



## Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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### **Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes**

**October 23, 2018**

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon , Secretary, Larry Thompson, Board Member at Large. Carl Browning and Patty Linn absent. Roy Thompson, TMPS member present.

1) Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of September meeting were accepted, motion made by Don, 2nd by Jim--Unanimous.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.18-10.23.18. Opening balance was \$16,963.76. Commitments \$11,721.57 and cash uncommitted of \$10934.34.

Move to accept report made by Don, 2nd by Jim. Unanimous.

3. Promotional items: It has been agreed that Promotional items such as T-shirts can be sold with cash or check being place by the buyer in an envelope--instead of maintaining a cash float or cash register system. Board members suggested that T-shirts, "flour sack" tea towels, caps, shopping bags and cider glasses be considered, selected and purchased for sale to public. It was noted that the current system of requesting donations for remaining items in stock seemed more profitable that regular sales had been. Jim would like to see Thompson Mills Buttons available to give to kids visiting mill or pressing cider. Larry provided address of Tortchtec Engraving in Tangent as possible vendor. Don will enquire via phone 541 990 8756, [www.tortchtec.com](http://www.tortchtec.com) Don will also check T-shirt designs via Gateway Imprints in Lebanon (who have original artwork). Board wants to know where the price breaks lie for quantity purchases.

Don delivered 100 folded note cards for TMPS correspondence and "thank you"s to Jim and requested reimbursement from Ron. Receipt was provided.

4. Newsletter for 2018: a) distribution: Newsletters will be distributed by mail to members. Ron and Jim to work together. Coordinate mailing so that membership cards can be included. b) outside articles: Jim will contact Liz Rabb about researching some articles, eg Richard Finley for future newsletters. He proposes to ask TMPS members to write articles about Mill people/events. For 12/2018 newsletter, Carl has submitted an article, Tom will have his Ranger's Corner. Carolee will provide image and article about Bucky the Mill cat. Larry covers his early years at the mill. There will be a request for Volunteers--an interest list for occasional volunteers and those wishing to be steady volunteers, docents, etc. Ron is the editor. He requests news items arrive just before November 15 so that they are not misplaced.

5. Membership Card distribution: It had earlier been decided that memberships paid after September 1 were valid through the next year. Otherwise, memberships were good through the remaining year. Cards will be included with the 2018 newsletter.

6. Projects for fundraising/grants: With Parks Dept agreeing to whitewash silos but not to touchup logos, TMPS desires to fund this project. Original artist apparently is Laurie, residing in Silverton. Roy Thompson has been detailed to check with people in that area to try to locate her or perhaps another artist to touch up logos. Don and Carl to look for a grant for this project. TMPS wants to buy a portable quern. Once one can be located for sale, we should try to get a grant to cover the costs. Shipping might be reduced with the system of sending to Walgreens as Roy described last month. It was mentioned that purchase through Amazon can save on shipping by sending to local AM/PM.

7. Cider pressing. Our new steady volunteer, David Bartee is out with an operation. This leaves us shorthanded as Don is also on doctor's orders to avoid lifting or exertions. Request for volunteers. Jim has requested two more gallons of cider be delivered to Halsey/Shedd FD as thanks for use of Shedd office.

8. New Business: Don described the Mother Earth News Fair coming to Albany in early August as a place where 1000's of people from all over West Coast interested in environment, rural living, back to the land, history and culture can be introduced to the mill as they are in Albany for long weekend and looking for things to do. Don described how a table would be staffed and how TM might be represented. He will report on costs and other details in next few months.

Larry mentioned his Hot Rod group coming on August 6-9. Save the date!

9. Adjourn: Next meeting November 27. December meeting will be skipped and annual meeting will be January 27 or 26, possibly 20th, depending on when Ron can reserve Halsey venue. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm, Motion made by Don, 2nd Larry. Unanimous. Minutes sent to Board by Don Lyon on 10. 24. 18