

Enumclaw Forested Foothills Recreation Area

General Meeting Minutes May 14, 2007

Mary opened by explaining who EFFRA is and what we do.

Introductions:

Kendra Ramos of **WTA** (*Washington Trail Assn.*) talked about what her group is and does. They are a Hiker Advocacy Group that does trail maintenance (last year they had approx. 68,000 volunteer hours logged.) If interested, you can do "Volunteer Vacations". They work closely with DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources)

There are guided hikes for families to educate them on trail safety and management. Contact WTA.org for more information.

John Knechtel of **PNTA** (*Pacific Northwest Trail Assn.*) talked about what his group is and does. They have about 400 members. They do "Volunteer Vacations" as well that are one week long. They are partnered with "Job Corp" to take youth out to do trail maintenance for about six weeks at a time. Cost to do this is \$2500.00 – 3000.00 per week per person.

John stated that to use a chainsaw in National Forest Land, you **MUST** be certified in chainsaw use. You can take a class with the Forest Service.

Greta Cook talked about **WASART** (Washington State Animal Response Team). Following are some points she brought out:

- They will be setting up training for volunteers if you are interested.
- Will be hooked into 911
- Will receive funding for insurance
- Starting out in King County
- Will be working with Animal Control for sheltering
- Looking for dedicated volunteers – meetings are every (3) weeks
- Greta is a certified trainer

If interested in being a part of WASART, please contact Gretchen McCallum at kcottle451@msn.com

Committee Reports:

Pat (President):

- Fall City Trails meeting May 16th at Chief Kanim Middle School 6:30–8:30

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- Larry Gossett and staff tour
- Next ETR (Enumclaw Trail Riders) meeting on Tuesday, June 5th at the VFW 7:30 pm – Julie Hayes will be speaker
- Pam Roach meeting at Enumclaw library 7:00 pm
 - May 31st Hwy 410
 - June 7th Hwy 169 & 164
- Mud Mountain Dam area closed until September 17th

Crystal (Vice President):

- Crystal, Joan & Debbie took Bob Burns and Mark Isaacson out for a trail ride. They both stated that “we need to save these trails”. It was a great ride and we look forward to another ride with them sometime.
- Pat and Debbie will be going to the CLC Breakfast on Tuesday, May 15th.
- Trying to set up an “Arena” meeting with Ron Sims
- Stephanie Warden said Enumclaw will stay small
- Mark Bauer of Enumclaw City Council met with the steering committee to discuss plans for Enumclaw
- There will be a meeting between CLC and local land owners May 25th
- Rural Village did not pass budget – will try to run again
- We will cancel meetings for July and August and start back up in September

Debbie (Secretary):

- Debbie and Crystal went to the BCH (Backcountry Horseman) Leave No Trace Basic Skills Class held in Randle Washington. Everyone should attend this class if you haven't already. You need to be a member of the BCH to go. It was a great class and we learned a lot.
- Susan Williams donated \$180.00 to help pay for costs incurred for advertising for Enumclaw Farm Expo.

Mary (Communication Officer & Park Liason):

- Still hasn't gotten a firm answer on why the Enumclaw paper will not post important announcements letting people know when a county official will be in town for meetings.
- Seattle Times has not responded to requests either.

Gretchen (Legal Advisor):

- Drafted a letter for local landowners

Lisa (Friends of Green's):

- May 5th cleanup

Round the Room:

- September 8th – BCH Tahoma Chapter Prize Ride
Money raised to go into conserving local projects
- Joelyn Higgins, Rural Permit Coordinator – Free consult - helps you make sure permits are in order. You can contact her via e-mail at joelynhiggins@metrokc.gov

Upcoming General Meetings:

- June 11th – Safari International Club
- July 19th – cancelled
- August 13th – cancelled
- Sept. 10th – to be announced