

Rhododendron CPO  
Meeting Minutes  
Zig Zag Inn  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Open Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Graeper at 10:07 am. He noted that a quorum was present.

**Secretary Report:**

Sharon Lamoreaux moved to dispense with the minutes of the previous meeting. Michelle Lamoreaux seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sharon moved to accept the minutes as written. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sharon reported that we have \$458.84 in the general fund and \$148.56 in the garden fund, our total ending balance as of 5/18/2013 was \$607.40. Sharon asked for a motion to allow her to write a \$50.00 check to go to the Secretary of State for our non-profit status. Sharon made the motion. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sharon is still working on our Federal not-for-profit status 501(C)3. It is still in the works.

**Guest Speaker:**

President Graeper introduced Tonya Moore of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. She handed out literature on Living and Dealing with Cougars and Bears in our area. She presented a very informative slide presentation on Cougar and Bear Biology, Management and Conflicts. She stated that the cougar population has been increasing in Oregon since 1996. Several Rhododendron citizens talked about their encounters with bears in our area. Tonya asked that we call 911 in the event of cougar or bear sightings. If there are enough sightings the ODFW will act on it. Please see brochure on "Oregon is Black Bear Country" posted in the post office.

**Old Business:**

Mike Rysavy met with John Ludlow of Clackamas County in regards to the proposal to form a CPO Zone Code Enforcement Committee. The committee would focus on things that matter such as pollution, safety etc. Mike said he would be willing to chair a group to oversee the Code Enforcement Committee. It was felt that if the CPO had a committee it would give us more credibility with the county. Steve thought the committee would be a positive thing. Sharon Lamoreaux made a motion that Rhody CPO install a Rhody Code Compliance Committee. Mike seconded motion. Motion passed.

Merv Novinger gave an update on the Rhody Garden. Barbara Novinger has contacted Marlene Nichols and our garden permit has been extended for two more years. Dave Jacobs has dug a trench in a portion of the garden for a dry river bed. Barbara has been in touch with Boring Bark in regards to procuring river rock to put in the trench. The sod and soil from the trench was used to form mounds for future planting. We would like to once again thank Carol Haugk for all her help and for procuring the \$500.00 grant from the Chamber. We would also like to thank Judy Fletcher, John Young and Doug Burke for their help. The garden will be a work in progress for a while, but we hope to soon be able to put the finishing touches on it.

Steve Graeper went over a check list he had for going ahead on the CPO Boundary Change. He said we are now at the voting stage. This boundary would go from Road 39 down to Faubion and Woodlands. A discussion followed on how to contact the people in these districts in regard to voting on the boundary change. Steve felt one way would be to contact by using email. Once the proposal is voted on and passes, it needs to be sent to Clackamas County. Steve announced the Rhody CPO are now members of the Mt. Hood Chamber of Commerce. It was felt that we did the right thing. Carol Haugk called Steve and reported that she spent eleven hours on road clean-up in our area.

**New Business:**

There has been an increase in criminal activity/break-ins on the mountain. Steve noted that the bad guy had been caught with a trailer full of stolen goods and it was hoped this would decrease the problem. Anna Kinne wanted to be sure the Rhody citizens were aware of the fire hazard along Highway 26. She felt that keeping the grass under control would help prevent fires. Anna has been in contact with Clackamas County for keeping a clean highway.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. Next Rhody CPO meeting will be held at the Zig Zag Inn July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger, Secretary