Pacrat Board Meeting
October 5, 2026

Members in attendance: Marina Nimmo, Christian Bennet, Bob Lawrence, Brian Bogatin, Rob Smoot, Andy Hobart, Joe Leitschuh, Mark Stanford, Mark Conan, Greg Dilger

Members absent: Sheri Parshall, Dale Parshall, Ken Loop, Kate Fitkin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

President's Report - Marina Nimmo:
Marina summarized the results thus far of the PACRAT member survey. Of note was that most people stated they don't require a full meal to be provided after every race, and they would prefer more parties with the tradeoff of fewer full meals. Most people did not oppose a moderate increase in the cost of registration, and very few to note were concerned about cost as a factor for participation.

Marina noted that racers would prefer to be able to switch between Friday and Sunday. The board agreed, however, that historically this has been very difficult to facilitate with respect to scoring. A suggestion was made to allow a 1-time switch with at least 10 days of advanced notice, but it was decided to defer further discussion until Dale is available to comment on impacts to scoring.

Finally, Marina noted that most people would prefer the Rat Attack event be held more centrally located in the Portland area. However, a viable venue would still need to be determined.

Discussion about PACRAT captain's meetings - a suggestion was made to return to doing PACRAT captain's meetings on race day to provide racers with more information, and to have 1 or 2 board members/captains designated as guides for getting to the race course for those who may be unfamiliar with the terrain. Andy suggested doing captain's meetings outside. Christian suggested putting a flag out for people to find.

Discussion about race schedule - Marina reviewed the current status of race scheduling, emphasizing that she is trying to avoid MLK weekend, Superbowl Sunday, and Easter Sunday. The board whether keeping Friday and Sunday races on the same weekend is necessary, agreeing that establishing a viable race schedule is more important that keeping both races on the same weekend.

Marina reiterated the goal of opening registration for Snovana.

VP Report - Christian Bennett:
Christian reported that initial engagement with the first PACRAT email has been low, and he is exploring ways to boost it.

Christian is still working on setting up a race night ski swap at Hillcrest.

Christian presented some new PACRAT logo concept art, and noted that merchandise would need to be set up within the next 2 weeks in order to be made available for purchase with PACRAT registration.

Treasures Report - Brian Bogatin:
Brian reported that there hasn't been any financial movement since the previous board meeting.

Discussion about new bibs - a suggestion was made to consider purchasing new bibs and increasing the sponsorship donation. Mark C. proposed purchasing new bibs if we can guarantee 3 to 4 sponsors. Christian proposed deferring the reevaluation to the next fiscal year, citing potential budget limitations. Greg highlighted the necessity of establishing early budgetary alignment to ensure readiness for a next-year timeline.

Discussion about cost of registration - Marina suggested increasing the cost of registration to $160 as a way to align the budget more closely with the actuals from last year. Mark C. motioned the increase to $160, Andy seconded. The motion was approved by the board. A suggestion was made to open registration at $160 as an early-bird special, increasing after a certain date. Andy motioned to increase registration cost by $25 after midnight, December 31st to $185. Mark C. seconded tho motion, with the amendment that the price remain at $160 beyond December 31st for first year racers. The motion was approved by the board.

Discussion about PACRAT 101 - Marina confirmed pFriem will stay on as a sponsor.

Secretary's Report - Joe Leitschuh:
The September 9, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Andy motioned to approve the minutes and Mark C. seconded. The minutes were approved by the board.

Race Director's Report - Greg Dilger
Greg provided an update on equipment readiness, noting that both race gates and radios are in proper working order. Andy suggested evaluating updated digital radio options for future procurement.

Webmaster's Report - Bob Lawrence
Bob reported that the domain pacratracing.org has been successfully purchased. The website migration to the new domain is currently underway and remains an active task.

Bibs / NASTAR Award Liaison's Report - Mark Stanford
Mark confirmed that the budgeted allocations for medals and pins remain on track, and the existing inventory of bibs is sufficient.

Laura Green Chair’s Report - Mark Conan
Mark provided an update on the Laura Green Race, noting that the date is still pending. The Board discussed and agreed that hosting the race on the same weekend as Rat Attack is viable and beneficial.

Past President / Director of Beer Operations Report - Andy Hobart
Andy reported the acquisition of a jockey box to support beer service at events. Andy reminded all board members to obtain or verify their individual OLCC service permits.

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

Next Board Meeting - November 2, 2026

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm.