



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, April 15, 2021

(with corrections in item 6 by Jim)

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

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of February 17, 2021 meeting were discussed. Motion to approve by Larry, 2nd by Carl. Unanimous acceptance.
- 2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary, January 1, 2021-April 12, 2021. Total income \$3838. Total Expenses were credit of \$957.46. Cash Balance was \$24,478.38. Non-cash Assets are \$2539.45, est. and Commitments were \$20,542.52. Cash uncommitted is \$3935.86. TMPS has 243 mailing addresses, 403 email addresses (498 is the total mail list). Report nominated for approval by Don, 2nd by Larry. Unanimous approval to accept report.
- 3) Ranger's Report by Tom Parsons: Tom is waiting for word from OPRD as to when parks can reopen. Meanwhile he, Rye and hosts are keeping busy. Preparation for Thompson's Garage sign redo is moving ahead. Sign painter Lori is hoping to hear from insurance providers regarding liability insurance. Ron says that TMPS will need certificate of insurance as well as some sort of statement from Lori that she will do the work for \$1200. Don will stay in touch with Lori (who states that she is comfortable with the \$1200 amount and is contacting several insurance providers regarding insurance). Tom indicates that they will be pumping water to keep millrace full. He and Rye are committing all day Tuesdays and Thursdays to painting and repairs. A very old flour sack was uncovered. Don Powers suggested having it framed and received a quote of \$320. Ron made a motion that TMPS fund this project. Larry was 2nd. Unanimous to proceed with Don Powers organizing the project. Tom noted that recent newsletter has received very positive feedback including offers to volunteer.
4. Old Business:
 - a) Grant Applications: The Trail project has hit a snag since it is not in the Master Plan but is being discussed by Tom's superiors. The neighbor with the hazelnut orchard has requested a "vegetative buffer zone" to discourage TM's visitors from trespassing on his property. Tom feels it necessary to comply--probably with native plants such as Nootka Rose and such plants as discourage trespass. In terms of applying for grants for The Trail, they should not result in publicity encouraging public visits but small groups would be fine. It is thought that temporary signs and similar preliminary work would be good.
 - b) Cider Days: Tom states that ORPD is not proposing any events for this summer but that TMPS is free to host.
 - c) Newsletter: Jim proposed that due to very positive newsletter reports that the next issue should be in about 3 months. Ron requests that material be submitted to him by August 1.
- 5) ORPD letter of support for TMPS: Jim read the very positive letter of support from ORPD to the TMPS acknowledging our efforts and funding of restoration work, flume gate repair, etc. Copy of this letter will be added to the record.

6) Letters of support from other institutions: Jim also asked how we each were doing getting letters from "partners" or "friends" to support The Trail. Such letters will carry critical weight when applying for grants. Larry is talking to several former employees. Don has solicited letters from Brownsville mayor and Linn County Historical Museum acknowledging that The Trail will be a positive asset to the greater community. Carl mentioned the support of the Oregon Commission for the Blind. *Jim reports that letters from local Sierra Club and Audubon Society chapters had been received and that we had previously led tours for the Sierra Club at the Mill. Jim will be requesting a letter from the Benton County Historical Society.* (Italics portion is corrected information provided by Jim)

7) New Business --none.

8) Next Board Meeting: June 10--hoping for 5pm meeting at the Mill.

9) Adjourn: Don moved, Carl (?) 2nd. No one opposed.