

Pacrat Board Meeting
September 9, 2026

Members in attendance: Marina Nimmo, Christian Bennet, Bob Lawrence, Brian Bogatin, Rob Smoot, Andy Hobart, Joe Leitschuh, Dale Parshall, Mark Stanford, Sheri Parshall, Ken Loop, Mark Conan

Members Absent: Kate Fitkin, Greg Dilger

Meeting called to order at 6:48 PM

President's Report - Marina Nimmo:

Marina has been in contact with Mt. Hood Meadows about a race schedule and is awaiting their reply.

A suggestion was made to open PACRAT registration on October 23, 2026 at an advanced purchase rate equivalent to last year's price, with a small price increase after a certain date (TBD).

Marina proposed a survey to be sent to racers in the first PACRAT email of the season to ascertain racers' preferred party format.

VP Report - Christian Bennett:

Christian reiterated that the inventory was accurate as of the last Board meeting and that the storage location(s) of equipment still needs to be determined for the upcoming season.

It was proposed that an onboarding session be held for PACRAT race volunteers for course work expectations, good slipping practices, etc. Date TBD.

Christian suggested advertising for Laura Green Race participation and donation should be done earlier this year, with Brian proposing a checkbox on the PACRAT registration website. It was also suggested to reach out to Mt. Hood Ski Patrol about advertising a link on their website.

Treasurers Report - Brian Bogatin:

Discussion about upcoming budget - Andy noted that last year's race fees were higher than normal due to limited race venue availability, and that race fees may be lower this year.

Discussion about sponsorship fees - Andy recommended revisiting sponsorship fees to increase income.

Secretary's Report - Joe Leitschuh:

The May 26, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Dale motioned to approve the minutes and Mark C. seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

Rat Patrol Director's Report - Rob Smoot:

Rob reported that the inventory needs to be reviewed, but that it hasn't changed from last year. A suggestion was made to reach out to people who offered to help last year who weren't officially part of Rat patrol.

Results Director's Report - Dale Parshall:

Dale reported that he is working on putting together a guide for operating the new timing equipment.

Webmaster / Ski Shows Report - Bob Lawrence:

Bob plans to lead the setup for Snowvana.

Discussion about website overhaul - a suggestion was made to target 2028 for an overhaul of the website since the current contract is set to expire at that time.

Discussion about Snowvana promo opportunities - it was suggested that a free Rat Attack drawing ticket be offered with new PACRAT registrations at Snowvana.

Discussion about website domain name - The Board agreed that the website domain should be changed to pacratracing.org in the near future.

Membership Report - Marina Nimmo:

Marina proposed a PACRAT happy hour event on November 18, 2026 at PDX Sliders.

Discussion about PACRAT 101 event - Marina and Christian suggested moving the event to a weekday located more centrally in the Portland area to promote better attendance.

Discussion about bib pickup - Marina recommended a plan to schedule a bib pickup event for early January as usual.

Mark S. suggested approaching Mt. Hood Meadows about putting up a table at the entrance to the stairwell advertising PACRAT.

Party Director's Report - Sheri Parshall:

Sheri reported that she is looking for a location more centrally located in the Portland area for Rat Attack. She emphasized the importance of board member participation in setup and takedown for Rat Attack and other events.

Sponsorship Report - Ken Loop:

Review of previous sponsors - Ken plans to reach out to previous applicable sponsors. He reported that obtaining door prizes similar to last year shouldn't be a problem.

Discussion about door prizes - feedback indicated that there could have been more variety, although Rat Attack had a good variety of door prizes. Sheri suggested soliciting PACRAT members for potential donations for door prizes such as condo/vacation stay giveaways, etc.

Andy suggested approaching businesses on the mountain about contributing small items such as shirts, hats, etc.

Appointed Roles / Directors at Large:

Mark Stanford accepted the role of Bibs / NASTAR Award Liaison

Mark Conan accepted the role of Laura Greene Organizer

Andy Hobart accepted the role of Director of Beer Operations

Sheri moved to appoint the recommended parties, Christian seconded. The Board unanimously approved the appointments.

Discussion about bibs, pins, and medals:

Mark S. reported that there are sufficient pins and medals for the upcoming season. He also noted a current bib count of 187, although some duplicates may exist. The Board agreed on a plan to reuse the existing bibs for this year.

Mark C. motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dale seconded.

Next Board Meeting - October 5, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM