

**HIGH CAS ADE FOREST VOLUNTEER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2018**

Board members in attendance were Judy Mitchell, John Williams, Ron Robinson, Lyndell Wilken, Mike Kinyon, and new member Andrea Bayliss. Ed Willson was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April 10, 2018 board meeting were approved unanimously.

Ron Robinson gave the treasurers report. Current activity is attached.

Andrea Bayliss was approved as a new board member unanimously.

Spring Training evaluations were reviewed and suggestions made to improve the classes in 2019. It was decided to have 4-5 instructors for some of the classes involving saws.

John Williams has created a HCFV Facebook page that is now active. Each of the board members will become administrators for the page allowing board members to post pictures and notices.

The University of Oregon students are making a list of all volunteer groups that would interface with the Willamette National Forest. They will give ideas for expanding funding possibilities and what to put on a web page.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Northrup a retired attorney was asked to address the HCFV board about Directors and Officers Insurance. This insurance would cover defense costs and indemnity costs should a lawsuit be filed against the HCFV board members. It would not cover any bodily injury. However, the Forest Service workmen's comp insurance already covers injury to a volunteer who has signed the Forest Service Agreement Form. Jim Northrup has been working with the Obsidian hiking club in choosing an insurance company to buy similar insurance. They have chosen to work with Travellers Insurance at a cost of \$732 for the Directors and Officers Insurance that would cover attorney fees should the board be sued. For an additional \$387 there would be coverage for harassment lawsuits. The HCFV may want the \$732 policy for the Directors and Officers Insurance. Judy Mitchell will be asking the forest service questions about what they will cover with their existing insurance for volunteers and how the Volunteer Protection Act applies to us as a board. It was suggested that each board member check their individual insurance policies to see what is covered in their umbrella policies if they are sued.

Mike Kinyon was unanimously approved as our new saw policy director. He will be looking at the Backcountry Horseman's and the PCTA saw policies, for reference to create our own policy specific to our HCFV needs.

The HCFV board was asked by the Forest Service what projects might we be interested in pursuing going forward. In addition to our trail clearing projects it was suggested an adopt a lake program and an adopt a corridor program where dispersed camping takes place would be a welcome addition. There would need to be a volunteer director for these programs.

An address, info@highcascadesvolunteers.org, has been created that can be sent to board members by the public to see what volunteer opportunities are available for them. The board thought it would be a good idea to post the address at trailheads.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place on July 10th at 5pm at Judy Mitchell's home.