



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, February 17, 2021

Members attending virtual meeting: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary. Other Board members: Carl Browning. Not attending were Larry Thompson, Alice Royle, and Patty Linn. Guests were Tom Parsons, OPRD, Kim Jackson of Albany Visitors Association, and Rye Guessford, OPRD Ranger. Meeting was via GoToMeeting hosted by Ron.

1) Meeting was called to order at 6:15 (after waiting to see if other members could connect) by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of September 24, 2020 meeting were discussed. Motion to approve by Ron, 2nd by Don. Unanimous acceptance. Minutes from Annual Meeting, February 2, 2020 were also approved unanimously.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Profit and Loss Statement covering 2016-2020: Total income as of 12/31/2020 was \$6008. Total Expenses were 9,129.86. Cash Balance was \$21,597.84. Non-cash Assets are \$2440.65, est. and Commitments were \$17,191.15 (not spent). TMPS has 243 mailing addresses, 406 email addresses (504 is the total mail list). Unanimous approval to accept report.

3. Budget for 2021 based on 2020 funds and projects not completed

COMMITMENTS (approved 2021 Special Board Meeting)

Mill Site	\$0.00	\$11500	(protect, maintain, re
- House Fencing	(\$1,000.00)	\$1000	appr 02/17/21
- Garden Expenses	(\$400.00)	\$400	appr 02/17/21
- Fire Suppression	(\$7,700.00)	\$7700	appr 02/17/21
- Garage Sign Restoration	(\$2,400.00)	\$2400	appr 02/17/2021 (LCCC G
Mill Advertising (media)	(\$800.00)	\$800	appr 02/17/21
Mill Promotion	(\$800.00)	\$2000	appr 02/17/21
- Cider Pressing Events	(\$1,200.00)	\$1200	appr 02/17/21
- Other Promotion TBD	(budget)	(spend)	
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Resupply Gift Shop	(\$4,000.00)	\$4000	appr 02/17/21 COST NI
Operating Expenses (Business)	\$0.00	\$2,200	appr 02/17/21

Tom and Ron discussed the costs of Fire Suppression System and the amounts of money that might be available--\$11,500? Budget approved unanimously after motion by Carl, 2nd by Don.

4) Ranger's Report by Tom Parsons: Tom introduced his new associate Ranger Rye Guessford who will be sharing some of Tom's workload and provide on-site coverage on Tom's days off. Tom discussed painting projects on mill building that he hoped OPRD would fund, as the two walls were too dangerous for Tom and Rye to attempt. The cost was estimated at \$33,000 for the tailrace side of the mill and one other exposed section. Tom reported that Mill site was not damaged by Valentine's Day ice storm. Scott Youngblood is Tom's new manager. Tom expects that he will be in position for quite awhile--good news as he is a friend of the Mill. Mill team is awaiting OPRD word as to when they can reopen and are working to be immediately ready for that event. Donations Box issue being

resolved so that this money for mill projects be turned over to TMPS without OPRD involvement. Tom reported that OPRD was issuing a letter of recognition to TMPS for our efforts to help the Mill. The Thompson's Garage sign project was discussed with a LCCC grant applied for by Don Lyon, requesting \$2400 to hire a sign painter to restore the old lettering after Tom and crew do the preparation work. Outcome of grant request should be known within the month.

5. Old Business: Trail Project. Don explained that he has been collecting details about how to make The Trail ADA compliant and will share with Tom and Board. Carl reminded us that Blind Association could also help. Letters from our "partners" i.e. local businesses and organizations, acknowledging value of The Trail to community should be sought by Board Members. Tom and Don to meet when Don has ADA compliance details.

6) Cider Days 2021: General feeling that we wanted to have regular cider pressing events if allowed by COVID regs. Tom suggested a meeting of the Cider Committee (Carl, Don, Jim, Tom and Kim?) to set dates (4?) for pressing. Don said that cider variety apples would likely be available from our previous source--Oregon Country Farm. Ron will see if he can set up a meeting with Tom as host so Carl can attend.

7) New Business: Annual Meeting will have to be delayed until an actual physical meeting is permitted by COVID regulations. Ron made a motion that all Board Positions be re-enrolled**. 2nd by Don, unanimous acceptance. Everyone is reminded to send dues to TMPS, PO Box 1, Shedd, OR, 97377. \$20 single, \$30 couple.

8) Next Board Meeting: TBD approximately 60 days from now. Jim would like 100% attendance for virtual GoToMeeting event on or about 6pm on April 14. If that time does not work for you please let Jim know of times, dates you can meet virtually. Also--if you were unable to connect with the meeting due to internet problems please let Jim know.

9) Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

**Terms for each Board member--provided by Jim:

1-Ron VanOrden expires Jan 2021

2-Carl Browning expires Jan 2021

3-Alice Royal expires March 2021

4-Larry Thompson expires March 2022

5-Don Lyon expires March 2022

6-Patty Linn expires March 2022

7-Jim Ballard expires March 2022