Willamette Valley Broadband

Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 14, 2024

2:00 pm at Cyndi’s

Who wants to take some notes?

• Debriefs & Reports:

 2/19 – Hike with Pat – cancelled

 2/22 – Birthday hike – Maya

 PIELC - Chandra

 3/4 – Hike and visit with Emily – Maya & Cyndi

 3/4 – Advocacy Night - Cyndi

 3/12 – Hike - Maya

 Committees

 Advocacy – next advocacy night?

 Stewardship – (wait for discussion items below)

 Education – Broad Chats & Talks – Peg’s Report

 Fun

BRATS

 Grazing – Marjorie

 Forests – Chandra

 LSRD – Kelly

• Upcoming:

 3/21 - Pat Boleyn’s hike at Bryce Creek Grove

 3/29 – Book Broads w/ author Ruby McConnell (Ground Truth)

 April Broadcast

 Good News Corner - Broads Rolling Their Sleeves Up – Action items- Opportunities for cultural learning

 Next steps for scheduling Broad Chats/Talks (see Peg’s notes below)

 Date TBD – Valley of the Giants with Ann Wichmann - Chandra

 5/8 – 5/11 – PNW Leader Rendezvous - Cyndi, Laura, Beth, Chandra, Maya attending

 6/9- 6/12 - Owyhee Campout & Campaign

• Updates and Discussion

 Marjorie’s new role

 Nancy’s “new” role and map dilemma

Drift Creek monitoring w/ TKO (trail keepers of Oregon – see notes at end of agenda)

Pat Boleyn for leadership team?

Wilderness monitoring – Lynn & Maya

 Membership – Beth

 Broad Chat w/ Ruby (Wilderness and the American Spirit) To do in the fall

 Soft credit spending and merch selling – Maya

 Bandannas – Cyndi

 Fieldtrip to the Chachalu Museum in Grand Ronde – Ever?

 Publicity – Stand alone invites, social media

 Updates from National

 Broadwalks

 WALTS

 Conference

• Activity reports

• Next meeting – Thursday, April 11 at 2:00 – Where?

**From Peg**

**Jane Kertis**, retired Forest Service ecologist, who proposed **two different topics** (both sound great to me)…

1. An ecological tour of the Oregon Dunes, which was (literally) the inspiration for Frank Herbert’s “Dune “ series and is currently in the popular imagination with the release of the blockbuster movie. The Oregon Dunes (the largest temperate coastal sand dunes in the world) are slowly giving way to forests. Two interesting complications: animals endemic to dunes are now endangered; and at least one endangered forest creature (marten) has taken refuge in the expanding islands of forests. Very cool demonstration of complex and always shifting ecosystems.
2. Jane has also offered to lead a field trip to Mary’s Peak and show us the interaction of plants along the area’s distinct zones of altitude, aspect, and micro-climate, and the effects of macro-climate change. Hands-on ecology field trip to learn (a lot!) more about this amazing mountain in our own backyard.

**Jerri Bartholomew**, retired OSU microbiologist, has offered to discuss the complex history and current drama of the Klamath dams and their removal. This is a story of government reclamation and irrigation that has endangered salmon, birds, and traditional Indigenous ways of life and rights. (Also, one of the more brutal Japanese internment camps.) There’s lots to understand as we witness the largest dam removal in the U.S. (so far) and possible prelude to removing the Lower Snake dams. (Jerri and I talked about getting one or two other people to make a “panel” of experts.)

**Correspondence with Loren Payne Trail keepers of Oregon**

Hi Cyndi,

It is so great to hear from you! Thank you very much for reaching out and for the work you do with the Great Old Broads. I have had such fun collaborating with you all in the past, and I'm excited to have you involved as TKO expands our Wilderness Ambassador program into the Drift Creek Wilderness!

Myself and TKO's Central Coast Stewardship Coordinator, Noelle (CC'd here), are working with Trevor Robinson, the Recreation Program Manager for the Siuslaw National Forest, to build a training for TKO Wilderness Ambassadors to perform solitude monitoring on the Harris Ranch and Horse Creek Trails. Our goal is to schedule a couple training days and mentor hikes on the central coast this spring, followed by a season of monitoring done by Wilderness Ambassadors. These volunteers would be under the TKO Ambassador umbrella and be supported by myself and Noelle. You can [read more about our Wilderness Ambassador program here](https://trailkeepersoforegon.org/wilderness-ambassadors/).

Noelle and I are meeting with Trevor tomorrow, so I will have more details for you shortly. I can say that we would love to have the Great Old Broads involved in the creation/collection of training materials and as mentors for incoming volunteers as you have such expertise in solitude monitoring! I would be happy to find a time for us to chat virtually - let me know your thoughts on steps for moving forward.

All the best,

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