

**Rhododendron CPO Minutes
Hoodland Fire Department
Saturday, September 20th 2014**

The meeting of the Rhododendron CPO was called to order by President Steve Graeper at 10:02AM. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

Sharon Lamoreaux moved to dispense with the reading of the July 19th 2014 minutes. Michelle Lamoreaux seconded the motion, the motion carried. Sharon moved to accept the minutes as written. Barbara Novinger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon reported a book balance of July 19th to be \$630.04

New Transactions:

\$12.00 donation from last meeting

-<7.80> Zig Zag Inn meeting cost

\$4.20 Total

New Book Balance \$634.24

\$456.67 General Fund

\$177.57 Garden Fund

\$634.24 Total

Old Business:

Garden update: Merv Novinger gave the Rhododendron Garden report. He thanked Carol Haugk, Judy Fletcher, Michelle Lamoreaux and John Young for their help. Carol, Barbara and Merv trimmed the tree on the memorial.

Boundary Change Update: Steve Graeper reported progress with the county in regards to the boundary change. He noted that he had been contacted by Dale Crockett and that Dale was impressed with the job the Rhododendron CPO was doing.

Amendment to Rhododendron By-Laws: In accordance with the By-Laws an amendment to the By-Laws was presented at the last meeting, distributed with the minutes to all members and brought before the membership for a vote at this meeting. It was felt that due to the size of the CPO, the Board of Directors should consist of five members: Three elected officers and two elected representatives. Barbara Novinger moved to accept the amendment, Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

Road Clean-up: Carol Haugk gave an update on the Joie Smith Memorial and road clean up. The next road clean up will be Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the lot next to the post office. Steve asked Carol about the Henry Creek sign on Highway 26. Carol said that an arrow would be added to the sign to make it more effective. Merv and Barbara felt the Road 20 sign should be moved closer to the highway. Carol also reported on what was happening with the bus building next to the CPO garden. It has become an eye sore, but she felt steps were being taken to correct the situation.

Rhododendron Water Report: Steve gave a brief summary of the project Rhododendron Water Association has underway on the water line at the swinging bridge. Basically it is an insulation of the line to prevent freezing.

501(c)3: Sharon discussed our 501(c)3 status and how it affects the CPO. Steve gave some pros and cons for people acting as officers and their liability in regards to any action against the board.

New Business:

Carol felt that the CPO notification signs should be taken down sooner and she felt we should have more signs. Steve thanked Dan Holm for his work on the signs. Sharon requested that we provide funding for the signs. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Steve explained that there is a meeting scheduled later today of all interested water associations in the Hoodland area. They are meeting to discuss working together in the case of an emergency on the mountain and assisting the Hoodland Fire District.

Sharon gave a brief talk on the 2014-2015 Community Partnership Program. Steve felt that with some of the projects in our area we could possibly qualify for funding from this program. The purpose of the Community Partnership Program is to support projects that can increase tourism to our area. The Rhododendron Garden was given as an example.

Nominations of officers:

The following individuals were elected as officers of the Rhododendron CPO:

President - Steve Graeper

Treasurer/Vice President – Sharon Lamoreaux

Secretary – Mervin Novinger

Area Representatives – Michelle Lamoreaux

Carol Haugk

Since there was no further business, Carol moved the meeting be adjourned. Sharon seconded the motion, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Rhododendron CPO meeting to be held will be Saturday, November 22nd 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hoodland Fire Department Zig Zag Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mervin Novinger - Secretary