

Chemeketan Annual Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

At The Broadway Commons

Broadway St, Salem, Oregon.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Pennington at 6:10 pm.

Over 30 Chemeketans were in attendance.

Modify and Adopt the Agenda- Mike Pennington

The agenda was adopted as written.

Council Accomplishments for 2016- Mike Pennington

- Sponsored a park bench at Minto Island Bridge Park, Salem, OR
- Instituted a new Executive Council Position- Meeting Space Coordinator. This position serves to assist members in locating and securing space for Chemeketan meetings/activities that must occur indoors.
- Steve Dougherty began to use QuickBooks to manage club accounts.
- Ralph Hall created a New Leader Application Form- found on the club website under the tab "Who We Are" and choose "Forms".
- Susan and Ric LaTour hosted 3 New Member Orientations with about 75 people in attendance in the past year.
- Bulletin costs reduced to about \$1.50/bulletin
- Rob Kimmich assisted the council in using a new e-mail system- E-mail Chimp- which more efficiently sends mass e-mails to club members.

Kim Hyatt was recognized for his many years of service to the club, in most recent years as the Cabin Chair. Kim has passed the baton of Cabin Chair to Bill Wylie.

Financial Update

January 5, 2017

2016 Financial Report

Prepared by Steve Dougherty

Note: This report does not include the income, expenses or assets of the Climbing and Outing Committees.

Assets:

Checking	\$115,545
Vanguard GNMA Fund Investor Shares	\$35,734
Missouri Pacific RR Co. Bonds	\$3,525
Cabin RMV	<u>\$79,150</u>
	\$233,954

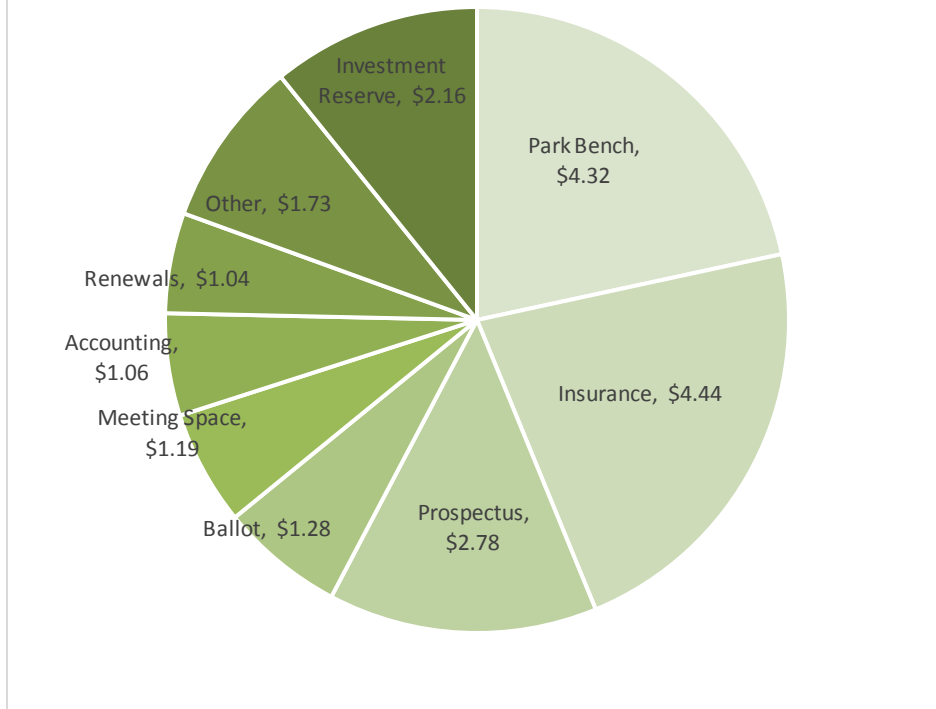
Income:

Dues	\$14,451
Judith Zineski Bequest	\$33,418

Major Expenses:

Park Bench	\$3,000
Insurance	\$3,081
Prospectus	\$1,931
Ballot	\$889
Meeting Space	\$824
Accounting	\$736
Renewals	<u>\$722</u>
	\$11,183

How your \$20 dues were spent in 2016.



Dues Recommendation

The current dues of \$20 per member are sufficient to cover the club's operating expenses. Operating expenses for 2017 are projected to be less than \$15 per member. Eliminating our insurance expense would reduce operating expenses to less than \$10 per member. Purchasing real liability insurance for the club would likely require a 100-300% increase in dues.

\$33,418.06 Gift from the Judith Zineski Living Trust.

Judith Ann Zineski gifted the Chemeketans one-tenth of her estate in 2016. She joined the Chemeketans on May 4, 2004 and remained a member through 2010. She lived in Portland and moved to Fort Bragg, CA. She died January 3, 2016 (due to liver/bile cancer) at the age of 63. In the Barbara Bond book "Take A Hike Portland" she was acknowledged: "Judith Zineski expanded my wildflower identification skills exponentially. Thanks, Judith." She led hikes for both the Chemeketans (November 2007 Bulletin) and the

Mazamas (found on OregonHikers.org). She contributed articles to "Common Lives, Lesbian Lives" in the mid 1980's. She was a member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in 2006. On June 3, 2007, she climbed Mt Elinor (WA) via the SE Chute with the Mazamas.

Minto-Brown Park Bench Costs \$3,000

The Executive Council voted to purchase one of several park benches installed in Minto-Brown Park. The signing on the bench promotes the club.

The Chemeketans

Established 1928

"We Get Outside"

Vacating the Chemekeden Saves Nearly \$5,000 Per Year

We vacated the Chemekeden in January, 2016. The monthly rent and utilities were costing about \$5700 per year. In 2016 we spent less than \$1000 on facility rentals.

Charging a \$20 Subscription for a Printed Bulletin Saves \$4,000 Per Year

In 2015 over 200 of our 700 members were receiving a printed bulletin for no charge. In 2016, about 50 members paid a \$20 subscription to receive a printed bulletin. The subscription fee very nearly covers the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin.

Insurance Coverage

The Climbing Committee was required to purchase a \$1,000,000 Third-Party Liability insurance policy for the 2016 climb school. Since the insurance covered the entire club, the Executive Council voted to reimburse the Climbing Committee \$2000 of the \$4000 insurance premium. The club also carries \$1,000,000 of "Directors & Officers Liability" and \$1,000,000 of "Employment Practices Liability" insurance for a package premium of \$1081. No hazard or liability insurance is in force on the cabin. Insurance

renews annually in April. The new Executive Council should review our insurance needs in Jan/Feb 2017 to determine what insurance is necessary, before the renewal date.

QuickBooks Online Subscription Saves \$1,000 Per Year

An online subscription to QuickBooks allows the club treasurer to enter all the checks and deposits directly into QuickBooks via the web. Our book keeper, Gloria Petrie, has access to the account and provides consulting as needed, for \$45 per hour.

Outing Equipment Storage Rental No Longer Shared by the Club Saves \$850 Per Year

In 2008 the Outing equipment was moved to a storage unit. The club paid half of the storage rental fee until the end of 2015.

Cabin Expenses Exceed Rental Income by \$412

The Chemeketan Cabin on Whitewater Road had two main expenses in 2016: \$550 for the annual US Forest Service special use permit and \$260 for Marion County property taxes. \$398 was collected from cabin rentals. No maintenance expenses were incurred in 2016. Marion County gives the cabin a Real Market Value (RMV) of \$79,150 and an assessed value of \$28,810.

Investment Reserves

The club's CD's have been redeemed. Consequently, we have a very large checking account balance. An Investments Committee (George Adkins, Amy Dale and Mike DeLaune) has been granted authority to make transactions on behalf of the club. They are expected to make a recommendation to the Executive Council soon regarding how the investment reserves should be invested. The club owns Vanguard GNMA Fund Investor Shares (VFIIX). Those shares were valued at \$35,734 on Sep. 30, 2016.

The fund seeks to provide a moderate level of current income. The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in Government National

Mortgage Association (GNMA) pass-through certificates, which are fixed income securities representing part ownership in a pool of mortgage loans supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. It may invest in other types of securities such as U.S. Treasury or other U.S. government agency securities. The fund's dollar-weighted average maturity will normally fall within an intermediate-term range (3 to 10 years).

The value of the fund gained 2.06% in 2016 compared with 10.77% for an S&P 500 Index fund and has averaged an annualized return of 1.95% over the past five years compared with an average return of 14.49% for an S&P 500 Index fund.

Tax Exempt Status Revoked May 15, 2014

Our tax exempt status was revoked on May 15, 2014. To lose tax exempt status, an organization must fail to file the correct federal tax returns three years in a row. A phone call to the IRS was made on June 24, 2016 and the following was learned:

2010 -- A 990 series form was filed and a 990-T was filed on Aug 30, 2011.

2011 -- We did NOT file a 990-EZ form, but did file a 990-T on Sep 10, 2012. (Strike 1)

2012 -- We did NOT file a 990-EZ form, but did file a 990-T on Oct 21, 2013. (Strike 2)

2013 -- A 990-EZ and a 990-T were filed on Aug 11, 2014 (due May 15, 2014). We did not file form 8868 to request an extension. (Strike 3)

2014 -- A 990-EZ and a 990-T were filed on Aug 31, 2015 (due May 15, 2015). We were already revoked so this did not matter.

These findings were shared with our tax preparer, Robert Armstrong. He delivered 990-EZ returns for 2010, 2011 and 2012 along with our 990-EZ return for 2015. He gave us instructions for the process of getting our tax

exempt status reinstated retroactively. The 2017 treasurer, Mike DeLaune, will build the reinstatement application packet and submit it in early 2017.

Volunteer Website and Database Developer Saves the Club Thousands

Thanks to our very talented volunteer web and database developer, Rob Kimmich, we only pay a minimal charge each year for web hosting and domain name registration. If we were to lose Rob and could not replace him with a skilled volunteer the cost for this support would cost thousands of dollars a year. When you see Rob, make sure you tell him how much he is appreciated!

About 25% of Club Dues is Used for Printing and Mailing

Ink Spot Printing has printed our bulletins, prospectus, ballots, dues renewals and stationary since at least the 1990's. They have always done high quality work and it has been very convenient to continue to use them year after year. About one-fourth of our dues dollars goes toward printing. Comparing Ink Spot Printing's prices with other print shops will insure that our dues dollars are being spent wisely.

Ann Hanus suggested a complaint be lodged with the CPA Board against the former club CPA, after he has completed preparing the needed taxes and after the club has retrieved all files/records from him. Steve Dougherty did share that Gloria Petrie has a recommendation for a new CPA.

2016 Membership Report

Chemeketan Council Membership Report for the period 1/1/2016 – 12/31/16

As of December 31, 2016 there were **695** active, paying members including **9** life members and **12** junior members.

During the year we received and processed **183** guest requests for complimentary electronic bulletins.

77 new member applications were submitted:

Payments received for

Dues:	\$14,373.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	\$ 840.00
Donations submitted with Membership:	\$ 40.00
Total:	\$15,253.00

Submitted by,
Mary Liepins and Michael Gurley
Co-Membership Secretaries

Scheduling an Event/Meeting Update - Ted Gaty

Salem has good meeting places to use. The Ike Box is where we have Picture Nights and the monthly Executive Council Meetings.

To schedule a room for a Chemeketan activity, go onto the website, Chemeketans.org Select "The Calendar" tab, choose "Schedule a Meeting (pdf)" from the drop down.

OR contact Ted Gaty 503-585-3380

Allow a few weeks advance notice when scheduling a room.

Banquet Update- Ted Gaty

Laura Foster, author of Portland-based hiking books, will be the speaker at the annual banquet on April 6 at the West Salem Roth's.

Franca Hernandez recommended different timing for this banquet as she noted April is an especially economical time for out-of-country

travel, an activity many Chemeketans enjoy. Franca stated she would rather not have to choose between travel and the Banquet.

Leader Application Update- Ralph Hall

There is a newly formed process for folks wanting to become a Chemeketan event leader. The form is found on the club website under the tab "Who We Are" and choose "Forms" from the drop down list.

All former event leaders are still event leaders. Members who have not previously led a club event are being asked to fill out this form and complete the application process to become a leader and represent the Chemeketans.

Janet Adkins asked the council to think about how to recruit new leaders for activities, as monthly activity leaders have had difficulty getting enough event leaders to fill the calendar each month.

Mike Pennington encouraged members to actively recruit and encourage new prospective leaders to fill out the forms and complete the application process.

Remembering those we have lost- Rob Roner

Rob read the following names and asked for a moment of silence to honor the Chemeketans who have passed in the year 2016.

Carl Newberger

Leah Spitzmesser

Betty Haggard

Penny Moore

Ginny Williams

Melinda Woodward

Willis Grafe

Margaret Canary

Judith Zineski

Ellen Timm

Alice Nielsen

Annual Reports

Chemeketan Technology Committee Report for 2016

Acknowledgements

- George Adkins and Brian Kier for continuing support as web site System Administrators.
- Mary Liepins for good suggestions and for testing some membership changes.
- Mike Pennington for all his ideas and encouragement over the last couple of years.

Accomplishments

- Added report to the menu for those not requesting enews. Prepared queries and pdf files for those not wanting enews for the council.
- Shifted our mass emailing from our in-house program to the commercial program, MailChimp. We are using their limited, free version. It is working out much better than our in-house program.
- Added check ID field to renewal input form for faster data entry.

- Added buttons to home page for faster access to some things like bulletins and agendas.

Current Projects

- Continued website and database support.

Expenses

Web Hosting ¹

Domain Registration ² 20.17

Total to keep our web site on-line: 20.17

1. HostGator.com, due January 6, 2017. Will appear in the 2017 Annual Report.

2. Godaddy.com. Renewed in December 2016 for year 2017. Their rate increased from 11.92 in 2015 to 20.17 in 2016. When I inquired about the large increase, they said, "The pricing for domains is set by ICANN and we don't have full control of it, so we advised most of the time that if it's new registration since its pretty cheap then it will be better to get more years for the subscription."

Submitted 30 Dec 2016 by Rob Kimmich

Weekend Hikes Annual Report for 2016

The numbers in this chart represent the number of hikers reported on the Chemeketan Trip Sign Up forms. Some forms were not returned, so the information under represents the actual number of hikers.

Weekend Hikes 2016				
	Month	Members	Guests	Total
	January	4	0	4
	February	4	1	5
	March	26	4	30
	April	60	9	69
	May	25	1	26
	June	46	13	59
	July	87	13	100
	August	35	10	45
	September	50	8	58
	October	21	5	26
	November	36	6	42
	December	27	3	30
	Total	421	73	494

There were 494 hikers in 2016. 421 were members and 73 were guests.

There were 99 fewer hikers than in 2015 with 90 fewer members and 9 fewer guests.

Our monthly coordinators and hike leaders deserve much appreciation. Without their hard work we would not have all the great hikes that we have.

Georgienne Young	January	Mary Coleman	July
Nancy Rockwell	February	John Huff	August
Blanka Truneckova	March	Vivienne Torgeson	Septemb
Roz Shirack	April	Susan LaTour	October
Ken Ash	May	Janet Adkins	Novembe
Wayne Wallace	June	Rick Cooper	Decembe

Submitted by Nancy Rockwell 1/5/2017

Mid-week hikes 2016

- 1.** The mid-week hike program was very successful because of the 26 willing leaders.
- 2.** Nearly all leaders sent the sign-in sheets to me. The numbers below do not reflect data from seven hikes for which I have neither a sign-in sheet or information from a We Were There report. Perhaps the club should emphasize the importance of gathering and maintaining these sign-in sheets because they have the liability statement.
- 3.** Evening mid-week hikes were included in the mid-week planning and schedule for the first time, which I think worked well.
- 4.** The Dawdler chair, Carol Soderberg, deserves lots of credit for her time-consuming effort not to schedule dawdler hikes on the days that another mid-week hike was scheduled. Coordinating these two programs was not an easy task; it was she who did all of the accommodating and work.

Hikes originally listed in the Prospectus: **79**

Different leaders: **26**

Member sign-ins for 2016: **238**

Guest sign-ins for 2016: **46**

Hikes cancelled because leaders were out-of-town: **5**

Hikes cancelled because of leader incapacitation: **7** (these were all mine)

Hikes cancelled because of bad weather or low sign-ups, usually related phenomena: **13**

A special thank you to the mid-week leaders!

J. Elizabeth Seibert

January 5, 2017

Historian Annual Report

2016

January 5, 2017

A notebook was assembled with photos, newspaper articles, and obituaries for 2016. More photos may be added if I can find the photographers.

I have collected 1 copy of each bulletin for the year, which is stored at my house. It was decided to only keep 1 paper copy from now on as electronic copies are available anytime.

In addition I put together a database of members who have passed away from 1991 through 2016 to remember their names and contributions they

made to our club. This was a project started by Paula Hyatt and I added some information and "computerized" it to make updating easier.

I want to thank Paula for all her help in remembering "old timers" names and information she collected for me. Also thanks to Mary Liepins for researching membership records to help fill in the blanks on my chart.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Roner

Chemeketan Cabin Reservations Report

2016

According to my records the Chemeketan Cabin was reserved twelve times for a total of twenty-four nights in 2016. Five hundred sixteen dollars rent was turned into the council.

In the coming year it is likely that I will be moving into a retirement facility, possibly in Eugene. Continuing as cabin reservation chairman would not be practical. Bill Wylie has agreed to assume that responsibility.

The Chemeketan cabin has been a very important part of my experience for a good fifty years. I much appreciate the time I have been privileged to spend there.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Hyatt

Presented by Paula Hyatt

2016 Cabin Maintenance Report

Two work trips occurred in 2016. The trips are hard to schedule in advance because of the weather. There is a steady crew that goes. If you want to join, call Bill Wylie.

A tree near the cabin had fallen in the past year and the forest service gave permission for the tree to be cut for firewood.

On the last trip, the crew took a generator and thoroughly vacuumed the cabin.

This report was presented by Paula Hyatt, on behalf of Bill Wylie

2016 Annual Outing Report

The 2016 Chemeketan Outing was held in the Wallowa Mountains of north-east Oregon. The camp was on the Nez Perce Homeland near the town of Wallowa. It featured water and electricity for the kitchen, plenty of elbow room and hot showers. Extraordinary hiking in Oregon's Alps and nearby activities kept the attendees active and entertained. The Outing was financially successful being at or near capacity both weeks.

2017 Outing will be held July 29 through August 12 in the redwoods near Klamath, California. The area features numerous hiking trails and kayaking opportunities. Full occupancy at the Outing for the last few years allows fees to be lowered to \$200 per week for adult members. The 2017 *Outing Guide* is currently available on the club website. Come join us.

Submitted by Ken Ash

Minto-Brown Saturday Hikes Annual Report for 2016

Hikes are taken on Saturday mornings at Minto-Brown Park. Most of the hikes are led by Chemeketan Sylvar Rys. Sylvar takes the responsibility of sending in the hiking information to the hiking chair as well as leading the hikes.

There were 242 hikers in 2016. Of these hikers, 105 were members and 137 were guests.

Submitted by Nancy Rockwell, 1/5/2017

Chemeketan Store Annual Report for 2016

Store sales included:

Chemeketan T-shirts	\$39.00
Thunderbird patches and pins	<u>67.00</u>
Total	\$106.00

Store inventory items and prices:

Chemeketan T-shirts

Adult navy, S, M, L, XL	\$12
Women's navy, S, M, L	\$10
Adult charcoal long sleeve, S, M, L, XL	\$15
Bandannas, light blue or black	\$ 6 (Out of stock)

(T-shirts and bandanas are available at Salem Summit Co, 246 State St. in Salem.)

- Thunderbird embroidered patch, red, 3 inches \$2
- Thunderbird metal pin, ¾ inches \$1
- Adult T-shirts from prior Outings, M, L \$5
- Child T-shirts, light blue, 10-16 \$3
- Red and blue plaid wool fabric \$5 per yard
- Mt. Adams 2001 patch, 4 inches \$2
- Thunderbird red and blue decal, 3 inches 25 cents

Store ads run periodically in the Bulletin to notify members of available Chemeketan merchandise.

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair

2016 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHEMEKETAN PICTURE NIGHT

Six Picture Night presentations were held in the IKE Box in 2016. Subjects and speakers were as follows:

January 8, 2016 – Connie Soper, “Exploring the Oregon Coast Trail”

February 22, 2016 – Neil Peterson/Sharon Wright, “Newfoundland”

May 13, 2016 – Milan Apeltauer, “Climbing the Alps”

October 14, 2016 – John Eells, “On Foot Through the Italian Alps”

November 11, 2016 – Karen Craven, “High Sierra Camps

The programs were held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Attendance ranged from 35 to 90 people. The only expense for Picture Night was for \$450 for the rental of the IKE Box room beginning on October 14, 2016 through May, 2017. The Picture Nights prior to this night were not required to pay a rental fee. Picture Night moved from the Den to the IKE Box after the Den was closed.

Many thanks are due to all of the presenters this year for their excellent photos and interesting stories. Their willingness to present and the time and effort they put into their programs is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Hanus and Marcia Hoak, Picture Night Co-Chairs

December 14, 2016

Snowshoeing 2015-16

Snowshoes were offered from late December 2015 through March 2016, for a total of 14. Three were cancelled due to rain. Some ninety snowshoers participated.

Submitted by Lee Slattum

2016 Backpacking Report by Rick Cooper

Leader(s) Days	Destination	Hikers
Rick Cooper	Wenaha River Trail, Wenaha - Tucannon Wilderness, Oregon	Cancelled
Shonee Langford 3	Herman Creek, Columbia River Gorge, Oregon	3
Mike Gabe	Lizard Lake and Grizzly Ridge – Mt Jefferson Wilderness, Oregon	Cancelled
Rick Cooper 3	Beginner's Backpack – Bull of the Woods Wilderness, Oregon	7
Joel Zak	Jefferson Park, Mt Jefferson Wilderness, Oregon	Cancelled
Rick Cooper 5	Shackleford Creek Loop, Marble Mountain Wilderness, California	7
Bill Sullivan 3	Sky High Lakes, Marble Mountain Wilderness, California	11
Joel Zak 5	Timberline Trail, Mt Hood Wilderness, Oregon	4
Ray Drapek 7	PCT – Snoqualmie Pass to Stevens Pass, Washington	4
Michael Gurley	Clear Fork Loop, Goat Rocks Wilderness, Washington	Cancelled
Larry Davis 3	Indian Heaven, Washington	10
Roz Shirack	Wonderland Trail, Mt Rainier National Park, Washington	Cancelled
Joel Zak 4	Foley Ridge, Separation Creek, Linton Meadows, Three Sisters Wilderness, Oregon	4
Robert White 3	Pamela Lake, Mt Jefferson Wilderness, Oregon	9
Larry Davis 4 Joel Zak	Broken Top, Three Sisters Wilderness, Oregon	9
Michael Gurley 4	Timberline Trail, Mt Hood Wilderness, Oregon	3
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Totals	12 Completed Backpacks	72 people
		44 days

Miscellaneous Events 2016

Events include: Koffee Klatch, held every Monday morning; Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration, every Wednesday morning; Center 50+ Lunch, every Thursday; Second Thursday Pizza Night, every month. All activities are viable and promote social interaction among Chemeketans and guests.

Submitted by Lee Slattum

2016 Bulletin Report

Bulletin editors produced twelve Chemeketan bulletins in 2016. Early in the year, a \$20 fee was imposed on club members who chose to continue receiving a print bulletin by mail. As a result, the club now prints and mails fewer than 50 paper bulletins while 670 people follow the bulletin online. Long-time editors Mike Berger, Bill Geibel and Joanne DeMay retired in the fall and were ably replaced by new volunteers: Trish Johnston, Carol Soderberg and Joel Zak. Allan King, who designed the covers of almost every bulletin for the past sixteen years, also retired.

Printed Bulletin Subscription: End of Year Report

The 2015 Executive Council made the decision to charge a \$20 subscription fee for a printed bulletin beginning with the 2016 membership year. The decision was made to reduce the club's operating costs, which were nearly double the club's dues income in 2014. In 2015, most of the club's 700 members were receiving the bulletin in electronic form. However, 230 printed bulletins were still being mailed each month. Seventeen of the bulletins were being sent to various other clubs, stores, libraries, etc. The cost of printing and mailing a printed bulletin was about \$2 a month or \$24

per year (\$5700 in 2014). The January bulletin of 2016 was the last bulletin printed by Ink Spot Printing and mailed by Valley Mailing Service.

Approximately 50 subscriptions for printed bulletins were purchased for 2016. Since the quantity of bulletins dropped from 230 down to 50, the cost for Ink Spot and Valley Mailing to do the work increased substantially. To keep the cost within the \$20 subscription fee, Mary Liepins volunteered to print and mail the February 2016 bulletin. Mary chose Copy Cats Printing in West Salem and the bulletin was printed front and back on 8.5x11 paper. Mary purchased stamps and used "mail merge" to create mailing labels. Each bulletin had to be stapled in the upper left corner, folded in half and stapled again before applying an address label and stamp. This required some work but she kept the cost of the printing and mailing close to the \$20 subscription. Steve Dougherty mailed the March bulletin.

Karen Widmer of the Canyon Weekly newspaper was contracted to print and mail the April, May and June bulletins. Sue Harteloo, owner of Postal Connections-Stayton, was contracted to print and mail the July bulletin and has continued to provide the service to our club. Sue can print and mail fifty 12-page bulletins for \$77 or \$1.54 per bulletin. A 14-page bulletin is 33 cents more. If we only print a few 14-page bulletins each year, our \$20 subscription fee should be sufficient.

The cost to the club has gone from \$5700/year to zero. To put that number in perspective, it helps to remember that we only collect \$14,000 in dues each year.

Submitted by Steve Dougherty, Treasurer

2016 Chemeketan Dawdler Hikes Report

Number of hikes and participants:

We had 64 dawdler hikes scheduled for 2016.

We had 331 total participants

280 of which were senior members

And 51 of which were senior guests

Due to the fact that I didn't get sign-up sheets from all of the leaders these numbers are probably a little lower than the actual head counts.

Dawdler hikes are a great introduction to the club and great way to get new members to join the club. They're a great way for potential members to get their feet wet, hopefully not literally. Some of these new members have probably moved on to more difficult levels of hikes but dawdler hikes were their gateway to the group.

However, it's very hard to recruit new dawdler hike leaders. We've also had some attrition from the list of dawdler hike leaders. Diane Clayton, who was a wonderful leader, has had to stop hiking. In addition another great dawdler hike leader, Matt Rieke, has decided that in 2017 he would lead fewer hikes so he'd have more chances to go on other leaders' hikes. Also, Paula Hyatt, who I believe was the originator of the dawdler hike designation, has recently had to curtail the number of hikes that she can lead. We all really appreciate the great dawdler hikes that they have led in the past.

In 2016 a welcome addition to dawdler hike options were some hikes which included activities for families with younger children led by Carl Anderson. Other 2016 dawdler hike leaders in addition to Paula Hyatt, Matt Rieke and Carl Anderson were Beverly Hassell, Janet Templar, Pat Simila, Susan Hoskins, Wayne Wallace and Carol Soderberg.

Submitted by Carol Soderberg on January 3, 2017

Climbing Committee 2016 Annual Report

2016 was another good year for the Chemeketan Climbers. The year began with our annual climb school at Horsethief Butte and Mt Hood and continued with several other training and social outings in the spring. Summer saw many Oregon and Washington summits and additional trips to the Colorado, California, Montana and Yosemite Valley. Unfortunately, several summer climbing trips were cancelled due to forest fires, low snow pack and the unusually hot weather we experienced in 2016. We wrapped up our year with the annual climbers potluck and the beginning of plans for 2016. We finished the year with enough of a surplus in the climbers account to ensure the 2017 Annual Climb School once again. Our year-ending Annual Potluck was held in a new venue, The Rock Boxx, Salem's first indoor climbing gym.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Dunn and Michael Rudy, Co-chairs

2016 Litter Patrol Annual Report

Two of us did litter patrol on Hwy 22 once during 2016. The reason for the lesser number of patrols was the fact that my notice did not make it into the Bulletin and the attempt to reschedule was thwarted by early snow.

Submitted by Betsy Belshaw

2016 Chemeketans Trail Maintenance Report

During 2016, I coordinated 5 trail maintenance trips as outlined below:

Date	Participants	Trail Name	Accomplishments
May 7	6	Vine Maple Trail	Widened trail, cleaned drainage, built new water bars.
June 4	9	Shellburg Creek	Built new trail to re-route to higher ground in swampy area. Cleared brush, dug out roots, tread base.
July 9	11	New Trail*	Built new .4 section of trail including brush clearing and tread base along route flagged by Forester.
September 10	5	Vine Maple Trail	Installed 18-inch culvert, cleaned drainage, filled with rock & gravel. Built ditch with rock armoring.
October 1	6	East Slope	Installed logs on downhill side of trail, widened and flattened tread base with cut-bank and back-fill.

*The Forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry allowed us to name the new trail; our group voted on several suggestions, and the top pick was August Mountain Tie-in Trail.

Editorial Comments

Since 2012, the Chemeketans have not done as much trail maintenance as in prior years, primarily because we are finding it increasingly difficult to work with the Detroit District Forest Service. In an attempt to resolve issues, I met with representatives at the Detroit Ranger Station in April 2016. However, after a lengthy discussion, it was clear they had no intention of giving us the flexibility and freedom we once had. Given that, I elected to work with the Oregon Department of Forestry instead. The Forester we worked with (Cassie) was an absolute delight to work with. She appreciated our help, valued our experience, and treated us with

respect and trust. While this worked well for 2016, the trails in the Detroit District that our club uses extensively are getting more and more overgrown and clogged with downed trees. I'm planning to reach out to the Detroit District again in 2017 and hope for a more cooperative attitude.

Submitted by: Jean Gabriel, Trail Maintenance Chair

Announcement- Susan LaTour

Susan reminded club members that we have vacancies in the WinterSports-ski Chair and the Paddling Chair.

The 2017 Chemeketan Executive Council was introduced:

President: Susan LaTour

Vice President: Craig Blanton

Treasurer: Mike DeLaune

Recording Secretary: Fletcher Adelman

Membership co-chair: Eileen Harder

Membership co-chair: Bruce Patterson

Meeting Space Coordinator: Ted Gaty

Members at large: Ralph Hall and Ann Hanus

The minutes for the annual meeting and the organization of the annual committee reports are respectfully submitted by the Chemeketan Recording Secretary: Fletcher Adelman

