



# Trail Blazer

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## Upcoming Events

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27	Sat	Kayak Refresher Safety Course
28	Sun	Trails Club Annual Banquet
31	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A to A+
Apr 3	Sat	Willamette Park to Tryon Creek Park Dog Friendly Hike - Class B
3-4	Sat-Sun	Dublin Lake Backpack - Class C
8	Thu	Beginning Backpacking Clinic
Scheduling is updated on web site <a href="http://www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a>		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section. TRIP FEES: Members,\$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

## Announcements

### 87th ANNUAL BANQUET Sunday, March 28, 2010

Come for an evening of socializing, dinner, awards, and presentations. Our keynote speaker is well-known local guidebook author, Douglas Lorain, who will focus his talk on some of the best local "hidden gem" day hikes in the Portland area. These hikes are not only scenic and fun, but also generally overlooked and never crowded. Doug will also present some new trips not yet published in any guidebook; share slides and information on the Crimson Lake and other areas in Idaho's vast Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, the location of this year's Alpine Outing; provide some ideas for places we can hike near Washington's Mount Baker; and sell and autograph his books.

First-aid supplies will be available for purchase from John Stubbs. John is the instructor from NW Responder who has provided first-aid instruction for TCO members.

For banquet information contact Callista Snively, [Kissta9@gmail.com](mailto:Kissta9@gmail.com) or 503 330-7344. A registration form is on the web and was included with February's Blazer.

### LODGE SCHEDULING

We would like to thank Joan Ragan for her excellent job in serving as the Tyee Winter Coordinator this year and to remind members that beginning in April, they need to contact Barbara Warren-Sams to make Tyee lodge requests for hosting and cooking, no-cook hosting, or private use. She can be reached at 503-281-6094.

### MAZAMAS' USED EQUIPMENT SALE

Every year the Mazamas host a Used Equipment Sale, where gently used climbing, backpacking, hiking and XC skiing gear is offered to the general public at great prices.

The Sale will take place Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Mazama Mountaineering Center.

For more information see [www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/](http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/).

### NEW BOAT LAW IN OREGON

For kayakers, please be sure to read up on the new boat law in effect this year. Check the complete info on the web at [www.trailsclub.org/events/kayak.html#boat\\_law](http://www.trailsclub.org/events/kayak.html#boat_law).

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concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of  
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include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit,  
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**Events**

**Mar 3 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest  
Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to  
know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.  
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6678

**Mar 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open**

Join us for a weekend at Tyee with a late dinner schedule  
that accommodates night skiing on Saturday. Lodge  
opens Friday night at 5 p.m. and closes Sunday at 3 p.m.  
No Friday dinner; bring your own or eat before. Dinner  
served Saturday evening at 9pm. Breakfast served Sat  
and Sun at 8am.  
Host: Greg Hancock 503-333-6295 or  
greghancock@yahoo.com.

**Mar 6 (Sat) White River Canyon XCntry Ski - Class A**

This novice level ski tour features views of Mt. Hood and  
the moraines left by the White River Glacier. From White  
River Snow Park, we will ski a total of 3 miles with 500  
feet of elevation gain. The tour follows the open valley of  
the White River Canyon Snow Field to the power line and  
return. The round trip driving distance is 120 miles. We will  
meet at the Gateway Transit Center at 8:30am.  
For more information contact Steve Gilbert  
503- 292-8099 or gilbert7989@msn.com.

**Mar 6 (Sat) Backpack Leadership Training**

The Trails Club Backpack Committee will present a 1-day  
training session for backpack leaders and those who wish  
to become leaders. This is required training for backpack  
leaders for the Trails Club. See TCO web site for full  
details. Question/answer session will follow the presenta-  
tions. Bring a brown-bag lunch. No charge for this training.  
Participation is limited and registration is required. Contact  
any backpack committee member for further details.  
Location: Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd  
Ave (at Stark), Portland OR from 10 AM to 3PM.  
Contact Rich Fuhs to register: Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.net or  
503-690-5077.

**Mar 6 (Sat) Ecola Pt. to Tillamook Head Hike – Class A**

An ocean view hike. From the Ecola Point picnic area we  
will pass three great ocean viewpoints before arriving at  
Indian Beach picnic area. Continuing to Tillamook Head  
we visit WWII bunkers and see "Terrible Tilly". Hike 6.6  
miles with 1300 feet elevation gain. Drive about 125 miles  
round trip. Drivers need a state park pass or pay \$5.  
Depart: 8:30 am from the Target parking lot listed under  
Meeting Places  
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

**Mar 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Herman Creek Backpack - Class A**

Come join us after the Backpack Leadership Training ses-  
sion. We will start Saturday evening for a nice overnight  
backpack in the Gorge. We will hike up the Herman Creek

trail two miles and set up camp. Bring head lamp/flash lights since the hike in will likely be in the dark. Bring 3-season tent, warm sleeping bag and pad, emergency blanket, and cooking equipment. Snow shoes may be required. We will attempt to day hike up to Noble Camp on Sunday morning, weather and snow permitting. Limit 12. Must register with either leader  
Leaders: Gregg Carson (trainee)  
chopperusa@hotmail.com and Linda Conrad  
lcgrconrad@aol.com 360-837-3875

### **Mar 8 (Mon) Bike Meeting**

Calling all interested bicyclists. Join us for a bowl of soup and help plan this year's bicycling activities. Meet at 6:00pm on Monday March 8th at my home. Call for directions 503-654-1353 or burrell@teleport.com. Allen Burrell, Bike Chair.

### **Mar 10 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

### **Mar 10-12 (Wed-Fri) Tyee open**

Lodge will be open by noon Wednesday. We will stay two nights. Lodge will not close Friday since Gerda Eck will be hosting the weekend. Meals: Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast and dinner and Friday breakfast provided. Bring your own lunch, snacks, sleeping bag and towels. Please register by March 7th. Cook: Nancy Overpeck.  
Host: Pete /Elaine Nelson (H) 503-591-0160  
petermvnelson@gmail.com

### **Mar 12-14 (Fri-Sun) Tyee open**

Our annual "Night-in-the-White" gives you the opportunity to snowcamp close to the lodge. Come in for the meals, warm up in our cozy living room by the fireplace and then go back outside to view the star studded sky and sleep in your tent. (for advice on what to take call Allen Burrell 503-654-1353). Bring your x/c skis and/or snowshoes. We will explore our surroundings Saturday and Sunday morning. Lodge will open at 3pm Friday and close at 2pm Sunday. Dinners will be provided Friday and Saturday, Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday (bring your own lunch and snacks).

Sign up by Wednesday 9pm for one, two or all of the meals with host:  
Gerda Eck gerdaeck@comcast.net or 503-654-1353

### **Mar 13 (Sat) Terwilliger-Willamette River Loop Hike - Cls A**

Hike at a moderate pace on the hiker/biker trails of Portland's wooded Terwilliger Blvd. and up the Marquam Trail to the tram with a free ride down to the river. We'll then walk through riverside parks before a steep ascent to our starting point. Bring energy snacks for this 6 mile hike with a 750 foot elevation gain.  
Depart: 9:00 am from Fulton Park's parking lot. Drive south on Barbur Blvd. past the Capital Hwy. exit, bear left

as road curves right, then turn left in front of a church just before a traffic light. Parking is across from church's entrance. Please contact leader if more complete driving directions are needed.

Leader: John Benson jtben@fastmail.us or 503-334-8026

### **Mar 16 (Tue) Trails Club Kayak Kick-off Meeting**

Meet at 7 PM at Portland Kayak Company at its new location at 6600 SW Macadam Ave., Portland. Agenda includes: trips & events; meet our trip leaders; dressing for paddling; on-water refresher sessions; required safety & skill courses; videos to help you learn; the latest on boats & gear, and the required boating permits. Everyone is welcome. Parking: in front of the store; across Macadam by Office Furniture; in Willamette Park toward river; and in the pay lot (\$1) at the north end of the block. You must bring your own chair. Contact any committee members if you have questions.

### **Mar 17 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM  
Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

### **Mar 18 (Thu) Adventures and Travel: Australia**

This month you will follow Gerda and Allen as they traveled by campervan (upgraded hippie van) through three States in Australia. The trip took them along the Indian and Southern Ocean as well as into the Outback of South Australia. Sightseeing, hiking, fishing, eating, learning the history, enjoying the diversity of flora and fauna, as well as visiting with Gerda's brother and family. New Years 2010 was spent in our namesake city of Portland (Victoria Australia).

Location and time: Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie  
Socializing with tea, coffee and treats at 7pm, slide show starts at 7:30pm  
Contact Callista Snively 503 330-7344 or Kista9@gmail.com

### **Mar 19-28 (Sat-Sun) Mexican Border to Warner Springs, CA backpack - Class C**

110 miles. We will take two days to drive to the California border. We will average 12-15 miles a day with one possible layover day and motel night. The terrain is undulating up to 6000 feet. The country is beautiful this time of year with blossoming cactus and green desert area. The weather is still below freezing at night. Ensure adequate warmth. Preregistration and at least one qualifying hike necessary. Must register with leader.

Leader: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

### **Mar 20 (Sat) Teacup Lake XCntry Ski - Class A+**

We'll ski the outer loop at the Teacup Lake Nordic Club's ski area. Mostly level ski area with good views of Mount Hood's east side if the weather is good. The plan will be

to do the outer loop (about 5.4 miles), stop for lunch, and then possibly do another short loop. Leader will tend to lead a slower, casual pace. Donations to the Teacup Nordic Club are \$7.00 (suggested). 5.5 miles approximate. Contact leader before Friday at 8:00PM.

Leave Gateway at 8:30 AM

Leader; Bill Yandon, home 503-538-3643, cell 503-887-2932, or e-mail wkyandon@earthlink.net

**Mar 21 (Sun) Seven-Mile Hill Hike- Class B**

El Niño has brought the flowers out earlier this year; let's check if this hill is alive with balsamroot already. The sun is often shining on this slope overlooking The Dalles and the Columbia River, even when clouds prevail west of the Cascades. This uphill scramble is mostly off trail, come prepared with good hiking boots, poles are recommended and warm windproof gear including hat and gloves should be in your pack. The meadowlarks will serenade us, deer or fox are often spotted and the views are spectacular. Hike 6 miles with 1200 feet elevation gain and 130 miles round trip drive.

Depart: 8 am from Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353 or gerdaeck@comcast.net

**Mar 23 (Tue) Cooper Mtn. Nature Park - Tualatin Wildlife Refuge Hike - Class A**

We will walk approximately 2 1/2 hours circling the nature park's trail loops. There is a covered eating area where we will have lunch. After lunch those who wish to can drive to the wildlife refuge about 5 miles away to walk the trails there. Both sites are equipped with restrooms. Total mileage is about 5 miles with 300 feet of elevation gain.

Depart: 9:30 am from Cooper Mountain Nature Park, 18892 SW Kemmer Road, Beaverton.

Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

**Mar 24 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

**Mar 24 (Wed) Herman Creek to Dry Creek Falls Hike Class B**

Enjoy a spring hike up through Columbia Gorge woods, past the striking Pinnacles lava cones and pretty Pacific Crest Falls to Dry Creek Falls, once the water source for Cascade Locks. Hike 8 miles with 840 feet elevation gain. Drive 78 miles round trip.

Depart: 8:30 am from Gateway Fred Meyer parking lot opposite Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Bill Kingsbury wfcrowntown@gmail.com (preferred) or 503-281-4528

**Mar 27 (Sat) Wash. Park Arboretum Hike - Class A**

Hike on trails 5 miles with 500 feet elevation gain.

Depart: 9:00 am from Washington Park MAX Station.

Please call leader if more complete meeting directions are needed.

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160, cell 503-888-7203

**Mar 27 (Sat) East Gorge Hike - Class A**

Checking conditions and group ideas we will make a decision. Hoping for a hike east of Hood River of 5-8 miles. Contact leader for more information about the hike as the date draws near.

Depart: 9:00 am from in front of "Welcome Me Home" (East side of the downtown Troutdale area, north side of street). From Portland take exit 17 off I-84 and turn right at the second stoplight, go to the main street and turn left.

Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571 or gholman239@verizon.net

**Mar 27 (Sat) Kayak Refresher Safety Course**

Focus will be on wet exits, solo re-entry, and assisted re-entry at Marshall Community Center Pool, 1009 E. McLaughlin Blvd, Vancouver, WA. Call or email for exact directions. Use the SW pool door. Arrive by 2:30 & be ready to put your kayak into the pool at 2:45.

Session ends at 4:15. Pay \$5 pool fee at the front desk. Required equipment: kayak, paddle, spray skirt, PFD with whistle, pump, & sponge. Immersion gear optional. Pool temperature averages 85-86°. Class limited to 10 kayakers. To register contact either:

Bill Savery 503-295 5868 or saveryw@comcast.net

Rex Silvernail 360-263 7225 or humshwha@pacifier.com

**Mar 31 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to A +**

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Wayne Schweinfest - 503-253-3073

**Apr 3 (Sat) Willamette Park to Tryon Creek Park Dog Friendly Hike Class B**

Spring is here and flowers are blooming. Hike from Willamette Park Greenway up to the ridge top via stairs and go from there to Tryon Creek Park. Along the way, hopefully, we will see lots of trillium blooming. Hike the trails in Tryon Creek Park before returning to Willamette Park. Hike, 10 miles, elevation gain not measured. Lunch at a restaurant after the hike optional. Register with leader for meeting time, location and/or directions.

Leader: Karen Yanhs & Roger Anderson p74852@gmail.com or 360-450-9199.

**Apr 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Dublin Lake Backpack - Class C**

10 mile round trip. Class C because of elevation gain and possible snow. Come join us for a strenuous hike to Dublin Lake up the Tanner Creek Trail. If we feel adventurous we may come down the old Billy Goat trail and head back to the cars on Sunday or we may try for a summit of Tanner Butte. Must register with leader.

Leader: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

**April 8 (Thu) Beginning Backpacking Clinic**

The Trails Club Backpack Committee presents an evening clinic on basic backpacking at the Portland REI Store, 1405 NW Johnson St, Portland, OR for new or experienced backpackers. For complete information, see the TCO website or contact any backpack committee member. Register with Bill Kiggins; blkiggins@yahoo.com or 503-347-5450.

**Meeting Places**

**Gateway Park & Ride** From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of 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.

**Wallace Park** is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

**Target** is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185<sup>th</sup> Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri-Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

**Trails Ahead**

**2010 Nesika Work Weekends (Sat-Sun)**

April 10-11: Special Beautification Weekend  
 April 24-25                      Aug 14-15  
 May 15-16                      Sep 11-12  
 June 12-13                      Oct 09-10  
 July 10-11

**Apr 10 - 11 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Beautification and Trail Building Weekend**

Let's bring the past back to Nesika. In 1944 there is a write-up that states, " April 1-2, Nesika Trail Building Trip". If they can do it in 1944 we can do it now. Come spend a free weekend at Nesika for trail building, road clearing and Nesika beautification. Food is pot luck for Saturday, dinner and Sunday Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Bring some annual flower or garden starts or seeds for your lodge fee. Bring your favorite gardening equipment. We are planning on possibly doing some terracing on the north side of Nesika. We are planning on planting some annuals around the lodges for beauty. No bushes, shrubs or perennials. Garden plants OK. No corn. Start your seedlings now and plan on working in the dirt.

Meet at Gateway at 8:00 Saturday morning or Palmer Mill Gate at 9:00 AM.  
 Register with Linda Conrad at: lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

**Apr 20 (Tue) Women's Beginning Backpack Class A**

This class is for women hikers who would like to branch out into backpacking. Topics to be covered include packs, tents, sleeping gear, food, cooking, water purification, clothing and hygiene on the trail. The class will be followed by a one night backpack with dates and destination to be decided by the group. Class size limit: 6. Meet: 7-9 p.m. Registration Required. Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

**Jun 26-Jul 2 (Sat-Fri) Plantation Loop Road to Belden PCT Backpack-Class C**

Join us for 80 miles of backpacking starting at Plantation Loop road on the North side of Lassen. Start at 5500 feet, rise to 7000 feet, descend to 2300 feet in Belden. We will hike through Hot spring areas on the east shoulder of Mt Lassen to desert/volcanic areas on the south side of Lassen. Plan on 7 day food supply. No resupply points unless someone volunteers to resupply us. Snow should be gone or minimal. Ticks may be out, so wear long pants and gators. Plan on 12 mile days. Limit 6 people. Register by June 12 with Linda Conrad: 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

**Jul 9-11 (Fri-Sun) Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River**

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. The resort is about 300 miles roundtrip from downtown Portland. For complete information about accommodations, fees, and deadlines, see the Outings section on the TCO website. Reservations will be taken beginning March 1st (but Vicki will be traveling from 3/3 to 3/15) Members have priority until May 1, then nonmembers may inquire. Contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability or for more information: 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

**Jul 22-26 (Thu-Mon) Donner Pass to Sierra Lakes Hike: 42 miles Class C hike (elevation related)**

We will drive down to Donner Pass to start our hike to the North to Sierra Lakes HWY 49. Average daily hiking distance is 9 miles. The area goes through lakes so bring fishing poles. Merrill Hugo has agreed to meet up on the trail and do our car shuttle. If anyone would like to join him for shorter hiking and exploring of the area let us know when you register. Maximum is 6 people. Donner Pass elevation is 7090 feet See doctor first for possible need of elevation sickness medication (MD visit required). High point is 8300 feet. To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or email of lcgrconrad@aol.com

**Trails Trodden**

**Triple Falls Loop Hike 1-26-10**

A hardy twelve of us enjoyed a weekday hike up these familiar Gorge trails, rushing waterfalls, and a day of humidity but no precipitation. From the Horsetail Falls trail head, we climbed to the lovely Ponytails Falls. We continued upward, with occasional views of the Columbia River and the Oneonata gorge below, and crossed the bridge

at that waterfall. At the intersection of Horsetail Falls and Oneonta trails, we turned south and soon were ogling and photographing magnificent Triple Falls. After a snack break, we climbed one mile to the next bridge crossing, and had lunch on mossy rocks and logs. We descended on the Oneonta trail to the old highway and enjoyed the newly restored Oneonta Tunnel on the way back to our vehicles. Thanks all for a fun and beautiful day of gorge hiking!

Jane Garbisch

**Summary of Board Minutes**

**TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 2, 2010**

Call to Order – Randy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes** – January 2010 Minutes were approved (msc Audrey/Callista).

Administrative Assistant’s Report – Virginia Larson submitted a written report which covered general duties as well as the calendar and proposed activity dates.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer’s reports, banks statement and bank reconciliation attached.

Beginning Balance	01-01-10	\$ 9,498.82
January Deposits		8,799.73
January Checks		<u>-5,142.74</u>
Ending Balance	01-31-10	\$13,155.81

Audrey Perino reported that there is more membership income this year. Lodge income is also up. She stated that there are no issues with expenses yet. She also discussed the Outings policy as it relates to who collects the money and when it needs to be sent in. The Board confirmed that the Outings Leaders collect the money but need to send it in as soon as possible to the PO Box.

**Committees**

**Membership** – Vicki Wood reported two first readings. Three new members were elected. One member was reinstated. Twelve members resigned.

**Trips** – Jane Storey reported that, as of now, only members are permitted to participate in the two Alpine Outings. This could open up to non-members in May. Jane also reported that Allen Burrell has been appointed as Bike Chair. There is a Trip Leaders meeting scheduled for May.

**Publications** – Randy Dietrich reported that release of the electronic Blazer will begin in February (March issue) for members who have requested this in lieu of a paper copy. He is also considering issuance of an electronic directory.

**Social** – Callista Snively shared details of upcoming events: Adventures in Travel regarding Asia – Feb. 25; Annual Banquet to be held at the Monarch Hotel - March 28. The first Hike N Dine will be at Nesika on May 1.

**Lodges and Properties** – George Milne submitted the Lodge Committee Report. He reported that TCO has been provided a PO Box as part of the Government Camp Homeowners Association. He requested that the Board approve the Tyee Roof Warrantee. The Warrantee was approved (msc George/Barbara). He reported the Mazamas request for use of Tyee February 19 for up to 20 people (overnight only - msc George/Vicki). He noted that there was concern that Tyee closing procedures have not always been followed. There was further discussion regarding the new lodge fee rates agreed to by the Board in January.

**History** – no report.

**Investment** – Audrey Perino reported that there will be an Investment Committee meeting February 11.

**Legal Counsel Report** – No report.

**Unfinished Business**

**Gift policy** – Randy Dietrich reported that he will edit the draft Gift Policy to a single page for consideration by the Board.

**Oregon Historical Soc** – Randy Dietrich reported that we are waiting for the Oregon Historical Society Board to approve transfer of materials back to TCO. Randy reported that the Memorial Committee will consider transfer of \$265 for a Paul Sawyer memorial bench.

**New Business**

Nancy Overpeck is appointed as Secretary (msc Audrey/ Jane).

**For the Good of the Order**

The Board discussed the alcohol policy at lodges. It was confirmed that alcohol is banned on TCO property due to liability concerns.

USFS Winter Recreation Meeting with Kathleen Walker. George Milne to attend the meeting.

There was discussion regarding Virginia’s reduced hours (10 per wk). She cannot do everything she was before, so the Board and leaders who utilize her service must make more efficient use of her time. It was decided that Virginia is to determine what she can do in the 10 hours then report back to the Board. For now additional hours could be approved for special projects.

**Action Item Review**

Memorial Committee, Gift policy  
March 2 – next meeting

**Adjourn 9:00**

Respectfully submitted, Matthew Newman.



Jane Olson and Kortney Dunn roasting marshmallows at Tye

**Membership Notes**

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to [membership@trailsclub.org](mailto: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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Readings**

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### Gentle Reminders

**Class A** –Shorter, less strenuous activity,  
**Class B** –Longer miles, more elevation gain,  
**Class C** –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required.

Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.

Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail.

Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.

Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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 Chair.

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Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of 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

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