

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

January 20, 2018
Foliage Room
Resort at the Mountain

OPEN MEETING

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:38AM. Graeper welcomed everyone and introduced Commissioners Ken Humberston and Sonya Fischer, who are visiting the area for the day. It was determined a quorum was present. 39 people attended the meeting and the sign-in sheet is available upon request.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Merv Novinger was absent do to health issues, so Graeper called for corrections or additions to the distributed November 18, 2017 minutes. There were none. Carol Haugk moved and Robert Phillips seconded **a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon gave the treasurer's report. It was as follows:

Rhododendron CPO Treasurer's report 1/20/2018			
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Rhody Rising		2,266.09	
General fund:		483.68	
Garden fund:		204.69	
As of last cpo meeting Total combined:	11/18/2017	\$2,954.46	Beginning Balance for this report.
Activity since last meeting:			
Deposits:			
Garden fund:		-	
Garden fund:		-	
General fund:		45.00	Misc 11-18-17 Donations
		20.00	Voided ck #2087 for OR DOJ 2016
		-	
Rhody Rising		50.00	Through 11-18-17
		470.00	individual donations in Jan 18, 2018
		0.06	12-31-17 Interest earned
Checks written since last CPO meeting:			
Garden fund:		-	
		-	
General fund:		-	
		-	
Rhody Rising		(108.90)	Resort at Mtn. for Room Rental
		-	
		-	
Balances available as of this report:			
	1/20/2018	-	
Rhody Rising		2,677.25	
General fund:		548.68	
Garden fund:		204.69	
Total combined:	1/20/2018	\$3,430.62	Ending Balance on the books

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GUEST SPEAKER Representative Jeff Helfrich

Graeper introduced recently appointed Oregon District 52 Representative **Jeff Helfrich**. Representative Helfrich was appointed to serve the remaining balance of Representative Mark Johnson's term at the Oregon legislature. Representative Helfrich told a bit about himself and his various careers in public service, which led up to his being appointed to the legislature. The representative wanted everyone to know that his office door is always open and he would warmly welcome comments and questions from constituents.

LAND USE APPLICATION

Notice of Opportunity for Scoping and Public Comment on the Proposed Action for Aquatic Restoration in the Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA Forest Service

Graeper explained that the CPO received a notice from the USDA National Forest Service requesting public comment on some US National Forest Stream restoration projects. Don Mench was asked if he had any information to add and answered several questions from the audience. Mench indicated that the CPO should support the proposed actions and recommends approval.

Robert Phillips moved and Sharon Lamoreaux seconded **a motion that the CPO should write a letter to the USDA Forest Service in support of the proposed actions for stream restoration. The motion passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

Rhododendron Memorial Garden

Barbara Novinger gave the Rhododendron Memorial Garden report. Barbara reported that the garden is in winter mode and asked that anyone wanting to volunteer contact her. She also thanked everyone for all the help and support of the garden project. Graeper explained for new comers what the DAR Garden project is and where it is located. Donations for the garden are gladly accepted.

Road Clean up

The CPO has adopted, for litter patrol, several roads and highways through Clackamas County Adopt a Road and ODOT Adopt a Highway programs. Carol Haugk heads the road clean up program. She reported she has submitted the required reports and has cleaned out and organized the shed used to store clean up tools. She reported 50 full bags of trash have been collected in a 2-mile stretch from Skyway to Belle Lake Road and a broken "Rhododendron" sign to Marlene Nichols at ODOT. She has requested additional "No Littering" signs be placed in the area to help deter further littering.

She also reported that the Swinging Bridge and Forest Service parking area have been cleared of debris.

She is also asking for a volunteer to take over the road clean up responsibilities.

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Chamber of Commerce

The Rhododendron CPO is a proud member of the Mt. Hood Area Chamber of Commerce. Graeper introduced current Chamber President, Coni Scott, who reported on recent chamber activities. She reported that a representative from Clackamas County Vector Control, who happens to have a Doctorate in Mosquito's, would be guest speaker at the February 6 Chamber meeting. Evidently the county is expecting a larger than normal hatch of mosquito's this season and the county is asking for assistance in controlling the mosquito population.

She also welcomed anyone interested in Chamber activities attend chamber meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Mt. Hood RV Village at 7:30AM.

Clackamas County CPO Summit

Graeper has been attending the CPO Summit meetings and proudly reported that the BCC recently approved Commercial General Liability and Directors and Officers Liability insurance for CPO's. The Summit group has been working with Clackamas County CCI (Committee for Citizen Involvement), and Public and Governmental Affairs office to get indemnification for CPO's ever since the Mount Hood Corridor CPO (MHC-CPO) was hit with a SLAPP suit several years ago. This is a historic and welcome event in public participation.

The Rhododendron CPO now hopes that the MHC-CPO or some reasonable facsimile can reform and help further represent the Hoodland area at Clackamas County. Commissioner Humberston suggested that PGA be contacted to help facilitate the formation of another CPO(s) in the Hoodland area.

RHODY RISING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Fund Raising

Graeper gave the Rhody Rising subcommittee fund raising report. The fund raising effort to date has been spectacular. On January 6, Mt. Hood Coffee Roasters (MHCR) offered a "Challenge" to others in the community to donate and MHCR would match all donations through the 8th of January up to \$250 in total donations. As a result, the Rhody Rising fund raised an additional \$800.00. To date the total raised for RR is \$7406.15, just \$2593.85 short of our \$10,000 Fund Raising Goal. A great fund raising effort for just 15 short months.

Michael Budd, of Mt. Hood Rec, indicated he would make the same "Challenge". Graeper thanked Budd for the offer and indicated there will be more information on that "Challenge" on the RR Facebook page soon. Donations can be made by visiting the RR Facebook page at:

[Facebook.com/rhodyrising/](https://www.facebook.com/rhodyrising/)

Graeper explained that funds raised help pay for Audio/Visual displays, printing costs, meeting room rental, refreshments, and other costs associated with the RR effort. More importantly, the fact that nearly \$10,000 has been raised with the average donation being \$132.25 shows potential Grant funders that this is truly a grassroots effort and the community is behind the project.

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Logo Contest

In an effort to continue the fund raising efforts, Graeper announced the Rhododendron Logo Contest. Rhododendron CPO is asking local artisans to submit designs for a logo or “Identifying” design for Rhododendron. The logo contest is open to anyone and prizes will be awarded to the winning entry.

Designs need to be submitted no later than March 17, 2018 at 10AM. The entries will be on display at the CPO meeting on the 17th and the top three will be circulated throughout the community and displayed at the Rhododendron Post Office and hopefully the Mountain Times for all to comment. A vote will be taken at the May CPO meeting to help determine the winning entry.

The winning design may ultimately end up on T-Shirts, Hats, Hoodies and other promotional items that will continue to help Rhododendron CPO earn funds toward Rhody Rising. The winning entry may also end up on a “Welcome to Rhododendron” sign that the committee hopes to get erected at the DAR Rhododendron Garden.

Guest presenter Krista Hebb, Enthusiast Media Group

Since the winning design might get printed on T-Shirts, Hats, Hoodies and other promotional material, Krista Hebb, from Enthusiast Media Group made a Power Point presentation on the various items that could be used. She also had a display of items they have developed as promotional items for the Portland Trail Blazers and other large corporations to help promote business.

Next Community Input meeting - February 17, 2018

Graeper announced that the next COMMUNITY INPUT meeting would be held at the Resort in the Tree’s meeting room on Saturday, February 17, 10:30AM. This will be the second of several input sessions, where the community gets a chance to express their dreams hopes and desires for what they hope Rhododendron might look like. The ideas gathered at the input sessions will help as more concrete plans for Rhododendron are developed. The RR subcommittee wishes to give everyone who has an idea to comment on the RR effort.

NEW BUSINESS

“Rhododendron Festival”

Since the “Swinging Bridge” event last September was so successful, the RR subcommittee thought it might be fun to hold an Annual event that would help define Rhododendron. What better event to be held in Rhododendron, Oregon than a “RHODODENDRON Festival”. The subcommittee will be discussing logistics of a Rhododendron Festival to be held sometime late spring or early summer at the next Rhody Rising Subcommittee meeting on February 5.

There was discussion on best dates to hold the festival and the Mother’s Day date of May 13 was suggested, but ruled out because Rhododendrons don’t fully bloom until later. Possible dates will be discussed at the February 5 meeting.

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Clackamas County Commissioner Town Halls

Commissioner Humberston and the other commissioners like to hold Town Halls up here on the mountain. In 2017 4 Town Halls were scheduled and well attended. The schedule for the 2018 BCC/Hoodland TOWN HALL meetings is as follows:

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 9:00AM

Friday, August 10, 2018 7:00PM

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 9:00AM

All Town Halls will be held at the Hoodland Fire Station Public meeting room.

Other New Business

There was no other New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Next Rhody CPO meeting will be the 3rd Saturday in March, which is March 17, 2018, at 10:30AM place to be determined.

Rhododendron CPO meeting was adjourned at 11:38AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Graeper, President for

Merv Novinger, Secretary