



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes--August 6, 2019

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary; Larry Thompson, Board Members at Large. Carl Browning and Patty Linn, absent. Tom Parsons present.

1.) Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by President Jim Ballard. This meeting was held at Thompson's Mills so Brian McBeth could update Board on Mill House and other related State Park activities but Brian was unable to attend. Ron offered several changes to Minutes of July meeting. Minutes (with corrections to be made were approved). Motion to approve Minutes by Larry, 2nd by Ron--Unanimous approval.

2.) Treasurer's Report: Ron noted that membership and donations were up a bit. Opening balance in the Financial Summary for 1.1.19-7.3.19 was \$22,561.67. Income was \$9,386.20. Cash Balance was \$28,103.97. Non-cash assets were \$2,929.90, est. We have commitments of \$16,737.50 and cash uncommitted of \$11,366.47. Larry moved, Don 2nded motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.

3) Report on Mother Earth News Fair booth by Don Lyon: August 3-4, 2019

MENF is an annual event at 4-6 locations around the country. The Albany venue is the only location on the west coast. It attracts many thousands who are interested in sustainable living, pioneer experiences, and the back to the land movement--all of whom are interested in historical and cultural icons like old mills. Attendance at this years MENF seemed down a bit possibly because of the number of other county fairs and music festivals occurring this weekend. Still, for the two shifts where I was in attendance there was a steady stream of visitors. People from out of the area were encouraged to visit Oregon's Last Water Powered Mill just 13 miles away. Local people often had not visited the mill and many were excited to be reminded of its presence. The possibility of cider pressing really got their attention and everyone who was interested was willing to provide their e-mail. We captured almost 60 emails and would have had more but ran out of forms (as well as membership cards). Soliciting memberships and donations was a little more difficult but Larry did get \$115 from one person--who took a mug as her gift.

Expenses were \$275 for our booth--special non-profit rate. Cost of materials and supplies was about \$87 (budgeted \$75) but all of the material, especially the banner, can be used during cider pressings and other events. Albany Visitor's Association donated some printing--about \$20 worth, courtesy Kim Jackson. Our booth was staffed by Don Lyon, Connie Bull, Carl Browning, Roy Thompson, Larry Thompson and Ranger David Plett. Our booth location was deliberately located next to Bob's Red Mill, which attracted lots of visitors. Was it worth the investment of time and money? We will have to wait and see if email and visitors translate into volunteers and donations. Certainly many local people were reminded of the presence of the Mill and encouraged to visit. At the Mill on Sunday, Hosts reported that a number of people were there as a result of our booth. Don estimates that approximately 500 people visited the booth during the two days. Don is attaching several images of the booth with the Minutes.

4. Old Business: Jim will make a list of Board Member names and addresses for the use of other Board Members. Cider Training on August 17. Don reported that there were no responses from the TMPS email list. Tom had placed an ad on Craigslist for the even and had received one positive notification. Don agreed to coordinate this event by contacting potential volunteers and obtaining apples as well as



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setting up the press for training. Don will follow up with press releases to Brownsville Times and MailChimp. Tom will send press release to OPRD Facebook.

5. Tom Parsons' Ranger Report: Tom noted that logo artist Lori had made her final touch-ups that day. An OSU film crew was setting up in the Miller's House to shoot a short film by a OSU student.

6. Brian McBeth will be invited another time.

7. New Business: Short discussion of OPB's Grant's Getaways coverage several years ago of Thompson's Mills. This program was re-shown recently and commented on by Fair visitors. Available on You Tube. Would be possible to capture this program to share with Mill Visitors--would need a dedicated laptop?

8. Next Meeting: September 17 at the Mill.

9. Adjourn move made at 7:08 by Don, 2nd by Larry--unanimous.





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