical form for **each person** to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239.

These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River";

3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 23rd and is nonrefundable unless someone on a waiting list wants your accommodations.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people.

TCO does not provide nor arrange your transportation to or from the outing.

If accepted on the outing, you will be notified by email or mail and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.

OLYMPIC PARK HIKING OUTING

July 10-15, 2016

We will stay at Naturebridge on beautiful Crescent Lake in the Olympic National Park in historic cabins with all meals provided and choose from a variety of A and B hikes daily. In the evenings we can meet in front of the fireplace or outside at the amphitheater.

Special diets can be accommodated. Cabins either have a bathroom inside or have a modern bathhouse with toilets, sinks and showers nearby. No one will have to climb up to an upper bunk.

Many hikes can start right from the cabins. We will also carpool and hike trails in the Hurricane Ridge and the Sol Duc areas. You can also bring your kayak or rent a boat to explore the lake, or venture by ferry to Victoria, BC.

Cost will vary depending on the number of participants from a low of \$425 to a high of \$450 for members (and members of Federation of Western Outdoor Club organizations). The non-member cost will be \$65 more than the member cost. The non-refundable outing deposit is \$200.

There will be a meeting to discuss hiking options, meet fellow participants and arrange carpools by May 22, 2016.

To sign up for this outing, download and complete the outing application and the medical form from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). Mail the completed forms with your \$200 deposit to Trails Club of Oregon, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Checks should be made out to Trails Club of Oregon.

You also can sign up for this outing through Meet Up (<http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/>) and use PayPal to submit your deposit.

Outing registrar is Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Outing leader is Gregg Baker.

Questions? Call Gregg at 503-284-3223

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TC From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple 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.

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC) is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

Target is a common westside 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 routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park is sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is on the right about one mile past roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

February 2016 Historian's Blog:

Beyond sharing club history, a monthly blog entry in the Trail Blazer by the historian seems a likely tool to share personal opinions, activities, and experiences related to perpetuating history. Since the contract for space to organize the TCO archive is being renewed annually, we need a plan for longevity.

End of December, the history committee invited the membership to an open house of the archives. Huge thanks to committee members who served as ambassadors and special thanks to all those who took the time to visit. Though hard to get into much detail of content in such a cozy space, the tour gave people the ability to experience the general operation and the need to expand. To gain room for movement of more than a few people, we temporarily placed a collapsible sorting table in the hallway. The hallway also provided overflow seating.

As the history committee deliberates on how to skate smoothly on thin ice and end up in the Olympics instead of sinking through unsupported water, we are diversifying our partnership options. Besides inviting our new president to attend our first business meeting of the New Year, our plan is to further develop partnerships with individuals and community organizations/agencies with a common interest. This is a huge undertaking, yet critical to validating our value and meeting part of our mission to provide the club and the region with accurate history. Similar to the tortoise, we are in the race not to win at any cost – no sloppy work just to finish in a year. The key to success is building a solid foundation, long term goals and maintaining integrity.

Since the open house, I've met with a retired USFS volunteer who belongs to the Friends of Multnomah Falls. The goal of this partnership, to make inroads with those in charge of sharing regional history in the kiosk located on the falls side of the historic stone lodge. This volunteer writes for their e-newsletter, and is currently submitting a short essay on Sherrard, a Trails Club Charter Member. By sharing historic Oregonian accountings of Trails Club members' early role in building the Larch Mountain trail in partnership with the USFS, this volunteer approached the e-news editor in regards to submitting a piece this summer to share the untold story of how the trail came to be. Suddenly, all the work Susan Keller and I've done to discover our past endeavors through historical newspapers to restore board minutes that had been destroyed in a 1922 fire is about to pay dividends.

Another recent conversation, one with Board Secretary Catherine Dishion, Crown Point Country Historical Society (CPCHS), led to a discussion on how the Trails Club might help plan and fund a museum in Corbett near the community store. The Society is making plans to house exhibit space and a climate controlled vault to preserve their paper archives.

You may begin helping to raise funds by applying for membership (\$15) or if you shop at Fred Meyers or on Amazon, both will donate 5% of your sales quarterly to the Society. Registering with Fred Meyer Community Awards does not affect your reward points. Just call 1-800-576-4377 and mention CPCHS and their number - 92725. When shopping with Amazon, go to Amazon.Smile.com to place your order and list CPCHS as the organization you wish to support. For questions or to schedule Catherine to speak on becoming a partner in the building of this museum contact her @ 503.695.5545 or cdishion@cdishion.com.

That's all for now,

Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian & Life Member

Now Hear This!

Paper Blazer Surcharge Delayed.

At the 2015 Annual meeting the membership approved charging \$15 additional for paper copies of the Trail Blazer. Because this is not a by-laws change, the board took this as an advisory vote. Due to the need to get dues renewal forms out shortly after the meeting, the board decided to delay adding the surcharge in 2016 so that the charge can be clearly communicated to the membership. We do not want any of our members to suddenly lose touch with the club because their paper newsletter suddenly stopped.

You can expect the paper surcharge to begin in 2017. As always we encourage you to switch to the electronic version of the Blazer to save the club a bit of money and to get the photos in full color.

TCO Board

(Editor's Note: The Dues form is printed on the next page - can't miss it!)

2016 Dues Notice Trails Club of Oregon

Please pay your dues by January 1st \$5.00 late fee applies after February 1st.

Member Name(s): _____

List any **Changes or corrections** in name, address, phone or e-mail.

Sign up for EBlazer: By signing up you agree to receive an electronic Trail Blazer and not a paper copy.

List your email address for **new sign up only**. (not if you are currently receiving the EBlazer)

☐ Check this box to **Opt Out** of receiving general club information and notices by e-mail.

Type of Member	Name(s)	Amount	Total
Regular Member		\$50.00	\$
Senior Member (age 65 +)		\$30.00	\$
Additional Member Of same household		\$30.00	\$
Junior Member (age 12-17)		\$5.00	\$
Golden and/or Life member		\$00.00	\$
Trail Blazer Subscription only		\$25.00	\$
Late fee after February 1st		\$5.00	\$
NEW: Name Badge (optional) Laminated with "Trails Club" neck lanyard	List name(s) \$3.00 each	\$3.00	\$
		Total	

I am interested in serving on a committee. (Please **CIRCLE** committees of interest)

Hiking
Conservation
Backpacking
Winter Sports
Alpine Outing

History
Nesika Lodge
Tyee Lodge
Membership
Publications

Budget
Auditing
Memorial
Social
Dog Friendly

Outings
Banquet
Promotions
Youth & Family

Other: _____

I would like to: (Please **check** and **circle** your choice where appropriate)

____ **Lead a trip:** hike snowshoe cross-country ski bike backpack

____ **Tyee Lodge:** host cook assist cook participate in a work party

____ **Nesika Lodge:** host cook assist cook participate in a work party

____ **Make phone calls** to remind members of special club events

____ **Do special one-time projects** for the _____ committee

Other: _____

Contact Jeff Lawton at 503-686-4717 or Membershipchair@trailsclub.org with any questions.

Membership can be paid using PayPal to treasurer@trailsclub.org. Or mail this form and a check for membership dues to:

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Balch Creek (River?)



While your editor was away, the recent rains made poky, familiar Balch Creek that we often hike past on Wednesday mornings become something that might be described as a torrent. I went past it yesterday and returned the next day with my camera. In the photo above, I drew a yellow line (sorry, you folks that get the Blazer in printed form, it's grey) indicating the height of the flow as shown by the washed-away leaves. A member of the crew surveying the damage said that the creek had been about two feet higher, which pretty much agrees with the lines added to the photo.

Logs penetrated the screen that normally discourages detritus from entering the wooden strainer shown on the next page. The trail, although passable, has some very muddy spots—hiking sticks are recommended.

The Stone House at the junction with Wildwood Trail received a hit from a large fallen tree, but, being stone, appeared to be relatively unscathed, although warnings of possible structural damage are posted.

Clockwise from top left:

1. Debris piled up on the strainer,
2. Pool where trout often gather in summer and fall.
3. Trail damage from roots of an uprooted tree and eroded bank.
4. A plaque describing the origin of the name. (Mr. Balch had the honor of being the first Oregonian to be executed for the murder of his son-in-law).
5. The inverted-truss design of the Thurman Street bridge as seen from the entrance to Lower Macleay Park,
6. Whitewater rafting, anyone?



Article for Outdoor West submitted Nov. 19, 2015

USING RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS

Perhaps you are confused about how to use the adopted resolutions? If your club has submitted a resolution, you probably have a pretty good idea of what you want to do with it, but if it is one submitted by another club, it may not be so clear. I can't really tell you what to do, but I can illustrate from experience how, as conservation chair of a mid-size club, I used the resolutions adopted at annual meetings in 2014 and 2015.

Review the resolutions and the policy documents and be on the lookout for situations where they might apply.

The Bureau of Land Management sent a document for review: Resource Management Plan and DEIS for Western Oregon. I wrote critically on August 21, 2015 about various matters in the Plan, and included two FWOC resolutions concerning salting of glaciers on Mt. Hood and suction dredging the Rogue River for gold. In neither case were these activities addressed in the DEIS.

Trails Club of Oregon had submitted a resolutions opposing single-track bicycle use in Forest Park (Portland, OR). When I learned, through the "grapevine" that the Mayor had taken planning of comprehensive bicycle use away from Parks and Recreation and given it to the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, under his direct control, and specifically to a planner who was a known bicycle enthusiast, my committee took action by writing letters to the mayor explaining our opposition to single-track cycling. We learned that an advisory committee was already being formed, and I applied for membership on it.

On October 8, 2015, I attended a hearing in Aberdeen, WA. Before the City of Hoquiam and the Washington Department of Ecology. on the subject of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Westway and Imperium expansion projects in Grays Harbor County. The projects propose construction of new storage tanks, rail infrastructure and the Port of Grays Harbor to store and handle crude oil. The transportation was organized by Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and it was their resolution and explanatory materials that I used in submitting my testimony.

Lastly, I attended a hearing before the Portland City Council on November 4, 2015. The subject was two resolutions: one adopting a policy opposing all project proposals that would increase the amount of crude oil being transported by rail through the City of Portland and the City of Vancouver, WA. And the other opposing expansion of infrastructure whose primary purpose is transporting or storing fossil fuel in or through Portland or adjacent waterways. I spoke briefly and entered the Friends of the Gorge's resolution into the record.

I hope this has given you some idea of the variety of uses to which you may put the resolutions. The essential thing is to be alert to the opportunity and timely in execution. It may or may not accomplish the objective, but it gives your club exposure, and –as I always include the fact that it is a FWOC resolution and give a few words of description of the FWOC, it gives FWOC exposure and increases its effectiveness.

Sydney Herbert

Conservation chair, Trails Club of Oregon, Resolutions chair, Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

Draft
Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
January 11, 2016
Minutes

The meeting began with an illustrated presentation by Stephen Sharnoff proposing a Douglas Fir National Monument in the Upper Santiam drainage. Sydney Herbert had invited him to our meeting. Mr. Sharnoff has originated the concept for a monument and is starting to enlist support for it. Since he resides in California he feels a strong need for support from Oregon.

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 P.M. All members of the board were present. Sydney Herbert and Stephen Sharnoff were also present. Pam had no formal report.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance	12/31/2015	\$ 6,614.20
Beginning balance	12/1/2015	\$11,232.87
Deposits		3,209.17
Checks/withdrawals		7,827.84
Ending Balance	12/31/2015	\$ 6,614.20

Our safe deposit box is now at the U.S. Bank John's Landing branch. Our new P.O. Box number is 69061 in the John's Landing area. We have opened a new checking account with U.S. Bank to have an account appropriate to our corporate status.

We have spent \$2100 with Soil Solutions and \$ 583.58 with DEQ to remediate the oil spill at Tyee.

(Continued)

Secretary:

The December minutes were approved as distributed. Merrill announced he would be gone for the February and March meetings.

Nesika Trustee's Report:

Linda said we had two groups of about a dozen at Nesika over the Christmas and New Years holidays resulting in about \$300 income.

The storms at the end of December brought down a number of trees onto Palmer Mill Road.

She thought some of them are larger than we could handle.

Peter Marbach who authors publications on the Columbia River Gorge is planning an issue this fall featuring Nesika.

An extensive discussion followed on the proper location and care for our Nesika lodge register books . It was felt that they should be available to the members at Nesika as they have been over the years. There were a number of ideas floated for their additional protection.

Linda would like to have such records as have been retained of maintenance and construction at Nesika so she can prepare a continuing maintenance plan.

Tyee Trustees Report:

DEQ has asked Soil Solutions to dig a trench between the oil tank and the stream and to install adsorbent material in it. Richard Gaunt will continue to follow the cleanup.

Repairs have been finished on the furnace and the trash compactor.

In general the lodge is in good shape and some small repairs will be made through the winter with work on the front porch and the driveway coming this spring.

There was some discussion concerning the board's action at the December meeting on hosting.

We will attempt to clarify our expectations in the immediate future.

Vice President's Report:

Joel distributed an up to date schedule today. The Mazamas will need Tyee only for January 27 through the 29th. We will need to provide a host at the lodge over this period. The Mazamas will feed our host.

Membership Trustee's Report:

Jeff reported that his car had been extensively vandalized at the Larch Mountain snow gate.

He has produced new stamps with our new P.O. Box number.

Randy has turned the data base over to Jeff. Jeff commented that he now appreciates how much Randy and Joan had been doing on membership.

The board reinstated Debbie Ralls.

Tina Wrightson, Dennis Kearns, Janine Kearns, Joy Chaussee-Sippel, Roy DeRousie, and Peter Marbach were read for the first time.

Trips Trustee's Report:

Eric reported the Alpine Outing planning was coming along well and asked for an insurance accord for the outfitter.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy told us the Blazers had arrived on January third.

Social Trustee's Report:

Nader said he was working on the annual banquet. Pam and Cindy have investigated possible venues and recommend Elephants on Corbett. Cindy moved and Randy seconded that we have the annual banquet at Elephants on Corbett on May 1 from 4 to 7 P.M.

There was no old business.

New Business:

Merrill moved and Cindy seconded that in order to determine a prudent level of expenditure for the club we should conduct a financial analysis of our income and expenses. We will request Audrey Perino to do this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes - January 2016

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Monday 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.

First Readings:

Tina Wrightson

Dennis J Kearns

Janine M Kearns

Joy A Chaussee-Sippel

Roy DeRousie

Peter D Marbach

Second Readings:

None

Changes:

None

Reinstated:

Debbie Ralls

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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 snowshoe 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 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.

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