

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

March 17th, 2018

Resort at the Mountain

Trees Room

Open Meeting:

President Steve Graeper called the meeting to order at 10:40 am. He welcomed everyone and determined a quorum was present. There were 31 people present by head count, with only 28 who signed-in. The sign-in sheet is available on request.

Graeper reported that there were forty-five entries submitted for the logo contest. All of the logos were on display and he urged everyone to carefully review each one. Voting would be explained later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the January 20, 2018, have been posted in the Rhododendron Post Office and were emailed to the membership. Graeper called for corrections or additions. Carol Haugk made one correction stating that there were 15 bags of trash, not 50 as listed in the minutes. Barbara Novinger moved and John Young seconded **a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Rhododendron CPO Treasurer's Report as of 3/17/2018

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|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rhody Rising | 2,557.25 | |
| General Fund | 548.68 | |
| Garden Fund | <u>204.69</u> | |
| Total as of last CPO mtg: | \$3,310.62 | Beginning balance for this report |

Balances available as of this report:

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| Rhody Rising | 3,671.63 | |
| General Fund | 590.68 | |
| Garden Fund | <u>204.69</u> | |
| Total Combined: | \$4,467.00 | Ending balance on the books |

Treasurer's report will be recorded.

Graeper reported that the Rhody Rising fund raising effort is only \$1,865.00 short of reaching the total goal of \$10,000.00. Some of the funds have already been used for Rhody Rising events, which is why the fund is reported at \$3671.63. Graeper asked the CPO for permission to pay the remaining balance of \$2,500.00 owed to Mark Seder. Mr. Seder is the planner/architect the CPO has been using for visual support and planning guidance. John Young moved and Dave Lythgoe seconded **a motion to pay Mark Seder \$2,500.00. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Land Use Applications:

There were no land use applications at this time. Graeper reported that the CPO wrote the letter to the Forest Service stating the CPO was in full support of the stream restoration projects.

Guest Speaker:

Pamela White, candidate for Clackamas County Clerk, was introduced. She explained what the duties and functions are of the County Clerk and some changes she would seek if elected to the position.

Old Business:

Rhododendron Garden Report: Merv Novinger gave the garden report. He reported that Barbara Novinger had trimmed the roses and that the rhododendrons would be fertilized in March. He also reported that Mike Miskowicz and Rod Brewick would be helping with mowing this season. Thanks Mike & Rod!

Road Cleanup:

Carol Haugk gave the road cleanup report. She reported that she would be stepping down as head of the road cleanup committee. However, she will stay on and guide whoever takes over. A request for volunteers to help and possibly head the road cleanup committee was made. Anyone interested is asked to contact the CPO by email, phone or by letter.

Chamber of Commerce:

Graeper reported that Coni Scott has stepped down as president of the Chamber. The new president is Jeri McMahan. Graeper also reported that it doesn't seem the Chamber will be holding "**The Bite of Mt. Hood**" in 2018. There is hope it will return in 2019. There were also reports that a new venue may need to be found or limitations placed on the number of tickets sold, due to the growing number of attendees.

CPO Summit:

The Rhododendron CPO is part of the Clackamas County CPO Summit. The Summit was successful in getting liability insurance for CPOs in Clackamas County. The Summit has also raised complaints about Code Enforcement or lack thereof in Clackamas County.

Graeper reported that the Community Leaders dinner and meeting would be Monday, March 19, for any CPO Board or Community Leaders who might wish to attend.

Rhody Rising Subcommittee Report:

The subcommittee has already held two community input meetings. The next CI meeting will be an evening meeting at 7PM on Wednesday, June 6th at the Resort.

At the January CPO meeting there was discussion about having a Rhododendron Festival. The RR subcommittee would very much like to hold a Rhododendron Festival, but did not feel there was not enough time to plan for a festival this year and do it right. So, planning is underway

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now for a festival to be held next year. Instead, this year, the RR subcommittee would like to perhaps have a Rhody Rising kiosk at the August Steiner Tour. Graeper will check with Lloyd Musser, Museum Curator, to see if that is possible.

Logo Contest:

Graeper was extremely pleased with the tremendous participation in the CPO Logo Contest. 45 logos were submitted and voted on. He explained the voting process, where the top vote getters from today's meeting will move forward to the Matrix Committee. He explained the Matrix system and the criteria that will be evaluated. The three entries receiving the highest matrix scores will be the three finalists. They will be displayed at the post office and printed in the May edition of the Mountain Times. At the May 19 CPO meeting the winning logo will be chosen.

Regarding the \$500.00 Cash Prize, Graeper explained that an anonymous donor had agreed to match donations up to a combined total of \$250.00 making the prize valued at \$500.00. However, Graeper also explained that to date, there had been no donations toward the prize. With that announcement, CPO member Michael Budd offered to donate \$250.00. The anonymous donor will match the donation and we now have the \$500.00 prize. Thank you Mr. Budd! Any additional donations will go toward the Rhody Rising fund raising effort.

New Business:

CPO Board Elections:

Graeper announced that elections for the CPO Board would be held at our May meeting. He then opened nominations for CPO Board.

Steven Graeper, Michelle Lamoreaux, Sharon Lamoreaux, John Young and Mike Miskowicz were nominated for the CPO Board.

He closed nominations and explained nominations would be open again just prior to the vote in May.

There was no further business and Graeper adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM.

The next CPO meeting will be Saturday May 19th, 2018 in the Trees Room at the Resort.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Merv Novinger