Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	**Day**	**Event Description**
---------- December ----------		
7	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
10	Sat	Hamburger Hike – Class A
9-11	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
11	Sun	TCO Board Meeting (potluck)- TBD
14	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Thur	**Blazer Deadline**
21	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
28	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
28 - 1	Wed-Sun	Year End at Nesika
30 - 1	Fri-Sun	New Years Eve at Tyee!
---------- January ----------		
1	Sun	New Years Day Hike to Nesika
4	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
9	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
11	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Sun	**Blazer Deadline**
18	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
25	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members $1; Guests $2		

Donations to the History Committee -

A special fund has been set up to help pay the cost of the History office. Those wishing to contribute to the History fund can do so by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "History Fund" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.

Donations to Redwing Expansion -

A special fund has been set up to pay the cost of building a porch and covered area behind Redwing. Those who wish can contribute by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "Redwing Expansion" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.

Events

Dec 7 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Dec 9-11 (Fri-Sat) Tyee Open
Come enjoy our wonderful Tyee lodge for an early season weekend. It will be a no-host opening. Meaning, bring your own food to eat. Will have the lodge open by 7:30pm Fri night and close by noon on Sunday.

Contact host if you have further questions.

Reserve: with Host Brian Carlson owatta53@hotmail.com or 503-960-9451

Please reserve before Thursday Dec 8.

Dec 10 (Sat) Hamburger Hike – Class A
This fun, little hike follows the Gorge 400 Trail from Eagle Creek to Cascade Locks for lunch (bring your own or purchase something at the Bridgeside Restaurant (formerly the Char Burger). Return to cars by the same trail. Hope for sunshine. But prepare for something else. Vehicles will need to display a NW Forest Pass.

Hike: 5.2 miles w/ 700' (cumulative) elevation gain Drive: 60 r/t miles

Depart: 10:00 AM from Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18)

Leader: Kelly Marlin: mazamamama@frontier.com or 503-665-6778

Dec 14 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Dec 21 (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.

This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com

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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 for first household member, $30 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a $15 entrance fee.

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Dec 28 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Ken Kane, 503-522-9997, ken@woodbloom.com

Dec 28 - Jan 1 (Wed-Sun) - Year End at Nesika
Weather permitting, Nesika will be open during this time. It will be hike in, hike out, pack it in, pack it out. Open hosting, potluck meals. Contact Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com

Dec 30 - Jan 1 (Fri-Sun) New Years Eve at Tyee!
Tyee will be open Dec 30 at 1:00 PM through January 1, 1:00 PM. Cook is Debbie Ralls and she is sure to have some specialties! This will be a lower-key event than last year, so please keep your tech toys to a minimum. Lots of games and a walk to the fireworks!

Register With: Diane Brooke waterdi.diane.brooke@gmail.com (prefer) 503-781-2791

Jan 4 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Reminder: TCO hikes are generally cancelled if weather conditions cause area schools to be closed. Always check with the trip leader if weather conditions make safe travel questionable.

Jan 11 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A
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

Jan 18 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Jan 25 (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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

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 the Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bearing right, and head south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. bearing left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd,, staying on Terwilliger. Right at second roundabout exit, to stay on Terwilliger. The park entrance is on the right about one mile past the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

Let's Talk About

A Trails Club of Oregon Foundation

I have been working on the idea of creating a Trails Club of Oregon Foundation that will be licensed as a 501{C}{3}, tax exempt corporation with its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as required by the IRS. The foundation would not replace any of the existing committees or Board members of the Trails Club. It will not own any real estate, just the computers and other business machines necessary to complete its objectives. The foundation would have its own board of directors with a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and four other members of which one could be the TCO President. I am willing to put my name on the line as the designated agent for the State of Oregon and the IRS and complete the licensing required. We first need to register with the State of Oregon and once given corporate status in Oregon we would then apply to the IRS for the 501{C}{3} status. The estimated cost to complete the process is around $1,600.00 which could come from individual contributions or possible be fronted be the Trails Club, which can be reimbursed when funds are available. The request will take an estimated 6-9 months to get a response.

Income for the foundation would be gifts, which are tax deductible, or grants for specific purposes. The purpose of the foundation is to grant money for educational programs. It could be used to underwrite the budget of the History Committee, an educational committee. It would also be able to underwrite the cost of speakers for the annual banquet, the back pack seminar or other programs with an educational component. The Trails Club would request funds in writing, the Foundation Board will review the requests and determine if the request meets the required 501{C}{3} standards and determine if funds are available to meet the request. All decisions would require a quorum of at least five of the seven members present when decisions are made.

The foundation would help reduce the impact on our investment account which has no vehicle to formally provide income from outside sources on a regular basis. If you are interested in helping with planning the formation of the foundation please contact me, 503-572-8512 or email at georgemilne44@gmail.com

George Milne

Ed. Note - I was unable to attend the annual meeting. Fortunately, Glen Conrad provided a description of the meeting which I have adapted below:

At the meeting Randy Dietrich, Merrill Hugo and Joel Reitz were confirmed into their respective offices. Raya Budrevich was nominated from the floor as trips trustee, and was also confirmed by the membership. We have a possible candidate for social trustee, but will address that at the next board meeting. All committees chairs provided bullet point presentations. Pamela Moore presented a video of music and pictures complimenting all of our diverse groups and functions.

Jeff and Cindy set up a "snack fest" downstairs in the kitchen area. Presentations were made by the history group and nesika group regarding their fundraising efforts. Not sure of the exact turnout but I believe Merrill was manning the sign-in sheets.

Trails Club of Oregon Helped Create the Forest Park We Know - Celine Stroinski

Member Fred Cleater urged the Trails Club to help Portland City Council to create the connection trails for Forest Park.

Beginning in the 1850s Portland civic leaders wanted to create a natural preserve in the woods that eventually became Forest Park. By 1899 those efforts led to the formation of the Municipal Park Commission of Portland that in 1903 hired a landscape architect firm, the Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Parcels of land in this area were gathered through various government action such as in 1928 the City Council's Delinquent Tax Committee. By 1945 the City Club of Portland conducted a park feasibility study that encouraged the civic leaders to support the park.

In 1943 to 45 the Trails Club had a focus on the war effort as being very active in the Forest Reserve and forest watchers in the Northwest. Some of our members were also active in preparing for the establishment of Forest Park trails to connect City Park (now Washington Park) and Maclay Park with public trails to the vast wild area in the Tualatin Mountains that was hoped to become a park and later to be called Forest Park.

Frederick Cleater was one of the members with the know how and pointed energy to scope out the perfect park, describe the area and persuade the correct people to act on it. Fred was born in 1883. In Minneapolis. He studied at the University of Minnesota but never finished his degree. He wanted to become a "forest ranger" which was a 'new' profession. By taking a federal civil service exam Fred was hired to explore and survey the Olympic National Forest, the Wenatchee and Chelan national forests and the Cascade Crest Trail Fred was one of the first recreation specialists and developed the guidelines for private summer homes in the region's national forests. Later he worked as assistant director and the chief forester for Washington State parks and Recreation Commission before retiring in 1956.

On one hike in June of 1944 through the Linnton Hills, Fred entertained his small group of hiker friends by bringing three chittum and one fig tree and planting them at the lunch spot. Fred then talked to the group about City of Portland releasing 5,000 acres of the area for recreational purposes. All members then were urged to give that consideration and encouragement.

That same summer a larger group of thirty-one Mazamas and Trails Clubbers took the city bus up to Lost Park, a privately owned spot by Franks Reeves, made a campfire and had tea and coffee while scouting the area.

In October of the next year, 1945, Fred lead a group from the St. John's Bridge through an area with trail development by Mazamas. Again he brought small chestnut trees to plant. Another 'camp with fire pit was used. They named it Camp Nesika, scratched it in a tree, dug a catch basin for spring water and the fire dried everyone out. See what happens before everybody has three TVs and two computers in the house?

Other hikes were lead in the area to coax members to support his vision of the park layout. At a picnic in City Park, Fred wore a medicine woman costume along with others such a Henry Waespe in war paint and head dress, Melvin Becker as Handsome Harry, Ellen Rasor as Wild Nell, and Barbara Martin as Lady Vere de Vere. Like I said, before TV and two lodges to care for!

Hundreds of rose garden visitors observed the antics of the Trails Club Play.

On March 12, 1945 Fred typed a letter to Harold Mace, President of TCO telling him that he spoke to Park Superintendent Paul Keyser about getting a public right- of –way from the Burnside tunnel to Macleay Park to hike on. The Superintendent of Parks responded very favorably, asked that he write up a letter for the City Council and he thought it was feasible and would get right on it searching out property owners. Fred thought Harold and Ding Cannon and any others would get a big kick out of following through with this project. "Couldn't embarrass the club in any way", he wrote.

We have a draft of the letter to the City Council penned by Harold Mace, President of the Trails Clun then.

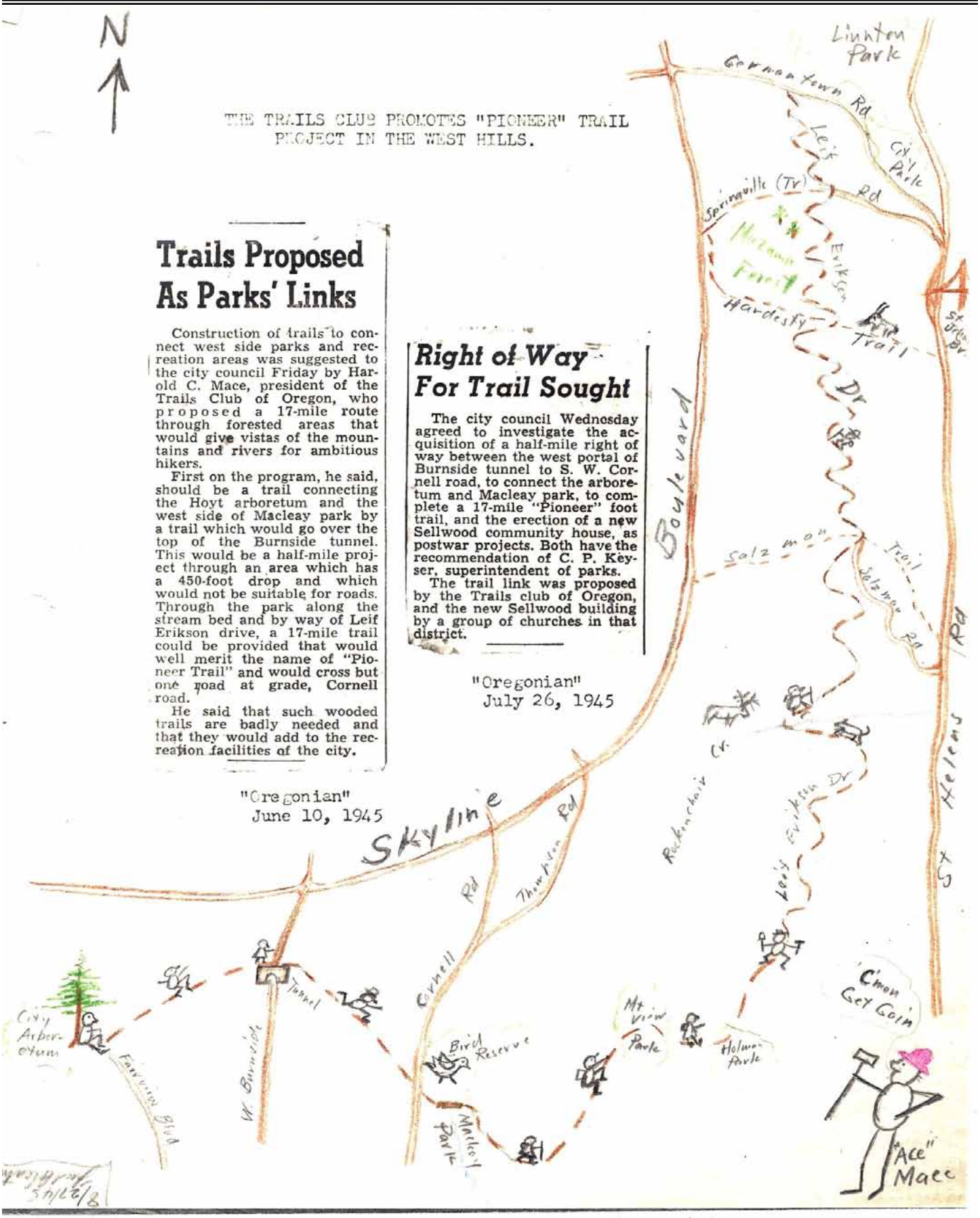
In this draft Harold Mace described the half mile connector trail as a right- of- way connecting the arboretum with the west end of Macleay Park by the way of a stream from the west portal of Burnside Tunnel due north to Cornell Road and the Park. The drop in elevation in the half-mile distance is close to 450 feet obviously unfitted for road or highway connection. This would open up a continuous 17 miles trail for hikers or horses. They even selected a trail name of "PIONEER TRAIL". Harold said, " This name typifies, has dignity, strength, character and dramatic appeal." This area was written about with passion and grace.

The Proposal was also described in the August, 1945 issue of the Trail Blazer.

The area was made into the public right of way that connected the parks to Forest Park area and it was dedicated in 1948.

Fred passed away in 1957 having been a very active member in the Trails Club along with Ding Cannon in helping create Forest Park.

(Map and clippings on following page)



Trails Proposed As Parks' Links

Construction of trails to connect west side parks and recreation areas was suggested to the city council Friday by Harold C. Mace, president of the Trails Club of Oregon, who proposed a 17-mile route through forested areas that would give vistas of the mountains and rivers for ambitious hikers.

First on the program, he said, should be a trail connecting the Hoyt arboretum and the west side of Macleay park by a trail which would go over the top of the Burnside tunnel. This would be a half-mile project through an area which has a 450-foot drop and which would not be suitable for roads. Through the park along the stream bed and by way of Leif Erikson drive, a 17-mile trail could be provided that would well merit the name of "Pioneer Trail" and would cross but one road at grade, Cornell road.

He said that such wooded trails are badly needed and that they would add to the recreation facilities of the city.

"Oregonian"
June 10, 1945

Right of Way For Trail Sought

The city council Wednesday agreed to investigate the acquisition of a half-mile right of way between the west portal of Burnside tunnel to S. W. Cornell road, to connect the arboretum and Macleay park, to complete a 17-mile "Pioneer" foot trail, and the erection of a new Sellwood community house, as postwar projects. Both have the recommendation of C. P. Keyser, superintendent of parks.

The trail link was proposed by the Trails club of Oregon, and the new Sellwood building by a group of churches in that district.

"Oregonian"
July 26, 1945

November 16, 2016 - Wednesday AM Hikers Marlys Edwards and Gretchen Holden observed a blue heron while hiking the Fanno Creek Greenway trail. Photo - Ken Kane





Draft

Trails Club Of Oregon
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. She presented a slide show with highlights from 2016 and reviewed the year and recognized a number of members for their contributions over the year.

She stated that increase in membership had been a high priority for the year and membership had increased nicely.

A few of the people recognized in chronological order were :

Jeff Lawton as membership chairman and the new rack cards.

Raya Budrevich who is developing the relationship with the Baden Powell Scouts.

All the work party participants with special recognition to Katriona Butler who cooked for many events.

Sylvia for her work with the History Office and Dianne Brooke who was collecting to fund it.

Cindy Lee reported a $6.2 K increase in revenue with substantial increases in expenditure with the 20.8K expenditure associated with the apparent oil leak at Tyee. Our overall deficit for the year is about $24.7K.

Jeff Lawton said we have 427 members and indicated that lodge visits produce a large proportion of our new members.

Randy reviewed the expansion of our publications function from the time when it involved only the Blazer to now when it includes electronic media with notably Facebook and Meetup. He mentioned our cloud storage with Dropbox. He hopes to revamp the Web Site and expand the committee next year. He thanked Phil Crosby, Blazer editor, Cindy Lee, Facebook administrator and Jeff Lawton, Meetup administrator.

Bill Yandon reported removing the old oil tank from Tyee and Installing two new tanks in the basement. No appreciable oil has been found from the vicinity of the old tank, but we are still waiting for the results from boring under the basement slab. The front porch has been replaced. Bill thanked Richard Gaunt, Allen Burrell, and Charles Adams for their work over the year. He said the Mazamas will be using Tyee for lodging students at their outdoor school. They rent the space from us and feed our member who opens Tyee for them.

Linda reported that there was a new roof on the women's dorm, the lodge's chiminy was reflashed, the cupola resided, and the front porch timbers replaced with concrete. Additional work was done repairing and clearing the road and clearing near the buildings. Linda is soliciting money for a project to build an outside deck onto Redwing. She recognized Doug , Derrick and Justin Atterbury for their residing of the cupola.

Sylvia Milne gave an extensive presentation on the history office. Over the year 31 volunteers provided more than 1300 hours of work. Anne Steinle donated 300 of her father's slides from the 1970s. Three members of the history committee took part in the rededication of the Eagle Creek Campground. More than 15 people wrote and submitted historical articles for the Blazer, Scanned photos and reproduced them as exhibits for the lodges. James

Olsen used our archives as background for an article on the construction of the Larch Mountain Trail. She wants more people to visit the history office and asked for more monetary and moral support for the office.

Election

Glen Conrad prented three nominations

Vice President Joel Reitz

Secretary Merrill Hugo

Publications Trustee Randy Dietrich

Raya Butrevich was nominated as trips trustee from the floor.

Audrey Perino moved the slate be elected by acclamation - motion carried

Susan Ashenfelter and Ester Jones are interested in the social trustee positon.

George Milne spoke in favor of establishing a Trails Club Foundation. He would like some help writing articles of incorporation and by laws for such a foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Repectfully submitted

Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes - November 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.

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycling and x-c skiing check with 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 and 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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