

**RHODODENDRON CPO
MT. HOOD CORRIDOR CPO
1st Quarter JOINT MEETING
Meeting Minutes
January 19th 2013
Zig Zag Inn**

◆ **Open Joint Meeting**

President Steve Graeper opened the meeting at 10:12 am. He thanked everyone who took time on a busy Saturday morning to attend the meeting and he determined a quorum was present based on the large crowd of people (over 50 attendee's). He introduced Dave Fulton, Secretary/Treasurer and acting Chair of the Mt. Hood Corridor CPO (MHC-CPO). Fulton explained that the first portion of the meeting would be a joint meeting of the Rhododendron CPO (RCPO) and the MHC-CPO so all could listen to the guest speaker and discuss issues of joint concern. After the joint meeting, each CPO would breakout into their individual CPO meetings. Graeper then asked everyone to introduce him or herself and state which CPO or where they were from.

◆ **Guest Speaker/Joint Session**

Graeper then welcomed guest Speaker **Meredith Cocks**, representing **BARK**, an environmental watchdog group for area forests, including the Mt Hood National Forest. She spoke specifically about the proposed Horseshoe Timber Sale and gave information regarding Mt. Hood National Forest logging practices in general. A lively discussion followed.

Mitch Williams talked about the new Barlow Wayside Park, located 1½-mile west of the Brightwood Bridge on Barlow Trail Road. On February 2nd, the second annual "Mountain Boomer Day" will be celebrated at the park. There will be 2 – one mile walks in honor of "Boomer" (à la Groundhog Day) to enjoy the park and facilitate some trail clean up. Starting at 9:30AM there will be a group doing light trail cleanup. If folks are interested in light trail work they should bring gloves & a garden rake. At 10:30AM, there will be a one-mile "Pleasure Walk" through the park. All are invited to come help clean up or just come to enjoy and view the new park area and see if there might be an encounter with "Barlow or Belle Boomer" and see if his/her shadow is visible and thereby determine whether there will be six more weeks of winter.

Graeper explained the Rhododendron Boundary change, which would include the Faubion Loop and Woodlands area to the west and all the Forest Service Cabins east of Rhododendron up to Road 39. He explained the boundary change procedure and that MHC-CPO had yet to vote on the proposed boundary change. He requested that the MHC-CPO discuss the addition of Woodland and Faubion Loop to the Rhododendron CPO and perhaps vote at this or the next meeting as to how the MHC-CPO would like RCPO to proceed. Graeper opened the floor for discussion. He would provide a map of the area in question and the proposed boundaries to anyone interested. He also informed everyone that the Mt. Hood Forest Homeowners Association (MHFHA) has voted in favor of the proposed boundary change, as has the Government Camp CPO.

The two CPOs separated and began their individual meetings.

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◆ Rhododendron CPO Meeting

President Graeper opened the meeting of the Rhododendron CPO at 11:15 am, stating that he was happy with the large attendance.

Linny Adamson said she thought the guest speaker was good and suggested a letter be sent to the new US Forest Supervisor regarding forest stewardship. No action was taken.

◆ Read Minutes

President Graeper called for the reading of the minutes of the October 20th, 2012 meeting. Since the meeting minutes were posted at the Rhododendron Post Office, Mike Rysavy, seconded by Carol Haugk, made **a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.** The **motion passed.**

The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the circulated minutes. There were none. Michelle Lamoreaux, seconded by Carol Haugk, made **a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20th, 2012 as distributed.** The **motion passed** by unanimous vote.

◆ Treasurer's Report

Beginning combined balances (Garden & General funds) as of October 2012 was \$897.96. Treasurer Sharon Lamoreaux has divided the CPO account into two funds. After checks were written to the IRS, Carol Haugk, the Novinger's and Zig Zag Inn for last meeting and deposits were made from donations collected at last meeting, the General Fund stands at \$348.84 and the Rhododendron Garden Fund is \$248.56, for a combined ending total of \$597.40.

Lamoreaux is still in the process of applying for non-profit status for banking and accounting purposes. A \$400.00 fee was paid from the CPO account to the IRS in November and she is awaiting approval. Tax Deductible donations will be gladly accepted to replenish the CPO account for the \$400.00 fee. The Treasures report was accepted.

◆ Old Business

Rhododendron Memorial Garden Update

Carol Haugk reported on the mess PGE made on the east end of the Rhododendron Garden where they replaced some power poles. She will contact PGE for cleanup. There is also a large pothole on Arlie Mitchell Road that needs repair. Haugk also reported that she, Merv and Barbara Novinger all attended the Mt. Hood Chamber of Commerce Christmas Breakfast, recognizing and thanking volunteers on the mountain. Carol, Merv and Barbara were recognized for their efforts with the Rhododendron Garden. She also informed the CPO that the remaining \$250.00 Chamber donation to the garden fund has been completed.

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CPO Boundary change

Graeper indicated that we are in a holding pattern. We are waiting a vote from the MHC-CPO before continuing the expansion process. The vote may take place at this joint meeting or may be deferred until the next MHC-CPO meeting. He will report back once the vote is taken.

◆ **New Business**

Area Pharmacy Villages at Mt. Hood Town Hall Report

Nancy Dougherty attended the Villages at Mt. Hood Town Hall meeting on January 12. She reported that Dr. Jeff Williams, from Government Camp, is a retired pharmacist who would like to establish a pharmacy on the mountain. The Villages Town Hall meeting was informational and no decision has been made as to the location of the pharmacy, should it go forward. She stated that the Villages proposed the pharmacy be sited at the Thriftway Shopping Center. Graeper said he submitted a letter (attached) on behalf of the Rhododendron CPO, which was presented at the Town Hall, suggesting the pharmacy consider locating next to Mt. Hood Foods in Rhododendron. Graeper will contact Dr. Williams and invite him to our next CPO meeting.

Board Liability Insurance

Steve Graeper reported that LaPorte & Associates, the Rhododendron Water Association insurance agency, provides Director and Officer (D & O) Liability insurance for the water association. It is relatively inexpensive and might be worth looking at for the CPO Board. Sharon Lamoreaux, seconded by Nancy Dougherty, made **a motion to allow President Graeper to pursue D&O Liability Insurance for the CPO and report back at the next meeting.** There was no discussion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Mt. Hood Chamber Membership

Nancy and Steve recommended that the Rhododendron CPO join the Mt. Hood Chamber of Commerce as a way of showing our gratitude and supporting the Chamber. Barbara Novinger, seconded by Michelle Lamoreaux, made **a motion that the Rhododendron CPO join the Mt. Hood Chamber of Commerce and allocate \$35.00 to pay for the annual membership.** Discussion followed. A call for the question was made after discussion, **the motion passed** unanimously.

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Area Bear Reports

Michelle stated her concerns regarding Black Bear problems and recent sightings in the area. She requested that the Rhododendron CPO support her in getting action from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW). She will ask for a speaker from ODFW to come to the next meeting. Graeper felt that guest speakers at CPO meetings promote better attendance and encouraged her to obtain a guest speaker.

Area Land Use issues

There were no land use issues to bring forward, however Graeper mentioned that he heard rumor that Mt. Hood Foods had sold to Thriftway. If true, it was felt that the sale was good for both Rhododendron and Kurt Thompson, owner of Mt. Hood Foods.

◆ Adjournment

Carol Haugk suggested that all officers and committee chairs keep detailed instructions in order to assist future officers and chairs. All attendees agreed.

Haugk also suggested, in an effort to continue the good work the CPO has been doing, the amount of meetings be changed from four meetings a year to five. Graeper suggested why not consider bi-monthly meetings for ease of scheduling. Sharon Lamoreaux, seconded by Michelle Lamoreaux, made **a motion that the Rhododendron CPO meetings be held bi-monthly on the third Saturday every other month.** There was no discussion. **The motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. The next meeting will be March 16th, 2012 at 10:00AM at the Zig Zag Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv & Barbara Novinger, Co-Secretaries

Attachment: CPO letter to the Villages at Mt. Hood