

Chemeketan Board Meeting July 5, 2017

Attendance: Craig Blanton, Ann Hanus, Bruce Patterson, Ralph Hall, Mike DeLaune, Susan LaTour, Ted Gaty, Rob Kimmich, Wayne Wallace, Bruce Moffatt, John Balling, George Adkins

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at Broadway Commons.
Ann Hanus took meeting notes

Outing - Wayne Wallace and George Adkins

Wayne Wallace provided an update on the Outing. A new cook has been hired. The 2018 Outing will be at Mt. Baker although an exact location has not been determined.

George Adkins discussed a proposal to purchase a mobile kitchen. An official position has not been taken on a mobile kitchen. A written proposal was provided to the Council in response to requests for budget proposals. A mobile kitchen would be easier to transport, people would not need to risk picking up heavy items and make it easier to set up. It would allow for a refrigerator. Electricity would be needed. A mobile kitchen would make preparation easier and more sanitary. Issues: some people may object to a generator, and some are concerned about whether we should purchase a mobile kitchen because of traditional ways of doing the outing as well as the cost.

Discussion ensued. Council members noted that it would allow for additional smaller outings, and it would be easier to pack without the risk of picking up heavy equipment. George said he has spoken with the Oregon Department of Forestry about their use of mobile kitchens. George suggested that a good design should be developed and seek input from the cooks. The Council agreed to form a subcommittee of club members that will include George Adkins, Ann Hanus, Don Gallagher, and other willing members to develop a more detailed proposal. Craig Blanton asked that the subcommittee also consider about what should be done with existing equipment and risk issues.

Technology Report - Rob Kimmich and John Balling

Rob and John provided a proposal to Council. They are requesting an earmark of \$3000 in 2018 for the development of a new website system. In September 2017, trials will be held to evaluate several vendors with the goal of purchasing a new vendor in 2018. Monthly fees would be around \$163 if we purchase a packaged existing software. This monthly fee includes updates. However, if we do a custom system, we would need to pay for changes and improvements as needed and there could be higher costs, but we would get a system tailored to our needs. If we want to do financial transactions on the website, a packaged system has this option available with a secure site. Rob and John have researched other similar outdoor clubs like the Mazamas and Lake Oswego Hunt Club to review their websites, options, development process and procedures.

Volunteers are needed to keep the system functioning and make improvements. We need to make sure we have enough trained volunteers to keep our system functioning. The club's website and database are vulnerable because Rob Kimmich is the only person ensuring that our system is working and updated. At least two volunteers are needed. Rob Kimmich asked that an email be sent out to recruit volunteers as website managers. John suggested that the website manager should attend Council meetings.

Ann Hanus moved that \$3000 be earmarked in the 2018 budget for the development of a new website and database system. Motion seconded by Ralph Hall. Discussion ensued. Rob and John will return after they have completed the trials with a firmer budget amount. Council members expressed strong support for the need to improve the website. Motion adopted unanimously.

Winter Activities Chair - Bruce Moffatt

Bruce has been involved with winter activities with different companies and as a guide and instructor for many years. He has taught cross country skiing, back country skiing, and snow shoeing. He volunteers with Central Oregon backcountry avalanche awareness. He plans on holding an evening at Salem Summit to talk about types of outings available, clothing layering, and other winter subjects. It would also be an opportunity to be fitted for skis. He wants to have a spectrum of activities during the winter. He would also like to have some hut to hut trips. He wants to offer outings for kids and families. Bruce encouraged Council members to email him with ideas.

Approval of Minutes

Mike DeLaune moved to accept the minutes. Craig seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Membership Report - Bruce Patterson

Bruce Patterson submitted the monthly membership report. He said there were 46 new members this past month and one renewal.

Mike DeLaune moved to accept the members. Ralph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The club now has 695 active paying members.

Treasurer's Report - Mike DeLaune

Mike presented his monthly report. The club received \$1,134.33 in total revenue. The Council was asked to approve various expenses totaling \$706.99. Ann Hanus moved to approve payment of expenses. Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried. Club assets total \$242,438.05.

Mike requested approval to establish a new Chemeketans main club checking account at MAPS Credit Union and move \$100.00 from the current Pioneer bank main club checking account to the new MAPS checking account. Mike provided several reasons for the move to MAPS including convenience, better online tools, and better customer service. The Outing Committee already banks at MAPS. Ann Hanus moved to establish a new Chemeketans main club checking account at MAPS Credit Union and move \$100.00 from the current Pioneer bank main club checking account to the new MAPS checking account. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike reported that he mailed the tax-exempt status reinstatement request package to the IRS on 6/12/2017. If the request is approved by the IRS, we should hear about our reinstatement in about three months.

Mike will work with CPA on issues relating to the 2016 taxes.

The USPS account will be closed because it is cheaper to use commercial mailing. We will receive a refund of \$298.65.

2017 Budget - Mike DeLaune and Craig Blanton

Mike and Craig presented a proposed new draft budget for 2017 totaling \$17,388.80. The budget for 2018 is estimated at \$15,362.00; however, an additional \$3000 will be earmarked in 2018 for website/database improvement. The Council discussed the need for long term one-time expenses to benefit the Club. Discussion on the budget ensued. Budget submissions for the Technology Committee, Picture Night, Chemeketan Cabin, and Trail Maintenance (\$1050) are included in the budget. Additional expenses to be considered in the future include purchasing trail maintenance tools, a mobile kitchen, and family activities.

Mike DeLaune moved to adopt the 2017 budget. Seconded by Ann Hanus. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bylaw Discussion - Susan LaTour

The Council thought that a separate meeting was needed to review proposed bylaw changes. Susan will send out three possible meeting dates for July.

New Family Activities Chair

Susan moved that a Family Activities Chair be created. Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee for 2018 Elections

A committee of five members are needed.

Oregon Coast Trail Legislation - Ann Hanus

HB 3149 just passed the House unanimously tonight!

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.