



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, June 23, 2022

Members Present: Rebecca Martin, President; Donald Lyon, Secretary; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Board members -- Carl Browning, Alice Royle, Larry Thompson. Members were Roy Thompson. Guests were Steve Thoma and Rich Klocz.

1 & 2) Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm at the Mill office by President Rebecca Martin. Minutes of 5.17.22 meeting were approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer Ron VanOrden made the Treasurer's Report, noting that opening balance was \$25,240.33. Donations from friends and family of Jim Ballard were still coming in. Income this year was \$9328. Expenses were \$5359.40 with cash balance of \$29,208.93. We have commitments of \$18,340.60 and cash uncommitted is \$10,868.33. We have 265 members.

4) Ranger's Report: Tom Parsons, Rye and Scott Youngblood were all absent. Scott provided a brief report by e-mail as follows: *As for a report from the Mill, not much has changed other than the installation of the bike station. Tom and Rye are working on a painting project that will be completed in a few days. We are still awaiting SHPO consultation on our project list, so not much movement there either. We do have a large lift rented for all of August to do some large painting, gutter, and fascia repairs on the east side of the Mill. A general dissatisfaction was voiced that we had not had a face to face meeting with Tom since the New Year and that it was difficult to focus on any projects, such as The Trail without his direction and usual enthusiasm. Rebecca was asked to convey TMPS concerns to Tom.*

5) Gift Shop Inventory: Don and Rebecca reported that a large order of t-shirts, bags and tea towels had been ordered from Gateway. Don had proposed not paying in advance as a way of keeping track over what had been ordered and what was delivered. Ron objected on the grounds that we received close to 3% discount for advance payments and this was the best use of our funds. Don said he would contact Gateway to continue to invoice upon order and to provide us with details when incomplete orders were delivered.

6) Jim Ballard Celebration of Life. Don reported that this was held on June 18 and was well attended by family and friends. Ron, Roy, Rebecca, Tom and Don represented the Mill. Tom made the "Welcome to the Mill" presentation describing how Jim had invigorated the TMPS, school groups and other aspects in his five years as President of TMPS. Don read a Proclamation, which ended with June 18 being declared *Jim Ballard Day* at the Mill.

7) Updates: Newsletter: Ron reported that the Newsletter could be expected at the end of July. The Trail: Larry is urging local farmer Pat Manning to attend a Board Meeting and possibly provide men and equipment to grade or rough out The Trail. Manning's aunt had been an early owner of the Mill. Cider Pressing: Carl reported that he would be unable to help with the September 10 cider pressing. This date had been requested by Scott as Sept. 3 was difficult to staff (Labor Day Weekend). Don agreed to email Scott to see if we could revert to the Sept. 3 date so Carl could participate.

8) New Business: Larry moved that TMPS meet every other month. This was eagerly accepted unanimously. Next meeting will be August 25 at 6pm at the Mill.

9) Adjourned at 6:41pm. Minutes compiled by secretary Donald Lyon and emailed to Board members, attending Society members and guests on 6.25.22. Please send corrections/additions to phototraveler02@gmail.com