Meeting Minutes Cascade Volcanoes Chapter Meeting September 25 10 am – 2 pm

Attending- Laurie Kerr, Micky Ryan, Darlene Chirman, Lynn Fox, Roxie Frezza, Ann Kremer, Renee Rutz, Laura Turnbull, Lorena Herron, June Yamrick, Rosanne Hudson, Barb Fox-Kilgore, Linda Buckley

Laurie Started off the meeting with an ice breaker of “What is your favorite Roadless Area?”.

We continued with a recap of past events including:

**Advocacy**

 -Roadless Rule       Laurie- Laurie got a letter to the editor in the Columbian about the Roadless Rule. A map of the roadless areas in Washington was shared with the group.

 -DNR Land Carbon Credits Darlene- Darlene has been talking to Penelope Peterson, leader of the Polly Dyer Broadband in Washington about using carbon credits to save legacy forests owned by Washington Department of Natural Resources.

**Stewardship**

 -Solitude Monitoring  Lynn reported about the monitoring done in Indian Heaven Wilderness. All 5 of the zones have been completed. Please get your mileage and dinner receipts to Laurie by October 20 so she can send them in for reimbursement. The groups reported having had a great time and seeing few people with the exception of Clear Lake where they reported seeing 36 people!

**FUN**

 -2025 Campout Champoeg Park Rosanne- Rosanne reported that the campout was a great success with biking, kayaking, hiking, good food and music.

  -2025 Broadwalk Elwha Dam Micky- The Elwha Broadwalk was a success with lots of learning, hiking, stewardship and fun. Nature Bridge was a great facility, in the forest on Lake Crescent on the Olympic Peninsula.

 Laurie reported on her hike in July at Strawberry Island and Fort Cascade.

**Future Events and Activities:**

 **Advocacy**- There is activity around the proposed Chehalis dam project. There are meetings scheduled at locations around Washington and online. There will be a draft EIS issued in late November. Laurie sent out information to the Advocacy Google group- contact Rosanne if you want to join that group.

 -Stewardship

 -Tree planting     Darlene discussed the possibility of doing stewardship projects with Friends of Trees in urban areas of Portland.

* National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 27. Forest Park will have a trails clearing project on Saturday from 9 – 12pm. Information and sign up is posted on our stewardship google group.

Fun

 -June Broadwalk Klamath Dam Removal Micky/Laurie- This Broadwalk is not yet confirmed or scheduled but should happen next year. A scout trip is happening soon so watch for more details.

**Upcoming Membership Meetings:**

 -Thursday, November 20 Membership Meeting Community Room,  Kennedy School 5:30pm

 -Wednesday, March 25 Membership Meeting Community Room, Kennedy School. 5:30pm

We are planning to do a shared leadership approach going forward in 2025/26.   Here is a plan for members and leaders in which to volunteer to lead.  Thank you to the leaders who offered to take on a leadership role highlighted in yellow for the following positions.    You need not attend leadership meetings nor attend WALZ.

Meetings:

 Every Other Month:

 -September  informal gathering at Ann’s Community Rm (daytime)  Leader to coordinate with Ann time and date and send out notice to members.   Plan rough draft of an agenda.  Do activity report. Laurie to do.

 -November–Community Room Kennedy School (eve)  Laurie to coordinate and send out notice and do activity report.

 -January   informal gathering at Ann’s Community Rm (daytime)  Leader to coordinate with Ann and send out rough draft and notice to members.  Leader to plan rough draft of agenda/send out notice to members/do activity report. Renee Rutz has offered to take the lead for this meeting.

 -March–Community Room Kennedy School (eve)  Laurie to do agenda/send out notice/submit activity report.

 -May  Informal gathering at Ann’s Community Rm (day)

Leader to coordinate with Ann and send out rough draft and notice to members.  Submit activity report. Laura Turnbull and Renee Rutz have offered to take the lead for the May meeting.

Monthly Calendar—Micky to do - Micky will produce a brief calendar every month at the first of the month. She will send it to all members. She will include all items mentioned in the minutes of the monthly meeting, as well as updates since the meeting and anything that people send her to put in the newsletter. Send to mickyryan@aol.com

Advocacy night on non-meeting months  (Oct/Feb/April)

This is a new/old idea. We used to have advocacy nights separate from the regular meetings. Some had speakers, sometimes members just reported on an issue and discuss/do letter writing/plan

 -Washington issues:  Laurie

 -Oregon Issues  Micky

Campout Committee: Rosanne, Bondi, and Lorena have agreed to lead this committee. Please contact Rosanne (hudsonrosanne@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping plan our annual campout.

Summer social event: Ann Kremer has agreed to lead and plan a summer outdoor event possibly at Frenchman’s Bar. Please contact Ann if you are interested.

There was support for a January holiday party. Micky has volunteered to host a lunch potluck at her house in Portland. Date to be announced.

Advocacy /Activity Reporting/Membership -   Rosanne  Back up for technology assistance and activity reporting.

Rosanne has also agreed to present a training on how to use Google on Zoom for us. Contact Rosanne Hudson at hudsonrosanne@gmail.com

Book Group Coordinator- Renee Rutz volunteered to do this.  If you want to lead a book group, please contact Renee.

We are looking for someone to take the minutes at each meeting. Please contact Laurie if you are willing to do so.

There was also the suggestion to prepare a list of google groups and descriptions of what each of them do. If you want to get on one of our google groups- Cascade Broads Hikers, Cascade Broadactivists, Stewardship and Book/Movie, contact Rosanne. Here are the google groups and a short description of each:

 Books/Movie Google group: events include book groups, lectures, book signing, local and online films about nature, advocacy issues, public lands and other issues relevant to our Broads mission.

 Broadactivists google group: includes advocacy campaigns and actions needed to protect our public lands both in person and online as well as information about protests and comment writing.

 Hiking Google Group: This includes information about hike descriptions, place to meet, date and time of hike as well as what to bring and a weather report is also helpful in the hike description. It is also beneficial if the leader includes carpool meeting information as well as the link to the liability waiver for all to sign.

 Stewardship Google Group: This group includes information about stewardship events with partners and Broads-only events. Posts should include the signup link to the registration as well as date, time, meetup place, and stewardship description. These events are free but gas money to the driver is expected when carpooling.

A great potluck meal was shared by all. A big thank you to Ann Kremer for hosting the meeting at her community room in Vancouver. Coffee was also available for free!

Meeting minutes submitted by Micky Ryan.

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