

Surfrider - Portland Chapter Meeting Minutes 12-14-2010
<http://oregon.surfrider.org/portland>

7:30pm Location: Backstage Bar
3702 SE Hawthorne, Portland, OR

Executive Committee in attendance

Chair – Nastassja Pace – present

Vice Chair – Ryan Cruse - present

Volunteer Coordinator – Tristan Fields – present

Secretary – Lisa Lynch - present

Treasurer – Mason Brock – not present

Organizational / Coordinator staff

Tara Gallagher -Communications coordinator – not present Drew Kerr – communications, legislative, coalition – present

Jocelyn Gary– Special Events Coordinator – present

Stiv Wilson –Plastics / Ban the Bag Campaign Coordinator – not present

Michael Halle – Snowrider Campaign Coordinators – not present

John Thompson – Stormdrain Marking Project Coordinator – not present

John Koenig – Media coordinator – not present

Charlie Plybon – present

Pete Stauffer – not present

Gus Gates – present

Proceedings: Meeting lead by Vice Chair – Nastassja Pace

Surfrider Foundation – Portland Chapter Agenda

Introductions – Name + best handmade gift you ever received

- Sign-up sheets and carpool lists sent around
- Sent around Thank you card for Allen Schmidt

Staj- Treasurer update (Mason absent)

Overview of Fundraisers – Bamboo Sushi – help spread the word

Updates

Charlie Plybon - Field Update

- Newport passed resolution on Ban the Bag
- Lake Oswego also passed Ban the Bag resolution
- Working on resolution in Manzanita, Cannon Beach etc.

Year-end review – some of Surfrider’s accomplishments for 2010 are:

- 44 cleanups
- 10,000 engaged in campaign
- 50 outreach and education events
- Passed measure 76
- Over 200 water quality samples 7,000 volunteer hours
- And much more!

Surfrider has won 150 victories since Jan. 2006! And we couldn’t have done it with the help of all of YOU amazing activists/volunteers. Thank you!

Gus Gates - Policy Update

Marine Reserve – Cape Falcon

- Went with original plan but made some minor changes, by Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Now moves on to state legislature
- End result is a good balance between rec users, environmental groups, and fishermen etc. Good compromise between users

Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) Update – Lisa Lynch

The Blue Water Task Force - Surfrider Foundation’s water quality monitoring, education advocacy program

- Tim Roth of Astoria HS- has housed the lab for the last three years
- looking to move it closer to Cannon Beach or possibly Seaside High School
- We have a volunteer at the coast interested in heading up the lab - Katie Sasso, we want to keep the lab primarily student run

- City of Cannon Beach and ongoing water quality issues
- Ecola Court is one of the main stormwater outfalls for the city
- Ecola Court outfall comes out just north of Haystack Rock
- The water there has often been identified as very high in bacteria from our BWTF testing
- We are exploring the possibility of sewer/stormdrain cross connections
- Looking at doing Optical brightener test
- Charlie is working on getting 319 DEQ grant to do these workshops
- If we get grant we can do trainings and workshops possibly next fall
- If we get the grant it would be in July or so

Volunteer opportunities - need media volunteers - Bamboo Sushi

Contact Tristan at tristan.fields@gmail.com

If you have other interests or skill sets – email Tristan

Jocelyn – Snowrider

Ski for Free Tele Tuesdays – 2nd Tuesdays Jan 11th and Feb 8th – Ski Contests - 3pm to close

Don't be a Tosser – fundraiser for Snowrider – try to get other states involved WA, ID, etc.

Help us win BAN the BAG! Join the committee - participate in a phone meeting once a month. Contact Staj at stajpace@oregonsurfrider.org

Media Coordinator – Interested in writing Letters to the Editor, press releases, updating blog, or have any media skills you'd like hone. Contact Pete at pstauffer@surfrider.org

Design/Art – Design new chapter logo or make fliers + posters for events.

Ocean Friendly Garden Committee – Interested in being part of a new brainstorming team dedicated to finding opportunities to help manage water over-flow in Portland? Contact Tristan at tristan.fields@gmail.com

Upcoming volunteer trainings on **Beach/River Clean-Ups and Event Tabling** - times + locations to be determined

Gus – Dos and Don'ts on Speaking to legislature

Why we need to Ban Bags -

- Costs tax payers money
- 60 to 80 percent of land based bags in up in ocean
- State who you are, where you are from,
make the issue personal and ask for their support
- Burden is on environment, economic issues, cleanup costs us money
- 5 cent on paper bags, not tax, - “consumer choice” encouraging behavior change/cultural change

Reduction of 85 percent of bags in Washington DC when they implemented this

Ban the Bag fact sheet -

<http://oregon.surfrider.org/newport/2010/12/02/ban-the-bag-get-the-facts/bag>

FAQ sheet - <http://oregon.surfrider.org/newport/2010/12/02/ban-the-bag-get-the-facts/faqs>

*Restaurants are not included in this plastic bag ban, only retail stores

Break out for Groups – 8:45pm

3 Stations

1. Letter writing – How to find your rep etc. - Staj
2. Gus- Lobbying
3. Charlie – How to talk to grocers

Opens

Tristan - Surf PDX Meetup

Cost to keep the group - would Surfrider be willing to pitch in money?

Surfrider can sponsor website, Tristan and I have been posting meetings to this website and it brings new attendees to meetings, potential new volunteers and members

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

(meeting minutes submitted by Lisa Lynch – Secretary of the Portland Chapter of Surfrider)