

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 5/21/07

In attendance: Janet Britton, Julius Dalzell, Trudy Hussmann, Lou Klump, Pam Rigor, Ted Scheinman and Alan Stickel.

Membership report: 274 total memberships (202 single, 72 family); 1 new member, 4 renewing, and 9 that have not renewed and will be sent reminders.

Board news: The board meeting on June 25 will be a “phone banking” night. Board members will make calls to new members to welcome them and offer options for getting actively involved with the club—for example, coming on a trail tender, leading a day tour, or taking a board position.

Treasurer’s report: Balance was \$39,467.51 in checking and \$4,100.00 in savings, for a total of \$43,567.51. The board approved a motion to move \$16,000 to our savings account, where it can earn interest.

Day tours: People are coming forward to lead hikes and bike rides, but trail tending is an important summer club activity. Our day tours, including hikes, bikes and trail tenders are being listed on the portlandhikers.com Web site.

Overnight tours: Yellowstone and Methow Valley tours have been scheduled for next winter. Ted will have a tentative tour list for publication in the September newsletter. We denied a refund request from a member who cancelled because the member had not satisfied the requirements of our overnight tour policy for a refund. As per our policy, if a replacement for the participant is not found, refunds are given only when the participant has one of the following happen: 1. Death of a family member, 2. Major illness (surgery, diagnosis & treatment of disease, permanent disability), or 3. Injury (broken limb).

Programs: The June program will be Bob Breivogel’s trip to Tibet in 2005. The annual picnic will be held Tuesday July 10 at Laurelhurst Park (Mt. Tabor was not available this year). Ron Bekey has volunteered to help with programs after July.

Nordic issues: Not available.

Trail maintenance: Leaders are still needed for some dates, and volunteers are needed overall. The board encourages all members to come on at least one trail tender this summer.

Publicity: Pam proposed that the chapter join the Oregon Snowsport Industries Association. It puts out a full color publication (published by the Oregon Tourism Commission and Ski Oregon) every year that has a readership of 125,000. We could get some of our activities listed if we joined (at a cost of \$150). However, the board felt we needed more information about how we could do that, given that the association caters strongly to the downhill skiing industry, but has a backcountry section that had a photo of the Teacup cabin this year.

Shelters committee: The board approved a motion to spend \$4,161 for an environmental impact assessment. There are still questions about whether we can really manage the project of building a shelter and a cabin, which would probably cost at least \$200,000. But the board felt that approving this motion was a commitment to go to the next step instead of continuing to just talk about it.

Web site: Not available.

Next meeting: June 25 at Steve Levy's. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for potluck, 7 p.m. for the meeting. Bring cell phones and call lists.