



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, August 25, 2022

Members attending: Rebecca Martin, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary.
Other Board members: Alice Royle. Absent: Larry Thompson, Guests: Roy Thompson, Kim Jackson of Albany Visitors Association,

1) Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm outside at the Mill. Minutes of June 23, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Ron.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report with Financial Summary 1.1.22 through 8.23.22. Opening balance was \$25,240.33. Income was \$11,765.50 including Donations of \$8,031. Non-cash Assets are \$2090.71, est. and Commitments are \$16,541.60. Uncommitted cash is \$13,305.83. TMPS has 265 mailing addresses, 642 email addresses (745 is the total mail list). Unanimous approval to accept report after motion by Don.

3) Ranger's Report : No Ranger's Report. Apparently Tom has been assigned a work schedule that will conflict with attending TMPS meetings. However, earlier conversations with Tom indicate that building the fence between the Heritage Site and the neighbor to the west is a priority that TMPS could fund. Ron stated that the board had approved \$8000 for the trail project, of which the fence is a part, at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Ron indicated that obtaining and accepting a quote for this work must be done by an OPRD staff member. TMPS's role is solely to reimburse OPRD for the cost of the fence. Tom had earlier indicated that he had put out requests for quotes and was waiting for bids. Once the fence is built other Trail projects can proceed.

4) New Business: a) Ron stated that at the 2023 Annual Meeting, he would not be seeking reelection to the Board. He will submit a list of his current duties so that Board Members can plan for his replacement. Bookkeeping uses Quicken. b) Cider dates and planning: Dates are Sept. 3, Oct. 1 and 29th. For each pressing, Don will purchase a bin of apples for \$150, jugs at \$40 per hundred and other supplies such as cups.

c) Cider publicity: Kim has put the events on the AVA calendar. Ron and Kim request that Tom send the Cider Pressing poster file to them for inclusion on the website and other publicity uses. Don has arranged for publicity with the Democrat Herald, the MailChimp list and KGAL radio.

5) Gift Shop: Rebecca led a discussion about the new stock in the Gift Shop. Don indicated that better record keeping is necessary. Perhaps a clipboard where people indicate which gift items they are taking and the amount of their donation. Also, Hosts need to be instructed that TMPS does not take credit cards and that taking an item, then sending a check is not a good idea (even though Ron has received several checks in the mail). Ron reminded us that a visiting teacher left a credit card number but no other information for a \$50 approximate purchase. There was no way to collect on this.

Rebecca has had conversations with Tom Adams, author of Through the Flume Gates about the Mill. He is interested in selling his stock of books to TMPS. Rebecca will find out how many books and the price and report to the Board.

6) The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, a Saturday. 7) Adjourn: Motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 5:31pm. Minutes sent to attendees and interested parties on August 29 by Donald Lyon.

On September 8th, 2022 these minutes were amended to make three clarifications suggested by Ron VanOrden: 1) Pp3, the \$8000 was for the Trail project of which the fence was a part, 2) Pp4 Ron clarified that he would not be seeking reelection rather than that he would be resigning, 3) Pp5-- people do not purchase from the gift shop, they make donations in return for mementos.