



Thompson's Mill Preservation Society

Minutes: 3.26.22 Annual Meeting

April 13, 2022

Present: Board Members: Don Lyon, Don Powers, Carl Browning, Ron VanOrden, Larry Thompson and Alice Royle Society Members: Roy Thompson, Bob McCormick, Carolee St. Clair, Rye Guessford. Guests: none

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm. Probably at the mill (undecided)

Announcements

- Don Lyon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
- Ron suggested two additions be made to the agenda: to set up a spending plan and
- Consider reprinting Thompson's Mill recruitment card.
- Don Lyon moved to accept the additions to the agenda, unanimously approved.
- Ron VanOrden presented the Treasurer's Report (attached). Carl moved to approve the report, and it was approved.

Ranger's Report

Tom Parsons was unable to attend the meeting. Rye Guessford presented a slide show summarizing some of the highlights of mill activities and updates since the last meeting. These included: removal of containers, artifacts on display, garage painting, paint on the head house, roof repairs and maintenance. A rotting post will be replaced, the fire grenades have been made safe, wall paint was applied, a boom lift has been rented for repairs and maintenance on the east side of the mill. Gutters will be inspected, replaced or repaired and repainted as necessary, and that can be done safely with the recent safety equipment and extra training.

Discussion (not necessarily in the correct order)

- There will be a Celebration of Life for Jim Ballard on June 18th. His possible memorial, a bike station, was discussed. There was further discussion of the equipment, a plaque-like marker, a letter to the family for "Ballard's Station." Ron VanOrden reminded the Board that money had been donated by Ballard family and friends for a memorial. Don Lyon will investigate the cost and write up a proposal for an appropriate memorial.

- A school group will be visiting on April 4; volunteers are welcome to help. Don Lyon suggested members receive an email to alert them of upcoming opportunities to help.
- Roy Thompson found poison oak near the new path. (*Roy reports that cousin Larry found the Poison oak*) Tom Parsons will spray it.
- It appears that the mill will be more open for volunteer projects and will be open from 8:00 am to sunset soon. Don Lyon mentioned after-hours tours as a possibility, and the use of the mill as a venue for events like weddings.
- There have been some administrative changes in the Oregon State Parks system that will affect the mill. The fire suppression system we need is waiting for approval from the legislature. This was discussed.

Old Business

- We were reminded that dues are due in January and can be paid as early as the previous September.
- Publicity – The Albany Visitor's Bureau brochure in which we have advertised will be printed again. The \$316 expense was seen as good value for the Mill.
- The old OPRD brochure will not be reprinted by OPRD. TMPS may do its own reprints.

Elections and Reelections of Officers

- Board Members Larry Thompson and Don Lyon terms were expiring--they agreed to continue as Board Members for another term. Ron Van Orden agreed to continue as Treasurer. Approved by Membership.
- Election of New Officers: Society Member Rebecca Martin was nominated by Don Powers as President. The motion was unanimously accepted.
- Don Lyon moved that he be nominated to the position of Vice President (as well as Secretary). Ron explained that according to TMPS bylaws the two positions could not be held by the same person. Don L. withdrew his motion, agreed to remain as Secretary.

New Business

- Fencing and neighbors – we need estimates for 1300' of fencing. Costs, signage, safety and archeological concerns, and administrative approval were discussed.
- Don Powers presented a spreadsheet detailing the gift shop inventory and an analysis of relative popularity of some of the items. The cost-neutral status of the gift shop was discussed.
- CT-12 information (number hours per week contributed) was provided by members of the board as required.

- There was discussion of changing the recruitment card and it was decided to discontinue its use.
- Don P will write a letter that we could use to lobby the legislature on matters that affect the mill.
- Ron VanOrden went over the Treasurer's Report and stated that we don't use a Budget because we don't forecast our income to balance against our spending. Instead, we approve an annual spending plan, as appears in the Financial Summary presented at each meeting.

COMMITMENTS (approved 2022 Annual Membership Meeting)

Mill Site	-----	\$12500	(protect, maintain, restore, improve)
- House Fencing	(\$1,000.00)	\$1000	appr 03/26/22
- Garden Expenses	(\$400.00)	\$400	appr 03/26/22
- Trail Project	(\$8,000.00)	\$8000	appr 03/26/22
- Bike Station	(\$3,000.00)	\$3000	appr 03/26/22
- other	(\$100.00)		unallocated
Mill Advertising (media)	(\$800.00)	\$800	appr 03/26/22
Mill Promotion	-----	\$2000	appr 03/26/22
- Cider Pressing Events	(\$1,400.00)	\$1400	appr 03/26/22
- Summer Passport?, etc	(\$600.00)	\$600	appr 03/26/22
Resupply Gift Shop	(\$5,000.00)	\$5000	appr 03/26/22 (cost Neutral)
Operating Expenses (Business)	-----	\$2,400	appr 03/26/22
- General & Administrative	(\$1,100.00)	\$1100	appr 03/26/22
- TMPS Newsletter(s)	(\$1,300.00)	\$1300	appr 03/26/22
Contingency Fund	(\$1,000.00)	\$1,000	appr 03/26/22
COMMITMENTS:		(\$23,700.00)	

- Carl Browning moved to approve the spending plan. It was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Announcements

- The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm, probably at the mill.
- Larry Thompson moved to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Submitted, Alice Royle, April 14, 2022 with corrections and additions submitted by Don Lyon, Roy Thompson and Ron VanOrden. Final corrections made at 5.17.22 Board Meeting. Minutes approved with corrections.