

Boston Mill Society Minutes
Date: August 18,2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Thompsons Mills SP Patio

Members present: Spencer Lewis, President; Tom Adams Vice-President Anita Lewis, Secretary, Ron VanOrden, Jim Ballard Carl Browning and Larry Thompson, Al Lutzeier, BMS Bookkeeper, Elaine Lutzeier, MBS member. Absent were Cameron Elder, Treasurer and Don Ware.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The draft of the minutes for July 2015 BMS board meeting was read by the BMS secretary. The minutes were approved with one sentence changed from; " The good news was that there were not any changes to the website since **before** the annual meeting." to, "The good news was that there were not any changes to the website since the annual meeting."

Larry Thompson moved, in the interest of saving time, that the minutes not be read aloud at the meeting as they had already been posted in emails and that the board go straight to the approval vote.

The president asked the bookkeeper what needs to be done to clear up state tax issues. Bookkeeper reported that past due tax and late charges totaled \$30.00 and gave the president the forms to be sent to the state. The president will submit those forms and funds before the end of August.

Ron VanOrden reported that the BMS board members are now in control of the website, and Kyle Smith has agreed to work with him to get it fully operational. He reported Bostonmillsociety.org server is in Kansas City and owned by a German company.

The president submitted a letter of resignation from Cameron Elder, Treasurer. In addition to his Vice-President duties Tom Adams was nominated and voted in as interim Treasurer.

Updates from committee volunteers:

The audit committee has agreed to meet on November 9th, 2015 to start the audit in depth. Jim Ballard has agreed to join the audit committee. Larry Thompson expressed the opinion that 3 people were all that would be needed, however, the president thinks that it is important to have at least one additional committee member drawn from the general BMS membership.

The bylaws committee has nothing to report.

It was moved and seconded that the fiscal year of the BMS begin January 1st and end December 31st in alignment with state and federal perceptions of our fiscal year. The board voted to approve this change. **It was also moved and seconded that the Annual Meeting of the full BMS membership be called in January or February. At this time a budget for the 2016 fiscal year will be presented. The board also voted to approve this change**

The membership and fund raising committee recommended that we check with Rebecca Bond at Albany Visitors Bureau about grant funds for school groups unable to pay for bus transportation. Hiring grant writers was also proposed to aid in obtaining further funds. No vote was taken but idea will be further considered.

Jim Ballard stated that the membership committee needs to develop stronger incentives, giving people more reasons to join the BMS.

Project coordination committee leader, Carl Browning, presented a letter which he proposed to send out to the general membership and friends of the BMS to recruit volunteers to help with projects at Thompson's Mills. The board voted to approve sending out that letter and also voted to have Carl get guidance from Tom Parson as to what projects would be suitable for volunteers and to set up a plan for the next year.

It was agreed to address income sources in the budget committee and to change the name to planning committee. The president agreed to contact Don Ware to propose he head the planning committee.

The board voted to not meet again until 3rd Tuesday in October location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by Anita Lewis, BMS Secretary

Addition to minutes - Aug. 18, 2015

Records indicate that a laptop computer and a iPad are on the books of the BMS. However, the former secretary of the BMS, Karen Force, has stated in email to Anita Lewis, BMS Secretary, that the iPad was irreparably broken and disposed of and that the laptop computer that she had been using at BMS meetings was a gift from a friend and not a donation to the BMS. After some discussion of the pros and cons of trying to verify these claims, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to write those two items off the books.