



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, May 17, 2022

Members Present: Rebecca Martin, President; Donald Lyon, Secretary; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer.
Other Board members -- Carl Browning, Alice Royle, Larry Thompson. Guests were Scott Youngblood (OPRD) and Rich Klocz

1) Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm at the Mill by our new President Rebecca Martin. Minutes of 10.13.21 meeting were approved unanimously. Ron VanOrden requested several corrections and changes to Annual Meeting Minutes of 3.26.22. Larry moved annual minutes with corrections be approved. Vote was unanimous to approve.

2) Treasurers report was delayed until end of meeting but details are shown here: Opening balance as of May 7 was \$25,240.33. Income was \$8,279. Cash balance was \$28,907.93 after expenses of \$4611.40. Non Cash Assets were \$2127.86, est. Commitments are \$19,088.60 with cash uncommitted of \$9819.33. Don asked about the Memorial funds received from Ballard family and friends. As of May 7 the amount was \$2271.25. The amount spent so far on the Bike Station (memorial) was approximately \$2113 with more expenses expected. Don moved to accept Report. Unanimous.

3) Ranger's Report by Scott Youngblood (Tom Parson's OPRD boss) Scott reported that both Tom and Rye Guessford were off work sick. He said that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had identified nearly eleven pages of projects for the Mill. There were in house landscaping projects that Tom and Rye would be working on. School group visits were ramping up. Scott said that he had approximately \$10,000 available in discretionary funds. The Fire Suppression project is on hold and the monies previously allocated are being spent elsewhere. Tom and Rye will be the only rangers at the Park for the summer season. *Scott Youngblood made the following corrections and explanation as shown below in italics:*

I looked at the list of projects. It is nine pages as currently written.

Most all of the projects are ones that can be completed in-house by staff and volunteers. Some of the projects are preservation oriented and some are landscaping projects. A few will require contractors.

I, as a Park Manager, have the ability to make funding decisions up to \$10,000. There are no discretionary funds budgeted for the Management Unit.

The Fire Suppression project is pending funding. My understanding is that the money allocated for it pre-covid never came to fruition as the agency's coffers dwindled due to the pandemic. Now the project is in the funding queue with many others waiting till it is an agency priority. I can research this some to get a definitive answer if you would like.

Tom and Rye are the only Rangers currently reporting to the Mill, but everyone in the unit works there occasionally and conversely Tom and Rye help out in other parks within the unit. At the last cider pressing, there were five staff members working.

We will continue having the entire management unit staff work to assist with events and projects across the management unit as necessary.

4) Old Business,

a) Cider pressing: Don affirmed that three dates had been set, September 3, Oct.1 and 29. Scott suggested that the September 3 date, Labor Day weekend, was difficult to staff and asked if it would be possible to change to September 10. Don stated that a bin of apples would be purchased for an event in Brownsville on August 27 and the cost shared between that Linn County Museum event and TMPS. He accepted that the apples might keep if stored in cool Mill basement until September 10.

b) The installation of the Bike Station was discussed. Bike station had been delivered and a plaque was on order. The site near the restrooms was being prepared.

c) June 18, 4pm--Celebration of Life for Jim Ballard at the Mill would go ahead without any objection by OPRD.

d) School Outreach: Rebecca has assumed this role previously held by Jim Ballard. She is trying to interest local firms in sponsoring pizza parties as a way of associating the historic flourmill with school kid's modern perspectives. She will contact schools to develop a list of contacts utilizing notes and records from the past two Presidents (which Ron has available).

5) Gift Shop items: Don reported that the T-shirts from Gateway Graphics which we had returned due to dull colors had been treated by Gateway and would be arranged for sale by the hosts. Ron thought there might be two outstanding orders yet due from Gateway. He plans to contact them. He stated that due to income received inventory was probably very low. Rebecca will do an inventory update and work with Don Lyon to place new orders and to develop a system to track what had been paid for, when it was received and when it was sold. This is difficult because we often receive products piecemeal.

6. New Business: Don had prepared a Proclamation honoring Jim Ballard. He asked if anyone had changes to suggest. The Proclamation will be printed and read at the June 18 Celebration, then presented to the family. Carl stated that Martin Thompson might be honored in a similar way. Ron reported that Roy Thompson had submitted an essay about Martin's contribution to the Mill and Boston Mill Society, which would be in the next newsletter. Carl asked about the Plaque. Tom Parson has determined the wording and ordered the plaque, which will be affixed to the Bike Station. All will be done by June 18.

7) Next Board Meeting and Adjournment: Next meeting was set for June 16th at 6pm at the Mill. Don moved to adjourn at 7:08pm. Unanimous.