

Boston Mill Society Board Meeting
March 17, 2015
Shedd Fire Hall

Present: Larry Thompson, President; Steve Smith, Vice President; Karen Force, Secretary; John Borden, Treasurer. Members Mike Smith, and Bob McCormick

Absent: Roy Thompson, Don Ware (excused) and Kent Hickam

Guests: Kyle Smith and Tony Smith

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Thompson at 6:09 p.m.

WEBMASTER: Due to time constraints, Karen Force asked that Kyle Smith be allowed to be introduced. Larry agreed. Karen introduced the BMS webmaster, Kyle Smith and his father, Tony. Kyle began by explaining to the board the tasks he's worked on and/or completed since January. He noted there were several attempts to hack into the BMS website from countries such as Russia. Kyle blocked the countries of Russia and North Korea from any access. He also filed a complaint regarding the hacking attempts. It was suggested that China be added to that list. Kyle agreed. He's also supposed to make a list of which countries have accessed the site for perusal purposes and e-mail the list to board members. Kyle feels comfortable with his assignments so far except for how to implement Square on the website. Karen suggested he contact technical support at Square. He also felt that the BMS needs to acquire a SSL in order to operate Square securely. He's supposed to check on the specifics including cost. The question was asked since he's a Cooperative Work Experience student if he will be able to work this summer. He said he'd be around and is willing to donate his time. Karen said she'd contact the West Albany High School counselor's office to determine if he could get credit. Karen also said she will be sending him a few projects to do now that he's no longer helping to build a robot for the robotics team he belongs to. Kyle noted he is participating in competitions on weekends (his team won 2nd place in Wilsonville last weekend!).

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 20, 2015 minutes were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$5,000 in checking and \$20,000 in savings. John explained that all funds are in cash in a Franklin savings account. All bills are paid to date. Bob asked if there had been a meeting with Tami Baumann from OPRD about transferring funds. It was not needed.

GIFT STORE: John briefly discussed the gift shop storage issue. He thinks he will be losing his storage space at the complex where his office resides. He thought he might have it for another two weeks and then everything will have to be moved.

The Shedd Diner is still considering allowing us to display and sell inventory there. Mike suggested that at different events and fairs we can have tables set up for selling. Shedd Days is scheduled for August 28 & 29.

NEW MEMBERS: Don Ware & Kent Hickam are the newest members. Don attended the working meeting and was excused from the board meeting to attend a meeting in Brownsville. Kent was unable to attend either meeting.

Mike Smith stated that three Shedd residents would like to join board at the annual meeting. Bob McCormick and Roy Thompson will probably be resigning their board positions at the annual meeting. Larry Thompson will consider moving to a committee position when another board member accepts the President position. Mike suggested he'd bring the potential members to the May 12th board meeting for introduction.

BUDGET: Karen suggested having a committee to formulate the 2015 budget. Larry said he can produce most of it via e-mail and telephone calls. The following items were discussed for a proposed budget:

- \$100 for computer expenses
- \$150 for orchard (tools, replacing trees, chain saw gas, etc.)
- \$100 for printing
- \$1200 for newsletter
- \$1750 for office supplies
- \$100 Keurig coffee replacements
- \$700 Advertising (Our Town, Marketplace in Albany Visitor's Guide, radio spots)
- \$75 Passport Partnership Program
- \$750 Shedd Days
- \$ Storage/archiving
- \$500 Prepare for wheat planting in 2015***
- \$1000 contingency

** Carry-over from the 2014-2015 annual plan

REORGANIZATION REPORT: Bob is postponing handbook until next winter.

ANNUAL MEETING: Topics will include an informative update, history from Larry & Bob McCormick and food. Mike Smith is checking if the Methodist church will be available to house the annual meeting in case of rain. If not available, then the meeting will be on Mike Smith's property on Hwy 99. Mike will contact Julie at the fire hall regarding using their tables. Volunteers will be needed. Mike will speak to the Shedd Diner about food. Kf will contact store about chips, etc. Mike suggested having a diner meeting to determine menu.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike informed the board that he wants to restore the WOW Hall in Shedd. He explained that he would no longer continue the application process to form a 501c3 for the purpose of restoring this historic Shedd building contingent on the BMS agreeing to form a historical agricultural hall entitled Boston Mill Society Agricultural Heritage Center. When completed the building can be rented out and become a gathering place for the community. Mike stated he will raise the funds to remodel the building and perhaps have enough left over for an endowment. Currently there aren't running water or bathroom facilities. Water and bathroom water will be provided via a portable trailer. Insurance will be under the heritage center and BMS won't have to contribute to insurance costs. Bob wanted to know about parking. Mike said it's tough but he might change his ½ acre lot into parking if needed.

Karen Force made a motion that the poultry grain coin dispenser be donated by BMS to OPRD and that the funds from that dispenser be kept by OPRD to be used for purchasing poultry feed. Steve Smith seconded. Passed.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Force
Secretary & Board Member
Boston Mill Society