



Trail Blazer

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February 2017

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
----- February -----		
1	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
3-5	Fri-Sun	Prime Timers and TCO at Tyee
4	Sat	Snowshoe – Class A
4	Sat	Wildwood Trailhead – Class A
8	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
10-12	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open - Nite in the White
13	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
15	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
17-19	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
18	Sat	Tolinda Ridge Trail Loop – class B
22	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
24-26	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
----- March -----		
1	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
8	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
13	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
15	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
22	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
29	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

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

Events

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.

Feb 1 (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

Feb 3-5 (Fri-Mon) Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge

Two nights and three days at Tyee Lodge. Plenty of

snowshoeing and X-country skiing right outside the lodge door. Bring your snowshoes and/or X-country skis.
Overnight: Friday & Saturday Feb 3 and 4.
Meals: Friday: Dinner, Saturday: Breakfast and Dinner, Sunday: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches.

Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy Overpeck.

MEET: 10 AM Friday at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or 10:15 AM at Timberline Road Sno-park (Sno-Park permits required).

Register with: Pete & Elaine Nelson
petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160

Your RSVP needs to include phone number, arrival, and departure time. Register early for a bottom bunk. If you cancel after Sunday, January 31, you will be charged \$10/day for food.

Feb 4 (Sat) Snowshoe – class A

Depart: Tyee Lodge at 10 am and snowshoe government camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson
petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160

Feb 4 (Sat) Wildwood Trailhead at Germantown Rd Hike – class A

A family-friendly hike. We will hike South on the Wildwood trail and return via Leif Erikson for a total of approximately 4-5 miles. The distance of the hike can be easily adjusted to make it a class B for those who would like an additional challenge. Always carry the 10 essentials with you and be prepared for inclement weather.

Meet: 8:45 AM at Wildwood Trailhead at Germantown Rd (leave promptly at 9 AM)

Leader: Raya Budrevich - photuris@gmail.com
503-750-6680

Feb 10-12 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Nite in the White

Join us for our winter snow camping event. This is a perfect opportunity to try snow camping. You will pitch your tent in our snow-covered parking lot just feet from the door of the lodge. Should things go wrong, you can sneak back into the safety of the lodge. After a hot dinner in the lodge, we will share a campfire in the snow, roast marshmallows, sing and get ready for a fine night in your tent in the snow. On awakening a hot breakfast will await you in the lodge.

Questions? Contact Allen Burrell at
burrell@teleport.com or 503-288-3859.

Register with: Gerda Eck gerdaeck@comcast.net or 503-804-4214 Please register no later than Wednesday.

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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
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Feb 8 (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

Feb 15 (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

Feb 17-20 (Fri-Mon) Tyee Open

Details coming

Host: Diane Brook

Feb 18 (Sat) Tolinda Ridge Trail Loop Hike – class B

Get those buns ready for hiking season, 6 miles 1700ft
elevation gain. [http://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/
Tolinda-Ridge_Trail_Loop_Hike](http://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Tolinda-Ridge_Trail_Loop_Hike)

Always carry the 10 essentials with you and be prepared
for inclement weather.

Meet: 8:45 AM at Forest Park Tolinda Ridge Trailhead (off
Germantown rd) We leave promptly at 9 AM

Leader: Raya Budrevich - photuris@gmail.com
503-750-6680

Feb 22 (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

Feb 24-26 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Tyee will open by 4 PM Friday and remain open until 2 PM
Sunday. Breakfast Sat/Sunday and Dinner Saturday pro-
vided. Gluten free options will be available.

Register with host: Sheryl Wagner 503-319-2989 (call or
text) or drwagnernd@yahoo.com

Mar 1 (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

Mar 8 (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

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.

Tyron 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 the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

Time to Pay your Dues (if you haven't done so already)

TCO Membership dues are payable Jan 1, and become late on Feb 1. Please pay your dues to save us from having to remind you. You can either pay on-line using Paypal, or go old school and send us a dues form and a check. If you get a paper Blazer, the January issue included a dues form. You can also download a dues form from:

http://www.trailsclub.org/tco_forms/yearly_dues.pdf

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April 7 thru April 9	Aug. 18 thru Aug. 20
May 19 thru May 21	Sep. 15 thru Sep.17
June 23 thru June 25	Oct. 20 thru Oct..22
July 14 thru July 16	

Historian's Blog - Community isn't found – It's built!

This OnPoint slogan holds true for any institution, including the Trails Club of Oregon. A recent story in the winter edition of The Gorge Magazine, speaks of discovering Nesika Lodge, a hidden gem, high above the Gorge. It goes on to mention how Glen and Linda Conrad (Nesika lodge chairs for the past few years), have maintained a passionate connection to Nesika over the decades (frequent users/work party volunteers), which is all very true.

Yet, without the original vision and leadership of the club's first president, Sam Lancaster, and past TCO Presidents Ding Cannon, Darrel Tarter, Walt Ruse, & George Milne (Masonry contractor, who spearheaded the rebuilding project), Doug Winn (Architect) and Bob Hiland (Forester, who donated timber), along with Gerry Reneau (USFS), Todd Burk (Framing Contractor) and Wayne Doty (CPA), a dedicated Nesika Building Committee, and numerous other members/guests over a 17 year period, only remnants of the original cabin would be visible. Key to the building of this gem of a lodge, and the multifaceted club it has served over the years, is broad vision, strong leadership, sound principles and dedicated participation.

So how can it be that in 2017 a club with this much presence in the Columbia Gorge and a ski lodge above Government Camp is so obscure and not a household name similar to that of the Mazamas? According to research of historic Oregonians discovered by Susan Keller and I, this was not always true. In the club's first 25 years we were named in more than 125 articles/news briefs. In fact, we were front page news on October 10, 1915; "Club Launched at Dedication of Larch Trail to Boost Scenic Points." For details refer to "Building of Larch Mountain Trail – A Noble Endeavor, (The Trail Blazer, November 2016, Vol. 89 No. 11), written by James Olsen who researched Trail Club and USFS archives.

In the early 1940s, during the war years, the club served our community at fire lookouts throughout Oregon rather than schedule annual outings. The internal report of this activity didn't become public knowledge until our 100th celebration at the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center. Now, based on recent communication with an online lookout website, the information in this report will most likely be made available on the internet. For now, the report written by Ding Cannon and an album donated by the Martin family are located in the history office.

Also noteworthy is that early Oregonian articles refer to our conservation efforts long before our 1932 charter membership with the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Later ones (1945) included the promotion of "Pioneer" Trail (now known as Forest Park) in Portland's West Hills. Celine's article on Fred Cleator (The Trail Blazer, December 2016, Vol. 89 No. 12) is based solely on research from the Trails Club archives and the map on page 5 is one of many documents past TCO President Susan Saul fought long and hard to retrieve from the Oregon Historical Society.

We are most grateful for Ms. Saul's dedication to working with the board to preserve Trails Club history. Her first efforts are recorded in the minutes of the December 11, 2007 board meeting. Randy Dietrich, in President Sharpe's absence, called the meeting to order. Callista Dunn, Susan Saul [incoming president 2008-09], and Vicki Wood attended. New Business- Susan Saul described working with June Smelser, Ken Becker, Barbara Marquam and others on our accumulation of historical memorabilia. Merrill Hugo and Randy Dietrich moved "We approach professional archivists to obtain proposals for the cataloging, archiving and preservation of our historical materials."

Now fast forward from December 11, 2007 minutes to those of the 2008 April Board meeting, "History - Susan announced that we have signed the contract with the archivist and that he anticipates completing his work in May." TRAILS CLUB HISTORY PROJECT STARTS (Announcement found in the same Trail Blazer as the minutes):

"TCO has contracted with American History Savers, Inc., to conduct a preliminary inventory, archival appraisal and preservation assessment of materials in the Trails Club history collection...After this initial assessment, TCO will either have to contract for processing and cataloging of our materials for long-term storage or organize a cadre of volunteers to do it ourselves. American History Savers can provide training if we choose to do it ourselves..."

Then fast forward one more time to a standalone report "Trails Club of Oregon - NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS" prepared January 2009 by Brian Johnson for American History Savers, 4 month ahead of his projected completion date. My extensive research did not attach this report or discussion of it to any Board minutes.

That all said, I would like to publicly apologize to Ms. Saul, in response to her concerns expressed to me on Fri 12/23/2016 by email, regarding misinformation contained in my December blog, published in the January Trail Blazer. This is a perfect example of the importance context plays with interpreting history.

Information found in the archives did not overtly inform the researcher that past President Saul only became involved with the history committee when Historian June Smelser, who lived with her daughter, needed to relocate boxes (TCO historical records) stored in her basement.

In my haste to submit my blog in a timely manner, which shared budget related information with the Board of Directors, I left out the word financial, when citing the fact our archival project began in a vacuum. I meant to point out that the club did not establish long term financial support of preserving, cataloging and interpreting Trails Club historical documents by a vote of the membership, which did happen when the club voted to rebuild Nesika.

According to Susan, her decision to inventory and centralize the club's historic documents had to do with preparing for the upcoming centennial. She used board minutes (obtained from Historian June Smelser) to prepare the Nesika access report for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, delivered January 2007 to the US Forest Service. I've asked Susan to clarify, with regards to the tabbed access report. Another look at the reports leads me to believe it was Merrill who mentioned being "exasperated" with locating decentralized records to fulfill additional requests.

Minutes of a November 3, 2006 meeting with the U.S. Forest Service state:

Dan Harkenrider asked the Trails Club to provide documentation of its "long and continuous use" of the road and trail. This included documenting our history and use of the road, trying to determine when the trail was converted to motorized use, and a written statement that documents that the Trails Club does not have any alternative access. The Forest Service will not stop our current use of the road and tractor trail while the investigations are undertaken. Dan Harkenrider stated that "The Forest Service is committed to finding a solution."

As we begin our second hundred years, we are working internally to update the club's strategic plan (including long range financial projections) and to rebuild the core of our volunteer organization – committees. The challenge, is keeping the club's integrity and culture as we familiarize prospective members through new systems.

Almost ten years after Randy Dietrich and Merrill Hugo made a motion "to approach professional archivists to obtain proposals for the cataloging, archiving and preservation of our historical materials;" a strategic plan, for a cadre of history committee volunteers to process and catalog our materials for long-term storage, is now in place.

Brian Johnson, will continue to provide oversight/training and per Johnson, I will be in charge of quality control. Sadly, the plan is not yet public, as the motion to accept it is part of the 2016 November Board meeting minutes, ones not yet printed in The Trail Blazer. (Ed - The November minutes are later I this issue)

Louis Sowa is just finishing up the conversion of seven VHS tapes to CD's and Celine located a library book, recommended by another member, on building the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Louis is looking to see if it mentions Fred Cleator and/or the Trails Club securing passage on the last 16 miles of Oregon's PCT near Klamath Falls.

Friday, we received a draft PDF from Madge Dryden (USFS), for an Interpretive Sign proposed to be installed atop Larch Mountain. Two photos from our archive are being used in the design.

Since my last blog, Fendall Winston has made a sizeable donation and in Dec of 2015 and August of 2016 Jean and Michael Stupek paid outright for archive supplies amounting to over \$500.

Again, great thanks to all those who've pledged time and financial resources to assist the club in preserving our history and to those who alert me on pertinent information I might otherwise miss.

Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian

(Ed.) Susan Saul sent this letter sent to the Trail Blazer (Received 7 Jan. 2017) :

The December 2016 Historian's Blog, published in the January 2017 Trail Blazer, contained many inaccuracies and some outright falsehoods.

The Blog described a sequence of events both before and during my term as TCO President in 2008-2009 that was wrong. The falsehoods included claiming that I displaced the history committee and did not keep the membership informed about what was happening with the history materials. I am offended by the biased and inaccurate Blog.

I first became aware of a problem with the history committee's records storage when I was invited to a history committee meeting at June Smelser's home near Sandy, Oregon, on November 10, 2007. June, who had chaired the history committee for many years, needed to get all the historical records and archival materials moved out of the house (her daughter's home) because her daughter wanted to reclaim the space.

The Historian's Blog claimed that I removed the materials from June's home without input from the history committee, when, in fact, the history committee was directly involved in the process. The committee decided to store the materials in the Tyee basement. Following further investigation with professional archivists, it was clear that we needed a secure, permanent storage solution that would safeguard the materials against damage or loss due to flood, fire, mold, mildew, temperature changes, rodent damage, dust, or other threats.

These issues were discussed at board meetings and reported in the Blazer. The board approved and funded hiring Brian Johnson, a professional archivist, to review our materials, create an organizational plan, and recommend next steps, which included finding a secure storage space.

Barbara Marquam, both TCO and Mazama member, served at that time as volunteer archivist for the Mazama library, museum and archives. She suggested that the Mazamas had space to store the TCO materials in its climatically controlled storage space. Access to the materials would be available during regular Mountaineering Center hours. The TCO board signed an agreement with the Mazamas to store our materials at the Mazama Mountaineering Center at the cost of one dollar a day -- \$365 a year.

I wrote articles for the Trail Blazer about what was going on with the archives and invited members to get involved. Several members came forward with photographs, artifacts and paper records that they held in their homes.

As President, I did my best to take responsible actions regarding preservation of the club's history with full involvement of the board and membership.

Susan Saul

Oregonian.

Woman's Section
Special Features

OCTOBER 10, 1915.

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CLUB LAUNCHED AT DEDICATION OF LARCH TRAIL TO BOOST SCENIC POINTS

Celebration by Business Men of Opening Way to Summit of Mountain Held Despite Stormy Weather—Mr. Lancaster Elected President of New Organization in Recognition of Aid Given Project.



Progressive Business Men At Top of Larch Mountain

The Oregonian announcing the formation of the Trails Club of Oregon



Trails Ahead - It's not too soon!

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 23-25, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 12th annual outing. The resort, about 150 miles from Portland (midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126) has two mineral spring-fed swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotsprings.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 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 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) \$38.15 w/no sewer hookup or \$43.60 w/sewer hookup.

Cabin prices are divided by the number of people, ranging from \$147.15 for 1-2 people to \$299.75 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person).

Lodge rooms range from \$119.90 to \$152.60, varying from 2-4 people (\$10 each additional person).

FEES include cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$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 (open Feb 1st for TCO members/ 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" (balance of payment is due May 15th and is nonrefundable unless there is someone on a waiting list who wanting your accommodations).

Outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing.



Wednesday Hikers on December 30 anticipating the quarterly potluck that is yet to come. (Photo - Ken Kane)

Nothing Shall Stop these Wednesday Hikers



A few hardy Wednesday hikers ventured up Leif Erickson Drive on Jan. 18. Pictured are Chuck Barrows, Audrey Perino, Nancy Panich, and Fenella Robinson. (Photo: Ken Kane, who wrote: "Fellas, here are five wet hikers on the Wednesday morning trek up Leif Erickson Drive on 1/18/17. Aud's still wringing out her socks! Cheers, K2" On the right is a rille that Ken dubbed, "Chocolate Creek".

And From December 28, 2016 Nesika in not as much snow as it was about to get (Photos — Glen Conrad)



Linda at the top of Multnomah Falls



Approaching Nesika



The Dorm



Heading out



Empty Boots — Arlene and George Brennfleck

Longtime Golden members Arlene and George Brennfleck passed away at their home 17 hours apart on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016. They had been together for 71 years.

Their daughter, Mary Hennrich said:

"Mom and dad died 17 hours apart at home with all of us at their sides on Saturday, Dec. 31st. (I believe they both joined a great New Year's even celebration in paradise and were able to join all of the other "odd squad" friends and so many others who had left earth before them. They had been together for 71 years!!"

And excerpted from the The Oregonian, January 22, 2017:

"He also loved hiking and the outdoors and joined the Trails Club of Oregon in 1940. Arlene joined after they were married in 1946 and they were lifelong members serving the club in many volunteer capacities until health and age slowed the down."

"Remembrances in lieu of flowers may be made to the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America (2145 SW Naito Parkway, PDX 97201), St. Vincent DePauk Society Ascension Conference (743 SE 76th Ave, PDX 97215) or Trails Club of Oregon History Committee (PO Box 69061, PDX 97239)

The print Blazer will be too late for this notification, but the service will be on 11 AM, Saturday, Jan. 28th at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
650 A Avenue
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Editor's Note — I neglected to include the minutes of the Nov. 2016 Board meeting. They are presented below. Also, how many noticed that the outer label of the Jan. 2017 Blazer said December 2017? Irene did (blush).

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Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 7, 2016

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7P.M.

All trustees except Charles Shaw and Eric Berg attended. Sylvia Milne, Debbie Ralls, Tom Shanley, Glen Conrad, Bill Yandon, Dianne Brooke, Chris and Jane Olsen, Michael and Jean Stupek, Katriona Butler, Raya Budrevich, Barbara Jones, and Susan Keller also attended.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash Balance.....	10/31/2016.....	\$4,009.57
Beginning Balance	10/1/2016.....	\$8,751.48
Deposits	481.29	
Checks/ withdrawals	5,223.20	
Ending Balance 10/31/2016.....		\$4009.57

We are awaiting an additional check for \$15,000 from the investment account which will be needed to pay for taxes and insurance. Cindy noted that we are in the heavy cash flow part of the year with taxes and insurance to be paid.

Randy inquired if the water bill at Tyee had changed with the advent of metering.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy got his Blazer on the second. The schedule for December will be tight since Phil will be occupied until later in the month.

Nesika Trustees Report:

The October work trip at Nesika was postponed by stormy weather so there were only eight people on the following weekend. Linda and Susan Ashenbrenner placed 48 buckets of gravel on the road between the green and brown gates. Lynn Cochran and David Bogardus improved the drainage on the road in the Basin. Stove wood was brought in to the wood room. New steel doors have been ordered to replace the lower doors on Redwing and the doors on the generator shelter.

Linda and Glen thanked and commended Katriona for her cooking at the trips over the entire summer.

The backpack seminar had 38 attending including many non members who have applied for membership. Linda and Glen said the presentations were excellent and were well received by the group.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

Bill Yandon told us that Tyee is ready for the winter. Soil Solutions is working with us perfecting the feed from the new tanks to the furnace.

We haven't yet received the results on the testing for oil in the soil under the basement slab.

Membership Trustee's Report:

Charles Urwyler was elected to membership. Peggy Anderson, Sheri Dover, Bethany Gay, Hannah Gay, Lorrie Gay, Linda Hernandez, Loriann McNeil, Gabriel Nagmay, Miki O'Conner, Leilani Speer, Mike Summers, Nancy Rappolt, Nancy Zink, and Tatiana Pereira were read for the first time.

Old Business:

a. Membership marketing: Glen, working with Dennis Stillwell has arranged to link our web site with the N.W. Hikers.com web site.

Nesika will be featured in a December magazine piece by Peter Marbac .

b. Annual meeting arrangements: Jeff went over the following detailed arrangements
Location Winona Grange in Tualatin commons. We are asked to park away from the hall.

Time 6-7 P.M. New member social with the annual meeting starting at 7 P.M.

Food will be confined to the lower level of meeting place. Meeting on upper level.

We will be responsible for cleanup.

c. History committee plan: Merrill moved to lift the motion accepting the History Committee Plan from the table. Motion carried.

After a discussion which generally revisited points made in October, the motion to accept the History Committee Plan carried.

Randy moved to have donations to the History Fund matched up to a max of \$7,800 by the board. After a short discussion the motion failed

d. Joel is still working on a Tyee hosting policy.

e. Randy is actively looking for appropriate members for a Financial Analysis Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Hugo, Secretary

And now, Back to the Present

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**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
January 9, 2017**

Minutes

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes for the December 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance	12/31/2016.....	\$ 4,318.54
Beginning balance	12/1/2016.....	\$ 8,149.54
Deposits.....	3,379.77	
Checks/withdrawals	7,210.77	
Ending balance.....		\$ 4,318.54

We have paid a total of \$20,502.17 for remediation and tank replacement to take care of a suspected oil leak. Minor amounts of oil were found from what appeared to be a 1000 gallon leak. Cindy reported that we now have Directors and Officers insurance.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy told us that Phil will be gone until the 19th and the Blazer will be finished after that date.

He (Randy) says we will be dropping the TCO member group. Some members have indicated an interest in Instagram. There was some interest in the idea since Instagram appeals to a younger demographic. Any decision on this will rely on a formal request.

Work continues on improving the website

Membership Trustee's Report:

We acquired 54 new members in 2016. A few of them have not yet paid.

Jeff read Beth Myers-Shenai, Eddie Hooker, Amy Evans, David Ingerson, and Krystyna Wolniakowski for the first time.

Rich Shiga and Susan Horky were elected to membership.

Nesika Trustees Report:

There were 14 people at Nesika over the New Year with another 7 people coming through.

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Linda has collected \$1155 towards the deck on Redwing. She has all of the work trips for the coming year scheduled. She says there are about 1.5 feet of snow on the level near the lodge.

She then initiated an extensive and inconclusive discussion on the mechanisms for keeping track of individual signups and payments at the lodges. She would like to avoid the use of paper as far as possible. Possibly this could involve the use of Meetup and Pay Pal.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

Chaz was welcomed back from his trip. He said he really enjoyed historical places in Virginia and the Museum of the Air Force in Ohio.

Bill reported on the negative results looking for oil from our suspected spill.

He says Maya has Tyee fully scheduled through the next couple of months.

Trips Trustee's Report:

Raya shared her proposal for upcoming hikes. She and Susan Taylor would like to have a meeting at a more social venue to develop plans for trips.

Jeff reminded Raya that we want membership hikes to Nesika on each work trip weekend.

Social Trustee's Report:

Susan Taylor was welcomed. She shared a number of concerns with us. She wants to have another member supervise the Adventures in Travel events at Rose Villa. Susan hopes Viki and Esther will handle this. She feels that the \$35.00 fee for the banquet is unrealistically low. There was agreement that we shouldn't set fees at too low a level.

Randy urged Susan to bring new thinking to her position. He would like to see new social events which will appeal to more of the members.

Old Business:

Financial analysis Randy and Audrey Perino have met with Chris Monti to consider the long time investment position of the club. They feel we have been spending too much from the fund to support the club. This has taken advantage of the extended rise in the market which makes it appear that the fund is stable when it is really losing value. The inflation adjusted value of the fund is significantly below what it should be and if we have an expected deflation the value of the fund may well be below the amount called for in the bylaws.

New Business:

The board approved Jeff hosting the Young Mazamas at Nesika February 19 & 20.

There was a largely inconclusive and somewhat disorganized discussion concerning what made a trip an "official" Trails Club event. We hope to have a more definitive set of proposals at a future meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo, Secretary

Membership Notes - January 2017

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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Second Readings

Susan Horky

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Changes: None

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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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