

**CPCOA Spring Board Meeting
April 4, 2009**

Mike Berriochoa called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the China Grove Café, Sunnyside, Washington.

Present were: Mike Berriochoa, Greg and Jack Selby, Carl and Susan Buchholz, Dave Leinweber, John and Myrna Beard, Jim Lundeen, and Maureen Bell.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Jim Lundeen presented a printed copy of the treasurer's report and an updated membership roster as of March 31, 2009. We have a balance of \$2,783.47 in our bank account.

Summer Picnic: Mike asked for input for speakers and topics for the Summer Picnic which is scheduled for June 13th at the Ski Bowl off Bumping Lake Road. We want to make sure our meeting doesn't last more than about 2 hours including eating. There were many topics suggested. The board agreed to ask Ted Filer or a National Board member to speak as they have up-dated information regarding our leases and what is happening with CUFFA. Mike Rowan from the FS will be invited along with the new Yakima County Sheriff deputy Steve Sutliff, assigned to our area. Mike will be asked to share FS information and we will introduce the sheriff. If time he will be asked to share information regarding our cabins and the Sheriff Department. Maureen will get a copy of our Membership Handbook to Sheriff Sutliff.

The Board agreed to continue the raffle. Jim Lundeen will pick up lottery tickets and Mike will seek donations from Whistlin Jacks, Ace's Hardware in Naches, Gold Run Restaurant and the Bear Café. Members are invited to seek donations also and should let Mike know what you have received.

The picnic will be a Potluck asking members to bring hot dishes, salads, and deserts. The Association will provide tableware, napkins, plates, coffee and refreshments.

A notice will be sent to all members soon with a reminder in late May.

By-Laws: Mike asked where we were with By-Laws. Maureen will electronically send copies of the outdated By-Laws to all Board members. We hope to update these By-Laws by the fall meeting and board members are asked to give input and ideas.

Budget: Should our association adopt a Budget? After some discussion, Jim Lundeen agreed to create a budget to share with the board for approval. This will give our association a guideline for expenditures and will inform members how their dues are spent. We have made several mailings this year because of the important cabin issues that have risen. Being able to send this

message via e-mail has cut our postal costs but we still send information via US mail which costs about \$.55 per mailing.

WSFHA: Mike informed the Board that we continue to support the WSFHA and Jim reported he has sent \$72.00 to the state as \$1.00 per member. Jack Beard made a motion that we continue to pay dues to the state yearly and Myrna seconded the motion which was passed by the board.

Spring Newsletter: Mike said he is preparing a Spring Newsletter which will be sent to members in late April or early May. He asked for information that should be included in the newsletter. Carl will get information regarding the scheduled field trips for the summer. We will also include information on our two association meetings scheduled for June and October. It was suggested we should include information from Ted Filer and any information from the National Conference being held in Seattle in April, if anyone attends. The newsletter will also be posted on the website.

Field Trips: Carl has scheduled 2 field trips for the summer. Final plans for these are still being worked out.

Website: Dave shared with us statistics showing that our website has a lot of traffic which is increasing yearly. Readers are now able to contact Dave directly. Dave also shared with the board the new updated website he has created with several new topics and links. This improved website has a section for "Cabin of the Month" which will display a cabin, a great way to share with members and others. Dave assured us that locations of these cabins will not be included but members are encouraged to share pictures to be used on this site each month. He asked members to view the website and share our suggestions for other topics and ideas. Dave also has a link to the Webcam at his cabin. It was suggested we link also to Whistlin Jack's webcam and the Department of Highways. These links can give us up-to-date weather information of the area. Mike B. will write an "About Us" section and forward it to the board for input. We will also post our By-Laws once these are rewritten and adopted. Carl will give Dave information of resources for local birds, trees and plants of the area. Board members may also suggest information for the resources link. At the 2008 fall meeting, it was suggested that the Membership Directory be posted on the website. The board all agreed that this information is not for public access and will not be posted. Thank you, Dave, for doing such a great job keeping our website up-to-date.

National Conferences: Mike asked what the past practices were to send members to the National Conferences. John Beard reported that we usually send one representative. After discussion, it was agreed we would allow \$500.00 for anyone who wishes to attend the

conference that will be held in Seattle, Washington this year on April 16-18th. Jim Lundeen and Maureen Bell stated an interest and will check their calendars.

Fall Meeting: This will take place October 3rd at the Nile Community Church at 11:30 a.m.

Other Business: Jack Selby shared with the board information regarding water rights and said this will be discussed in the future and will be our next issue to deal with along with cabin permits , leases, or licenses, whatever these are called.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30. Our next Board Meeting will be June 13, 2009 at the Ski Bowl at 10:30, before our Summer Picnic.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bell