

**OHA Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2025**  
Called to Order: 6:34pm

**Attendance:**

Steering Committee Present: Emma “EB” Brandt, Jesse Carlson, Al Kamman, Jared Liu, Lawrence “Stroker” Rogovin, Doug Shaffer, Kimberly “Schroeder” Steward, Gerry Whiting

Steering Committee Absent: Carter Bascom, Bill Oliver, Anne-Laure “AL” Razat, Bethany “Benny” Taylor, Deirdre Vander Schaff

Guests: Bill Barrett (phone), David Burnham, Richard Stetson, Ray Welch, Heather Wingate

Quorum established

Al Kamman on the gavel

**Secretary’s Report (Jared)**

*Action: Doug made a motion to accept the minutes from the 4/8/25 meeting with edits, Schroeder seconded, unanimously approved.*

**Treasurer’s Report (AL via email)**

We paid our Jackson property taxes, totaling \$882 for this billing period.

AL is still working with Vanguard to fund our account; TD Bank is the hold up now!

We paid for OH t-shirts for all of this summer’s croos.

*Action: Jared made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Stroker seconded, unanimously approved.*

**Cabin Report (Heather)**

Overall: Everyone keeping cabin in good shape. Folks just need to remember to fill the wood box before they depart.

Fall Reunion Date: Stetsons will be hosting their own Octoberfest, winter chores to be completed by a group on a date TBD this fall.

Firewood: Will not need any delivered in 2025.

Usage: Busy weekends in May, but hoping that more current croo and others will be using it this summer, as counts continue to be down compared to 2024. Just caution folks to not go beyond the rope across the road above the upper parking lots as gravel is very loose, and good idea to BYOBTP (Bring your own toilet paper)

Neighboring Land: No response or signed agreements from Gervais yet, but Bill will contact again next week. The property is technically “in dispute” until existing issues are resolved.

**Gala (EB)**

Ethan touched on several things, talked about the Tator, and highlighted that the cabin is available for croo to use (there may have been some confusion about this last year).

**Spring Reunion (Heather)**

Spring Reunion: Nearly 30 folks turned out as it coincided with Dave Wilson’s Celebration of Life at PNC. Costs for food were covered by donations. Clean-up went well; chores completed included removing storm windows and installing screens, washing mattresses and vacuuming upstairs bunks and floors,

cleaning of the outside and woodsheds, enjoying awesome rhubarb desserts made by Bridget and Emily and lots of potluck snacks from other folks. Big thanks to Heather Wingate and Dawson Winch for their organizing help.

### **AMC 150<sup>th</sup> (Jared)**

OHA will carry the banner on a roundtrip journey from PNVC to the Obs on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026, and have planned activities there that day/night and possibly into Aug. 8. We do not expect the banner to go to the cabin. Jared has assembled a group of mostly YOH to lead the charge on this. Schroeder will be on that committee, and their work will largely start in the fall when the YOH come out of their summer stints. Schroeder and Stroker will be part of this planning, and anyone else is invited to join the conversations.

### **Fallfest (Heather)**

Heather got some detailed notes from Phoebe, which was very much appreciated as a binder person, and will keep Deirdre in the loop as planning continues. She'll also connect with Stroker and Jared on planning as this gets picked back up in August.

### **2025 Openings/2026 Officers (Stroker and Jared)**

Open Committee Assignments:

- Fallfest Planner: Heather and Deirdre
- Croo Photo Project: David Burnham is a photographer and has been delving into this. He got Google Doc access from Phoebe, and has been working on paring down duplicate photos. He also photographed everything in the cabin and the Hi-C and digitized them. One takeaway is that we're still missing many hut years. That's the first priority: get a croo photo for every year, think about how this gets displayed (electronically or in print at the cabin), and how to ensure that we have a process for future croos to submit photos... maybe even the same ones they're submitting to Huts Management for the Saturday Truck Update. The group did agree that we would not give cameras to croos, because they would likely get destroyed or unused, as has happened in the past. Stroker will connect David with Becky Fullerton and Kathy Aberdon, and Jared will connect David with Zoe Davidson after September. Once this is complete, David would like to think about how to celebrate the culture and the blending of art and science that characterized the early huts on wall spaces and in talks. More to come!
- Trails Coordinator: Bill will keep holding until someone else steps forward.
- Ambassador Program Coordinator: Amanda Henck Schmidt and Bill Barrett, and Jenn Granducci may be, too, in addition to some current croo and YOH Jared has been in touch with.
- Nominating Committee: Anyone who wants to be involved in nominations should reach out to Stroker. We are always looking for a new Secretary.
- *Action: Stroker made a motion to nominate Heather Wingate for a 3-year term on the Steering Committee starting in November, Jared second, unanimously approved.*

### **Merch (Brian via Schroeder)**

Merch is being sold here and there.

**Website & Social Media (Brian and Schroeder)**

Website is running fine. The database and website have been updated with all croo lists from the past year.

**Hut System (EB)**

Huts have been open and running for a week now. Folks are doing well. There was a fun pillow issue where some huts had too many and others had too few. This is a year for returners!

**Trails (Bill Barrett)**

Jesse and EB led some trail work at Spring Reunion. They brushed back the Hutmen's Trail and tidied some water bars. There is not much erosion, but there are a few blowdowns that are easy overs. The Hall's Ledge Trail needs some work. The Old Bridle Path continues to undergo significant work. The step work and re-routing looks great. There will be 6 volunteer days coming up this year. Professional Trail Crew will be building a boardwalk at Eagle Lake and re-route Falling Waters soon. Anyone on the Ammy might see some relocation work there, too!

**Resuscitator (EB)**

Spring issue was a success. Submissions for the fall issue go out in August.

**New & Other Bidness (Stroker)**

The MMVSP Picnic and Grand Traverse is advertised on Facebook, or you can ask Schroeder. This is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the ceremony will be at the Old Man viewing site on 8/3/25 at 11am. You need not have worked at Madison. Here are links:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mmvsp>

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/mmvsp/>

Richard Stetson working on a date for Oktoberfest.

Doug mentioned funding cutbacks and how that is already starting to affects parks and campgrounds, and asked if anyone knows more that we can post more. We will do our best to show support.

2025 Calendar: 9/9, 11/18

Fallfest 11/1

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:**

9/9/25, 6:30pm ET

URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3105879688?pwd=bW1NQXnNUZPaURCd9EdXBtM3hkQT09>

Or Phone: 929-205-6099, Meeting Number: 3105879688#, Passcode: 780291#

Adjourned: 7:55pm