

2014 ONC-PDX Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2014, Mazama Mountaineering Center

Board Members present: Ann Truax, Kimberly Davis, Bill Yeager, Susan Watt, Mary Hepokoski and Elke Schoen. **Club Members present:** Overnight Trip Coordinator Ted Scheinman and Newsletter Editor Pam Rigor.

Minutes for the November 2014 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: November's report was submitted. The board discussed posting the annual report that is submitted to the state organization in October. If posted on the website it would be visible to members only.

President's Report: Leadership training has over 30 people signed up. The on-snow training may have to be cancelled if there is no snow. Ann will notify participants on Friday and work on rescheduling it if necessary.

A demonstration of the site could be presented at the meeting. An ONC statewide conference call meeting was held and Bill Yeager participated. Various ONC chapters were represented. Chapter reports were given and planning for the John Craig Event was discussed.

Day Tours: Vetting of trip leaders had been discussed at prior board meetings and the day tours coordinator had modified the leadership basics document. The changes and modifications were approved by the board and the new document will be posted on the website.

Overnight Trips: Ted's proposal concerning the overnight trip coordinator position was further discussed. The board agrees that changes need to be made so that the burden is not all on one person. A lot of time is required to organize the trips and currently that burden is all on the one overnight coordinator. Options discussed were that overnight trip leaders could make their own reservations and this would reduce time spent by the coordinator. An overnight trip coordinator's assistant could also help spread the burden of work. Ted remarked that this was requested and discussed by the board on prior occasions but had never happened. The board acknowledged this and determined to make it a priority. The board will in the near future make changes to the way the overnight trips get organized. Also discussed was a proposal to set up a committee for the planning of the overnight trips so the effort and decision making responsibility is shared by the committee instead of one coordinator. This committee would need to form and start the planning process in January to plan for trips next year. Volunteers will be needed for this as current board members are already volunteering a great deal of time. Also discussed was the need for a club credit card to facilitate the reservation process in the future.

Membership: The current membership numbers were published in the November newsletter.

Nordic Issues: Pam Rigor reported on the Southwest Washington partnership meeting that occurred last month. The report indicated that classifications of vehicles and regulations are inconsistent, not clear and there are differences between the state and USFS regulations. Most of the people in attendance were from the motorized sports groups. Trail grooming for the year was also discussed. Signage that requests snowshoers and skiers take different tracks have been posted at trailheads in former years. The club will continue to do this on Mt. Hood trails but not on Washington ski trails. Steve Levy has volunteered to do this but more signs are needed. Mary Hepokoski will check on getting more signs made and talk to the Forest Service.

Publications: Proofreading of the newsletter prior to publication will be done by Denise. Pam will be sending the document to her prior to publication.

Publicity: The REI in-store event is happening this week and Ann, Bill and Denise will represent the club. Kim will be volunteering for the January REI Tualatin event. The Facebook page still needs a volunteer to update and manage.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: Nothing new was reported or discussed.

Website: Website development is making progress and is close to a point where it can be opened up to membership and the public. The payment system and membership database are still not fully operational

and will take more time. There has been good progress in uploading content to the site as well as finalizing decisions about the layout, appearance and basic functions. Potentially opening up the website to membership was discussed for the February general meeting.

New Business

Ski clinic was discussed with Pam who has organized this in the past. This year the board requested that there be two instructors at a minimum for the clinics and that a third person be available in case there is a drop out at the last minute. The board also requested that the class be cancelled for safety considerations if there is only one instructor available. Pam reported that there are others who may help this year and they will be people who have taught before. No one has signed up for the clinics yet but usually there are two classes with 10 people each maximum.

A nominating committee needs to be formed prior to February 15, 2015. Three board members terms are expiring.

Next board meeting: January 12, 2015, 7 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Submitted by: Susan Watt, Secretary

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, November 10, 2014, Mazama Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: Ann Truax, Kimberly Davis, Mary Hepokoski, Elke Schoen, Susan Watt, and Bill Yaeger. **Club Members Present:** Day Tours Coordinator Denise Brem.

Minutes for the October 2014 board meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report: The October treasurer's report was submitted.

President's Report: The John Craig Event will be held March 7, 2015 at McKenzie Pass. The state board has money for high school scholarships to help kids on a cross-country ski team. The state will donate \$75, which needs to be matched by the school or the team, to worthy students. There is a formal application process. Ann is going to contact the coaches about the scholarships. A leadership training will be scheduled for the spring. This could be focused as an overnight trip leader training.

Website: Clint has made changes as suggested by the Website Committee. The committee continues to meet and add content to the website under development. Darvel Lloyd has some good photos that could be used.

Day Tours: Trip Cancellation Policy—Day trip leaders should be encouraged to plan for an alternate activity but it is not a requirement. ■ Vetting Trip Leaders—Currently this is not done by the club. Minimum Requirements should be established first. This was discussed and the board will follow up to develop a policy. Agenda item for next month. There are incentives for trip leaders. ONC-PDX will reimburse \$50 of the fee for a class (first aid, avalanche training, orienteering, etc.) taken by a leader who has led at least two trips. Ann will compile a list of possible classes for the next president's ski tracks. Denise created a form for reimbursement.

Overnight Trips: Ted's proposal was discussed and the board will meet with Ted at next month's meeting since he was not present. Shannon Planchon's proposal to have Shelly Hakanson or someone equivalent, offer ski lessons on the Crater Lake trip was approved by the board.

Nordic Issues: The Winter Partnership Meeting will be held December 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Stevenson, WA.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: A five year contract has been signed with the Forest Service regarding ONC-PDX management of the Tilly Jane A-Frame. Roof repairs were completed last month.

Publicity: Mountain Shop Nordic event included a table staffed by ONC-PDX volunteers. Facebook page—We have one, but it has not been updated since 2012. Any volunteers? The first REI event occurred with Andre Fortin presenting at the Clackamas REI regarding possible day tours and overnight trips.

Publications: Proof reading the newsletter was discussed.

New Business

Ski Clinic—Ann will ask Pam to present her plans for the ski clinic. Who will be teaching? How will the instructors be trained?

Nominating Committee—There should be one formed to facilitate the next board membership transition.

Next board meeting: December 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Submitted by: Susan Watt, Secretary

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2014, Mazama Mountaineering Center

Board Members present: Ann Truax, Kimberly Davis, André Fortin, William Yaeger, Susan Watt, Mary Hepokoski, and Elke Schoen. **Club Members present:** Overnight Trips Coordinator Ted Scheinman, Day Tours Coordinator Denise Brem and Program Coordinator Ron Bekey.

Minutes for the September 2014 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The August and September reports were accepted. The August report is the end of fiscal year 2013-2014 summary report and is sent to the state ONC to be used by them to file a tax return for ONC. The proposed 2014-2015 budget was approved eliminating revenue and expenses for the ski fair this year.

President's Report: It was noted that the Oregon Nordic Club state president recently resigned.

Website: A small sub-committee has been meeting and working with Cliff on the website. Progress is being made.

Day Tours: Denise sent out an email letter to trip leaders but has not had a response. It is assumed that there will be more of a response once the ski season gets going. November may be slow since snow is unknown. The goal is to have one trip per weekend.

Overnight Trips: Ted reported that most of the trips are full. The sign-up went well and approximately 90 people attended. There was good feedback on the new venue. Improvements for next year were discussed: A better set up for queues would help the sign up process and avoid confusion about who was in line. The club should add more backcountry type trips next year. Slide show could be improved on.

Membership: The current membership number was not reported at this time. It was suggested that while past presidents all get a free membership, they should be asked to send in an annual application or letter of intent. This would save the club from paying for insurance for people who are no longer participating members. The membership coordinator could make sure this gets done each year so the list is more current. A standard letter should be written that can be sent each year to the past presidents. The board supports this proposal. A letter template should be written that will be sent each year to non-renewing members. This "reminder" letter shall be approved by the board before being sent. Also discussed was the timing of when the letter would be sent. This should be before the October trip sign-up.

Nordic Issues: Forest Service has proposed a new parking area with 60 plus spaces, below the Mazama Lodge. The Mazamas support this. With the board's agreement, Ann will write a letter of support.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: The October volunteer event was very successful with 45 people who showed up to help haul and stack wood and perform maintenance/clean-up chores at the A-frame cabin. André expressed interest in a Tilly Jane Sub-committee for long range planning. The lease is being renewed with the Forest Service (FS). This has been a one year lease in the past but the FS would like the Guard Station and A-frame to be tied together and to extend the duration for longer than 1 year. A volunteer is drawing up the as-built plans of the cabin. There are roof repairs that need to be done and are being coordinated.

Publicity: Dates from REI were sent out. We need a volunteer for the Salem date. Kim will ask Willamette Chapter for help with that. REI wants us to talk about destinations for day trips. The day tour suggested trip list can be used for that. The club should have a form letter to send out to donators. Kim still looking into the REI affiliate program.

Old Business

Leadership training has people signed up for both sessions. There are still openings. The handbook is being updated for the trainings.

New Business

Ski Fair—This has been a net cost or a break even for the club in past years. Also, there are other ski fairs offered around town. The board discussed not having it and a motion was passed to cancel it for this year.

Volunteer appreciation will happen at the November meeting. Shirts will be ordered for this. A list of volunteers needs to be put together prior to the meeting. Mary H. is working on and Susan W. will help. The board supports a proposal that monthly meeting “speakers” should get their dinner paid for. The details will be worked out with Lucky Lab.

A proposal to allow the Overnight Trip Coordinator to attend trips as an assistant leader at half price was presented. The proposal deserves further discussion and was tabled until next meeting. The club should get trip evaluations from participants. This will help the coordinators and club to track satisfaction with the trips. This should be a standard “on-line” format that is accessible through our website.

Next board meeting: November 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Submitted by: Susan Watt, Secretary

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, September 15, 2014, Mazama Mountaineering Center

Board Members present: Ann Truax, Kimberly Davis, André Fortin, William Yaeger, Susan Watt.

Club Members present: Overnight Trips Coordinator Ted Scheinman and Newsletter Editor Pam Rigor.

Minutes for the August 2014 board meeting were approved

Treasurer’s Report: There was none as Mary H. was not in attendance

President’s Report: Leadership training has been scheduled and the announcement went out with the membership letters. This year’s training will concentrate on safety. Two trainings are scheduled, one in town and one on the snow. The time will be adjusted from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m. as mentioned in the letter. There will be some time for Ted Scheinman to cover the Overnight Trip Policies. Ann Truax will rework the training handbook prior to the meeting. The Gifford Pinchot Forest Service applied for a grant for Marble Mountain Sno-Park and ONC-PDX signed a letter of support. State ONC meeting was cancelled at the last minute. Ted S. was not notified and was greatly inconvenienced by this last minute cancellation. Ann proposed writing a letter concerning this.

Website: Progress so far was previewed. The site still needs photos to be uploaded and more content will be coming. Clint wants photos for the site and these should be uploaded as high resolution files to Google drive.

A content manager for the website is needed. The club is looking for someone to volunteer for this role. This role should be filled soon so they can work with Clint on the site development.

Day Tours: Denise is doing a great job as the coordinator. We need other recruiters to reach out to potential trip leaders. This will be ongoing.

Overnight Trips: October 7 is the Overnight Trip Extravaganza at the NW Quimby Lucky Lab location. In case some trip leaders can not make the extravaganza, volunteers will be needed as proxies. Ted will verify trip leader attendance. Sign-up sheets will be for the leaders to fill in. This was confusing in the past and is not for people to put their names down without actually completing the sign-up process. Some trips are without leaders at this point. Ted is working on filling all the slots. Ted S. gave Pam R. a disk of prior slide shows. Pam is updating the slide show for this year’s overnight trip extravaganza.

Membership: Membership letters were mailed and the list will be updated for the year.

Nordic Issues: Nothing to report at this time.

Tilly Jane: October 4, 2014 will be the work party to stack wood at the cabin. The road is open and anyone can drive up to the campground. André F. mentioned that people could bring a potluck item if

they want. André proposed splitting the cost of a generator with the gorge chapter who are buying one for the guard station. The board approved this expenditure as it will be helpful for ongoing cabin maintenance.

Publicity: Kim D. reported that she continues to post things on Meetup but that she needs the date as well as the time to post on Meetup. She has also emailed the REI contact about presentations. Kim said REI has an “affiliate” program where, if their link from our website is used, a percentage of the sales made are given to the club. She will look into that further. Pam R. suggested doing a presentation at the Mountain Shop. Day tours could also be posted on Portland Hikers website. Pam will send information to Kim.

Old Business: Ski classes were discussed and Pam R. said the Ski Fair is coming up and would need other volunteers to help. Clinics would be a good way to get interest. A date and place will be scheduled.

New Business: Nothing discussed

Next board meeting: October 13, 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Submitted by: Susan Watt, ONC-PDX Board Member

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, August 11, 2014, Mazama Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: Ann Truax, Mary Hepokoski, Susan Watt, Elke Schoen and Bill Yaeger.

Club members present: Overnight Trips Coordinator Ted Scheinman and Newsletter Editor Pam Rigor

Election of Officers: Susan Watt was elected secretary

Minutes for the July 2014 board meeting were approved.

Overnight Trips: Ted is exploring new trip insurance covering cancellation and medical evacuation at a better rate. Leaders are needed for several trips for which reservations have already been made. The October trip sign-up was discussed. Volunteers to man each trip station are needed. There will be a slide show presentation of pictures from previous trips, followed by sign-ups. (Leaders will be allowed to sign up for trips at the start of the meeting.)

Treasurer’s Report: The club received a \$2,200 refund from the bus company bankruptcy, losing only our \$500 deposit. Mary would like volunteers to review the club’s books.

President’s Report: Leadership training has been scheduled for October 26, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., at O’Connors, with the on-the-snow training on December 14. Membership renewal letters are going out soon to all members. Ann signed the Mazama letter to the Forest Service regarding the possible change in snowmobile access policy.

Website: The board discussed modifications to Clint Sikes’ contract. Ann will modify it and submit it to Clint, and will produce a checklist of website features to be included.

Old Business

The board voted to move the site of the monthly meetings to the Lucky Labrador NW Quimby pub, starting with the October meeting through the following year.

Novice ski classes were discussed, with Pam strongly supporting them.

Next board meeting: To be determined.

Submitted by: Bill Yaeger, ONC-PDX Board Member

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 22, 2014, Susan Watt’s house

Board Members Present: Ann Truax, Mary Hepokoski, Kimberly Davis, André Fortin, William Yaeger, Susan Watt. **Club Members Present:** Day Tours Coordinator Denise Brem and Overnight Trip Coordinator Ted Scheinman

Minutes for June 9, 2014 board meeting were approved.

Election of Officers: Election of Secretary was postponed until next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary distributed the report and commented there was very little financial activity this month.

President’s Report: Ann did not have anything specific to report on. She would like to establish priori-

ties/goals for the board and club for the year. Communications was one priority mentioned.

Website: Board voted and approved a motion to proceed with the website design proposal from Clint Sikes. Ann, Susan and Denise will represent the club to make decisions with the developer on formatting and design.

Day Tours: Communication issues were discussed. Denise asked about a membership list to send information to. She said she was using the gmail list but the entire membership should be getting the information. The wider membership list will be used for this. Some discussion on coordinating the various lists of members. Work party dates will be taken into consideration so that day tours do not conflict with them. Day tour leaders should let the day tour coordinator know if they want the tour to be posted on Meetup.

Overnight Trips: Revised policies were reviewed and adopted.

Membership: A plan for September membership renewal letter was discussed. Ann will prepare the letter and will contact others for prior year's letter. Past members that are not current members, should receive the annual membership letter.

Nordic Issues: Mitch Auerbach has volunteered.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: A work party of 15 people met at the Tilly Jane trailhead on July 19. They repaired several boggy sections of trail. Andrè will write this event up for the newsletter.

Publicity: Meetup is posting events in the wrong category. The club activities should be posted in Outdoor/Adventure. October meeting should be posted on Meetup in advance.

Old Business

Choices for venue selection for general meeting have been narrowed to Lucky Lab on NW Quimby. Bill and Denise will go by and check on sound levels and available technology for presentations.

New Business

Leadership training will be offered again this year. Two trainings will be planned for the end of October and in December on a Saturday or Sunday. Suggestions were made to improve it from last year. Board consensus was that ski lessons should be offered to club members. This could be by finding volunteers to teach classes, hiring Shelly to teach a class three times a season, or by providing information to members on classes that are offered by other groups. Links to classes and resources should be on the website. Subsidy or other monetary assistance could be provided to support this. A telemarking class was suggested also. The lessons program is changing and this information should be written up for the newsletter. It could also be posted in the Oregonian but must be sent in well in advance. Discussion on goals and roles of the club. A goal of the club is to increase membership and improve the engagement of members in the volunteer organization. Various options for promoting membership were discussed.

Next Board meeting: August 11 at 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Submitted by: Susan Watt

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, June 9, 2014, Susan Watt's house

Board Members Present: Kim Davis, Andrè Fortin, Mary Hepokoski, Elke Schoen, Susan Watt, Bill Yaeger and President Ann Truax. **Club Members Present:** Ted Scheinman, ONC Overnight Trip Leader, Tony Ackerman, former webmaster, and Clint Sikes, TJ volunteer and web designer.

Election of Officers: Kim Davis was elected Vice President

Minutes of the May 2014 board minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Income for the month was \$1410.49 and expenses were \$3206.89. Detailed written report provided. We received a donation to Tilly Jane of \$737. A report on Overnight trip income and expenses to date was provided. Motion passed to transfer \$20,000 from Bank of America to the Rivermark Account.

President's Report: State board meeting, September 6, Diamond Lake Resort, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No board members are able to go.

Website: Question and answer with Clint Sikes, web designer. His firm works mostly with non-profits and small businesses. Their websites use Wordpress which has the largest user base. We discussed some of the goals we would have with our own website which include being able to join, sign up for overnight

trips, pay on line, maintain the membership data base, send group emails, etc. Part of the website would be open to the public and a part open to members only. We would use Host Gator, which is SSL secure, provides storage space and support. Members can go to WordPress.org to see different themes. Clint will work up a proposal.

Day Tours: no report

Overnight Trips: Agreed the overnight trip signup at the October meeting will be the first opportunity to sign up for a trip. Others must be added to the trip participant list after that evening. No one should be skiing alone on ONC-PDX trips. Discussed the expectation of trip participants having their own bed if they are not a couple. Some trip accommodations make that difficult, but communication with the trip participants should alert them ahead of time to the possibility of needing to share a bed. ■ A committee of Susan, Ted, Bill and Ann will review the overnight trip policy and make recommendations for any needed changes.

Nordic Issues: No report

Tilly Jane A-Frame: Saturday July 19 will be the summer work day. October 4 will be the wood haul.

Publicity: No report

Old Business

Revised accident report—approved.

New Venue for general meeting—We are searching for a new venue for monthly meeting where members could buy food and beverages. Board members agreed to check out some places and report back to Ann within a week. We need to make a decision in July so that we can notify the Multnomah Center about our plans.

New Business

For next retreat board meeting—Set board goals for the year, make a decision about the venue for our general meetings, discuss volunteer recognition, leadership training, ski lessons for members, and discuss ONC-PDX Ski ski lessons.

Next Board Meeting: We will use a Doodle Poll to find a different meeting date in July as it appears that there would not be a quorum on July 7. It will be at Susan Watt's home at 6:00 p.m. on the date determined by the poll.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Hepokoski, Treasurer

Minutes of the ONC-PDX Board Meeting, May 14, 2014, Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: Kim Davis, Andrè Fortin, Mary Hepokoski, and Elke Schoen

Minutes of the April 7, 2014 board meeting were approved

Election of officers was deferred to June

Treasurer's Report: All trip revenue has now been received, and the expense report for one trip is pending. Mary may be revising the trip summary. Mary proposed moving \$2,000 to the Rivermark account. The club has \$19K in a money market account and \$29K in the Tilly Jane account. In late March, the club received a \$737 contribution to Tilly Jane from a group of splitboarders that held a convention there. Jeff Guillory from that group will be given an annual membership to ONC. The board is pleased to see broadened interest in Tilly Jane.

President's Report: The board is seeking someone to attend the state board meeting September 6, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Diamond Lake Resort. Interested persons should contact Ann Truax about details. ■ ONC-PDX members will receive a 30% discount at Columbia Sportswear and at Mountain Hardware June 1-15 and November 15-30. ■ Ann contacted the Teacup Chapter about the possibility of the Portland Chapter assisting with their youth program and awaits a response.

Day Tours: Denise Brem has stepped forward to be the day tour coordinator. The position of day tours recruiter is still open. Laurel Dickie may take this on in September.

Overnight Trips: The timing of the overnight trip extravaganza, potential new overnight trips, and bed allocations were discussed. The board welcomes suggestions from the club regarding backcountry, yurt or other trips. Potential new destinations could include Tahoma Huts or White Pass. Mary plans to

assemble overnight tour policies for possible revision.

Membership: Membership numbers are published in the newsletter monthly.

Nordic Issues: Expanded parking is planned at Mt. Hood Meadows, which will result in more, traffic, pollution and increased risk of accidents. The club may have a form letter available for signature at the meeting to expedite input.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: Andrè reported that Tilly Jane A-frame (TJ) had good usage and no break-ins this year. He will look into upgrades to the septic system this summer. TJ volunteers are eligible to go on maintenance weekends and on ONC-PDX weekends. Trip leaders must be ONC-PDX members, however.

Publicity: Kim reported that the meetup site was working.

Website: Andrè knows a website designer who may be interested in helping us to make the website more accessible. We need to clarify our desires and establish a budget before proceeding. He and Mary will follow up with Steve Planchon, who has done some work on this.

Old Business

Regarding the incident report, Mary said that it needs to list who was present at the incident and who is to receive the report. We need to determine who is to keep the report and for how long. It will go to the ONC-PDX mailbox for now.

New Business

Volunteer recognition, what, when and where, was discussed. November is the likely time.

We are also still looking for an alternative site for the monthly meeting and are accepting suggestions. Brewpubs have topped the list, as food is available for purchase, and they would also make the club more visible to new members. Accessibility to public transportation is desirable, as is sufficient space and suitability for presentations.

Discussion of the listserv was tabled.

Next Meeting: The board retreat will be held in lieu of the monthly board meeting at Kim's house, June 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m., details to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Elke Schoen Board Member

Minutes of ONC Board Meeting, April 7, 2014, Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Board members present: Ann Truax, Andrè Fortin, Mary Hepokoski, Susan Watt, and Bill Yaeger.

Minutes of the March 2014 board meeting minutes were approved.

Election of officers: Ann Truax was re-elected as President, and Mary Hepokoski was re-elected as Treasurer. Vice President and Secretary will be elected at a future meeting when all board members are present.

Treasurer's Report: Roughly \$7,000 is expected in overnight trip revenue this year.

President's Report: Additional member perks are available at Columbia Sportswear/Mountain Hardwear: 15% discount all year and a 30% discount two times a year (when is yet to be determined).

Trail Tending: Mary and Ann will attend the USFS meeting with McKenzie Jensen concerning trail maintenance this season.

Day Tours: Nonmembers may lead day tours as long as they have some training, according to state ONC treasurer Janet Tschanz.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: The board discussed fully implementing and publicizing a policy on the Tilly Jane maintenance weekend trips, including maximum number of participants and nonmember participation as a volunteer benefit.

Website: Andrè will consult with web designers about the cost of creating a website for ONC-PDX chapter.

Old Business

An accident report form will be prepared and added to website document list.

New Business

The possibility of providing telemarking lesson through Wy'East Nordic was discussed.

Leadership training for next fall was discussed.

Next Meeting: May 7 at 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: William Yaeger, Board Member

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting, March 11, 2014, Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: Kim Davis, Mary Hepokoski, Steve Planchon, Elke Schoen, Ann Truax, and Bill Yaeger. Club Member Present: Overnight Trips Coordinator Ted Scheinman.

Minutes of the January 2014 board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Written report provided. No significant changes to the financial status of the Chapter. No questions by board members.

President Report: Member survey summary completed for the newsletter; Board members to review survey results and prioritize items for follow-up actions. Completing effort to confirm club member discounts available by various vendors; with key discounts available at the Mountain Shop, Oregon Mountain Community and Next Adventure; North Face interested in providing a "discount weekend;" membership card required by most vendors.

Day Tours: Board exploring the possibility of allowing Mazama ski instructors to lead chapter day tours.

Renewed effort being made to recruit a day tour coordinator, or a team of coordinators.

Overnight Tours: Most tours have been completed successfully. Board discussed and confirmed existing trip fee refund policy.

Membership: Board approved a membership scholarship request form.

Nordic Issues: No report.

Trail Tending: No report.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: Recent members weekend was a success. Board discussing the possibility of capping the number of members that can participate on membership weekend.

Publicity: Board continued discussion about optimizing use of the chapter's Meetup page. The ability to pay or annual membership on the Meetup site was confirmed, but the process is a bit cumbersome. Board also discussed issues related to cross-advertising between different Meetup pages (e.g., Sierra Club trip advertised on ONC-PDX Meetup page) and determined that no problem needs to be remedied at this time.

Website: Tony Ackerman provided written going forward recommendations for addressing current web site issues. André to consult with web page developers regarding the cost of developing a web page similar to the Teacup web page.

Old Business

First Aid Training—Board confirmed for the record its policy to reimburse trip leaders for up to \$50 for first aid courses, with the person leading at least two trips during the trip season

Avalanche Training—We have asked Ron to set up a general meeting with avalanche training/presentation.

Accident Report: Ann said she would draft an accident report form (which I did, but it hasn't been finalized yet).

New Business

Election procedures were discussed and planned.

Next Meeting: April 7 at 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Steve Planchon, Secretary

The 2014 February Board meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting, Monday, Jan 13, 2014 at Mazamas Mountaineering Center
Board Members Present: Kim Davis, Andrè Fortin, Mary Hepokoski, Elke Schoen, Bill Yaeger and President Ann Truax. Club Member present: Mark Fitzsimons and Pam Rigor to discuss membership.
Minutes of the December 2014 board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue minus expenses is \$20,475.18 for the year, but most of the trip revenue is in and many of the expenses beyond deposits have not been paid yet. Detailed written report provided.

President's Report: Leadership training on the snow in December had 15 participants.

Jack Whitney has agreed to do an orienteering clinic in the spring. He would like to have an inside session followed by an outdoor one.

Day Tours: Still needing a coordinator.

Overnight Tours: Board agreed to provide a scholarship for this year's membership of a family attending the overnight family tour. We need to develop an application form where the recipient of the scholarship explains how they will support the club.

Membership: Susan Kelly was ill but Mark and Pam were there to discuss the membership process. Mark provided a list of the activities he does as the keeper of the database. Mark now sends Bill Yaeger a word document for Bill to produce the labels that he uses to mail the paper copies of the newsletter. Pam discussed the issue of people joining for one overnight trip and then not renewing until the next time they want to go on an overnight. We need to focus more on the value of a continuing membership in the club. Discussed having a simple electronic way of joining and renewing memberships. We discussed the benefits of membership. We need to clarify discounts. Increase opportunities like clinics, conditioning, GPS training, others?

Nordic Issues: Pam requested the board find someone to oversee Nordic Issues for the club as well as the west side of Mt. Hood. Currently Kevin McGillivray covers the east side of Mt. Hood and Diana Hsieh is covering the Gifford Pinchot National Forest area. The coordinator would work with the board on action and would go to user meetings.

Tilly Jane A-Frame: New lease for the year was signed. Bookings are good for this winter.

Publicity: We need to improve the Meetup site with "pings" - an email sent out to new members to the meetup site explaining the advantages of joining ONC-PDX. Ann will check to see if Paypal on Meetup is set up correctly to deposit in our account and to notify appropriate people.

Ski Fair: Pam discussed the timing of the fair as a problem. She feels it needs to be much earlier in the year. We need a committee to organize it in the future. It needs more activities. Mary questioned whether we should continue to do it. Could we combine it with another?

Website: Tony Ackerman has resigned as webmaster for the club. We need a new one who can help guide us in deciding how to resolve our issues with our current website. Pam said she has the information from a previous board who explored developing our own website. She will provide it to the current board. We want to have a simple process for people to join through the website.

Old business

Leadership Training— We would like to have Avalanche Awareness as one of our monthly programs. Mark mentioned that he attended a one hour session at an REI that was very good. We will ask Ron Bekey to look into it.

New business

Survey Monkey— The board would like to survey the membership with no more than five questions. Why did you join ONC-PDX? What do you want from the monthly meetings? What do you value in being a member? What would you like the club to provide that it currently does not?

We also discussed the possibility of a change in venue for our meetings. A meeting place on a bus line,

where members could order food and drinks would be good. It could be smaller than our current meeting space. We could ask a question relating to venue.

Directory—Pam reported that it is in progress.

Nominating Committee: Ann and Elke agreed to serve on a nominating committee. The committee needs to have the names with their brief biographies for the March newsletter.

Next Board meeting: February 10, 7:00 p.m. @ Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary Hepokoski, ONC-PDX Board Member