

**ONC Portland Chapter
BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/16/06**

In attendance: Kathy Burns, Rick DeTroye, Trudy Hussmann, Jennifer Klump, Lou Klump, Pam Rigor, Ted Scheinman.

Membership report: 205 single memberships, 75 family memberships. Further discussion of how to increase membership—ideas such as a membership drive; mailings to expired members; follow-up calls to nonmembers who have come on tours; cards to hand out to skiers we meet on the trail; a “script” for tour leaders to encourage membership. We’re getting some new members through our Web site, brochures in stores and Craig’s List.

Recruiting board members: Introduction of new board member Rick DeTroye. Rick will coordinate trail maintenance. We need to amp up our trail maintenance activities, because we are the only people who maintain the trails we use. Members are asked to help identify trails that need maintenance.

Russ Pascoe is working on board recruitment by directly contacting new members and offering positions. Still needed are a new president, programs coordinator, and membership coordinator. Lou and Jennifer graciously continue to help with the president and membership positions. Steve Levy plans to step down from programs chair. Ted Scheinman has a volunteer helper for overnight tours. The board is planning a retreat, possibly at Mazama Lodge in March or April, to brainstorm ideas for the club.

Treasurer’s report: Not available. The board approved a motion to pay \$78 in first class postage for a mailing to founding ONC members for the Memorial Day outing this spring. Lisa Westerberg is coordinating the outing and is responsible for the tour proposal, mailing list, etc.

Day tours: We continue to need leaders for day tours and encourage any ONC member to consider leading a tour he/she is comfortable with. Discussion of the avalanche incident on the “terrible traverse” on an ONC day tour in January (no one was hurt). Board consensus was that when the tour leader has doubts about crossing a potential avalanche slope, *don’t*. Also discussion of working with the USFS to make skier/snowshoer signs and perhaps develop a yellow diamond system for snowshoe trails.

Overnight tours: Methow Valley and Yellowstone tours were a success. As of mid-January, several tours still had openings, including Crater Lake, which welcomes snowshoers as well as skiers. The John Craig event will be happening after all on April 1; spaces may still be available. The board approved a tour refund to a member due to an acute back problem. Ted Scheinman is starting to plan another Norway trip in late March 2007.

Nordic issues: We planned to attend a meeting in Sandy Jan. 27 regarding possible expansion of alpine ski trails on the backside of Ski Bowl. The snowmobile club is looking for new snowmobile areas around Mt. Hood. We want to work with them so we

have some negotiating power for future designation of areas that are off-limits to snowmobiles. Regarding the situation with Mt. Hood Meadows staff blocking the Bennett Pass Sno-park entrance, club members are encouraged to complain to ODOT. Don't bother arguing with attendants, because they're just doing what they were told—but get their name and supervisor's name.

Publicity: Kathy Burns went to the Winter Trails event at White River Canyon and gave out ONC brochures and newsletters. Discussion of participation in Skamania County's Winterfest, but we didn't have the exact date yet. Our Ski Clinic and on-the-snow session were on the road to filling; the January in-town portion of the clinic had only a few participants. We have a poster and brochures at the Mt. Hood Visitor Center on Hwy. 26. Kert Fairham volunteered to deliver ONC brochures to all area stores that cater to Nordic skiers. Pam posted our winter ski poster at all stores and distributed brochures in Portland, Sandy, and Government Camp.

Shelters committee: Not available.

Web site: Not available.

Next meeting: March 20 at Ted Scheinman's. Arrive at 6:30 for potluck, 7:00 for meeting.