

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3/19/07

In attendance: Janet Britton, Kathy Burns, Julius Dalzell, Trudy Hussmann, Jennifer Klump, Lou Klump, Rita McCormick, Pam Rigor and Alan Stickel.

Board news: Janet Britton was introduced as the new trail maintenance coordinator. Pam suggested she contact REI about promoting or sponsoring trail tending. She also suggested that the board compile detailed position descriptions to make transitions easier and ensure continuity. Board members agreed to call new members to welcome them to the club and encourage involvement. Each person took a list of members to call. The board is having its retreat on April 14 at Kathy Burns' house in Vernonia from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

State board report: The state board discussed the relationship between the state organization and the chapters in regard to our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Apparently the state of Oregon tried to fine ONC regarding tax filings. However, the state board confirmed that the relationship doesn't need to be spelled out in writing, particularly since we all have the same IRS tax ID number. Chapters can use the 501(c)(3) status individually to report donations, write-offs, etc. This issue was to be discussed further at the next state board meeting. Lou noted that the state board wants to foster a sense of "brotherhood" among the various chapters.

Membership report: 298 total memberships (218 single and 80 family); 5 new members. This is down from last month's count. It was noted that we've had 135 nonrenewals in the past year. In March, 22 members had not renewed 2 months after their renewal date and were sent reminders. We got one new member through the *Chinook Book*. We'll be discussing ideas for increasing membership at the board retreat.

Treasurer's report: Balance was \$46,178.31 in checking and about \$4,000 in savings, for a total of over \$50,000. However, we owe about \$12,000 on the Norway trip and \$1,200 for our annual state dues. It was proposed that we move more of our money into savings and possibly invest some of it in CDs. We'll research the options further.

Day tours: We had a lengthy discussion about what to charge for nonmembers and their children on family tours and events. Jennifer is leading a family hike at Tryon Creek State Park on Earth Day. The board decided that for family tours, we would charge \$1 for nonmembers, with no charge for kids under 18 who are accompanied by parents or guardians. For in-town hikes or walks, we'll charge \$1 (vs. the usual \$2) per nonmember, also with no charge for kids under 18 who are accompanied by parents or guardians. We'll do this on a trial basis, subject to change later on if it doesn't seem to be working.

The board welcomes people to lead day trips in the off-season (hikes, bike trips, etc.). However, the club will focus more on trail maintenance, since we're "it" when it comes to this work.

Overnight tours: We've had a good season of overnight tours. The John Craig tour filled up. Next winter we'll plan on just two Odell Lake tours. We also hope to be able to do a tour in the Ochocos again, and we'll try to line up a new tour to Anthony Lakes in eastern Oregon.

Programs: Pam asked Mike Dianich to do a program on the Dolomites' iron routes on April 3. The Tibet program, originally scheduled for that date, is moving to June 5. The May program will be "Skiing the Wapta Traverse" in Canada. We still need a new program coordinator.

Nordic issues: Not available.

Publicity: Pam said the après ski party in Government Camp went well. Going forward, she would like one or more people to step in and handle our publicity efforts so she can focus more on the monthly newsletter. She would like more stories on overnight tours for the newsletter. We also discussed doing features on members who stand out in one way or another.

Shelters committee: The shelters committee met. Julius is going to work up cost estimates based on the Santiam shelters.

Web site: Not available.

Next meeting: April 16 at Pam's. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for potluck, 7 p.m. for the meeting.