

Boston Mill Society Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016
Shedd Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Members present were Spencer Lewis, President; Tom Adams, Vice-President/interim Treasurer; Anita Lewis, Secretary; Don Ware, and Larry Thomson, BMS Board members at large. Absent were Carl Browning, Jim Ballard, and Ron VanOrden. Also present were Carolee St. Claire, BMS member; Patrick Newhall, Thompson's Mills Asst. Ranger (also a BMS member); and Marty Cross, guest of Larry Thompson.

The published draft of the January 17, 2015, BMS Board meeting minutes were moved and seconded to be approved as published. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer has received two membership registrations /donations of \$100 each. He also paid the P.O. Box rent. The current bank balance is \$25,154.96. The store inventory has been returned, so roughly another \$4,000 in non-cash assets are back on BMS books. The Board voted to accept the Treasurers report.

The President pointed out that at the last meeting there was some discussion of potential budget proposal items for the annual meeting that were never voted upon and that we needed to revisit those items and decide if we want to present those items to the membership. The purchase of materials for the fence building project for the Thompson's Mills garden for \$2,000 or less, providing \$750 to co-fund field trips for Benton County students to Thompson's Mills, sponsoring a proposed apple cider pressing event at the Mill – specific costs undetermined, but expected to be minimal , providing up to \$500 in support of development and printing of a self-guided tour handout. It was moved, seconded, and passed to present each of the above items for budget approval at the annual meeting.

The President bought up that there will be positions on the board up for reelection and a vacancy to fill at the annual meeting. He announced that with the end of his term in May, he and the Secretary will no longer be able to serve on the board due the distance they are now living from Shedd. (nearly 4 hours away on a good day) There will be four board positions in total up for vote. Discussion was held concerning going ahead and moving the annual meeting back to May – at least for this year. It was agreed to try for a May meeting date pending finding a suitable venue. Halsey City Hall was proposed as a venue – rent only costing \$40 for non- profits. Carolee St. Claire bought some gift shop items and an inventory list of those items. The two tubs & list were turned over to the Treasurer to be brought to the annual meeting for sale to the attendees.

The proposed changes to the by-laws were reviewed and discussed. After discussion and refinement of all proposed changes, it was moved, seconded, and approved to present the by-laws as follows: The final draft of the proposed by-laws AND the by-laws currently in force will be published through emails and on the BMS website. On the BMS website we will attempt to post the pages of the by-laws side by side so that members can compare the wording. The President proposed the development and printing up of business card sized membership cards including the words, "Good through Dec. 31, 20____." and of preprinted 'Thank You' cards to be mailed out to people as they join The Society. Funding to come either from the contingency funds or by vote of the general membership.

It was agreed that the annual meeting will be scheduled at 1:00 PM on whatever day a venue is available. An announcement will be sent out in an appropriate time by the President.

Patrick Newhall gave a brief explanation of the various ways borate was being used to protect the Mill from rot and powder post beetles and the processes used to apply it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Submitted by: Anita Lewis, BMS Secretary