

Boston Mills Society Board Meeting  
June 16, 2015  
Shedd Fire Hall

Board Members Present: Larry Thompson, President; Steve Smith, Vice President; Anita Lewis, Secretary; Cameron Elder, Treasurer; Tom Adams, Jim Ballard, Carl Browning, Ron VanOrden, Bob McCormick, Don Ware, Dan Merrill.

BMS Members: Spencer Lewis, Elaine Lutzeier, Al Lutzeier,

Guest: Carolee St. Clair-Volunteer at Thompson's Mills

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Thompson at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 12, 2015 were read and accepted with one revision; Elaine Lutzeier is a BMS member not OPRD/Thompson's Mills.

Treasurer's Report: Cameron Elder read the treasurer report with what information we were able to retrieve from the banks. John Borden estimated that there might be about \$20,000 in Key Bank. Discussion followed concerning what was needed to update signatories on the two BMS bank accounts.

Budget: Al Lutzeier called the board's attention to the fact that since no budget was presented and approved at the annual meeting, the board is currently limited in its spending to the \$1,000 earmarked as contingency funds. Current outstanding obligations include a \$50.00 check to the state to renew our 501c3 status and \$300.00 for the Visitors Bureau Magazine ad from last fiscal year. (**Secretary's Note:** Al did state this, however this is an error. The FY begins on July 1.) Payment of these items was approved.

Inventory: Most of the items for the gift shop have been retrieved and inventoried by Elaine, Anita and Cameron. The inventory amount is \$4,199.47. There are a few items missing and that will be followed up and dealt with in a timely manner.

A motion was made, seconded and approved as follows: "The inventory for the gift shop be donated to OPRD by BMS with the understanding that all revenue will stay with the park. The President and Treasurer are authorized to prepare and sign the transfer letter." The gift shop will be run by OPRD.

Board members and guest introduced themselves and at this time Dan Merrill resigned from being on the board.

New Board Member: Spencer Lewis volunteered to join the board and was accepted unanimously.

Board Member Term of Office: As there was some confusion at the Annual Members Meeting as to the length of terms to which each new board member was elected, the Board Members were allowed to select the length of their current terms while remaining in compliance with the prior precedent that 1/3 of the board be elected for a 3 year term at each annual meeting and that those added to the board throughout the year, to replace a departing board member, be allowed to run for the remaining unexpired portion of the term at the annual meeting. It was acknowledged that Don Ware was running to complete a 3-year term that he filled on the prior board and that Larry Thompson had one year remaining on the board.

Expiration dates for current board members is as follows:

2016 – Larry Thompson, Tom Adams, and Spencer Lewis

2017 – Don Ware, Ron VanOrden, and Carl Browning

2018 – Anita Lewis, Cameron Elder, and Jim Ballard.

The President then opened the floor for the election of new executive officers.

The newly elected officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are: Spencer Lewis, President; Tom Adams, Vice President; Cameron Elder, Treasurer; Anita Lewis, Secretary.

A motion to “assign BMS member Al Lutzeier as the bookkeeper, supporting the treasurer, with to the ability to electronically access and review all BMS bank records but with no signature authorization” was presented. Al indicated that he would accept this assignment. After some discussion this motion passed without dissent.

A motion was presented “to reaffirm a long standing resolution that conveys bank signature authority to the President and Treasurer of the society” was presented. After some discussion this motion passed unanimously.

**Note:** So, until further action is taken by the Board of Directors, the above motion conveys bank signature authority to Spencer Lewis, President of the Society and Cameron Elder, Treasure of the Society.

Ron VanOrden volunteered to serve as web manager if Kyle Smith no longer wishes to serve. (Al Lutzeier was requested to provide Ron with all the information that he had received as to how to access the current website.)

Larry reported that although he did sign the adopt-a-park application for submission to the state, ORPD has no record of it being received. However, in an earlier information gathering meeting, Julie at ORPD stated to the vice-president, that no formal agreement is necessary for BMS to act in support of Thompson’s Mills. She also expressed interest in a future relationship with BMS. It was moved, seconded and adopted “to not pursue an adopt-a-park relationship; this will allow BMS more flexibility in its current and future relationship with ORPD”.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Anita Lewis, Secretary, Boston Mill Society