

Rhododendron CPO Minutes

Zigzag Inn

Saturday, March 28' 2015

President Steve Graeper called the meeting of the Rhododendron CPO to order at 10:05AM. It was noted that a quorum was present. The president welcomed and thanked everyone who took the time to attend.

Secretary's Report

The President called for a reading of the minutes from the November 22, 2014 meeting. Carol Haugk moved and Linny Adams seconded **a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes**. The motion carried. Carol moved and Linny seconded a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. The **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Lamoreaux was unable to attend the meeting. She supplied Steve with the following report:

Beginning Balance:	\$615.24
Cash donation from meeting:	+\$18.00
Check to DOJ:	-\$10.00
Balance as of this report:	\$623.24
General Fund:	\$445.67
Garden Fund:	\$177.57
Ending Balance:	\$623.24

President's Report

Steve reported that the Hoodland Area Water Coalition (HAWC) met February 21, 2015. The main goal of the coalition is for water systems in the area to work together in case of emergency. There are over 58 water systems on the mountain. HAWC now has a website, which will contain a variety of information including: a map showing all water systems in the area; a listing of water systems; links to the State Drinking Water Program site; and much more. The site can be reached at: <http://hoodlandareawater.com>. Several water systems in the area have already seen benefit from the coalition and the idea is fully supported by the Hoodland Fire Department and Zig Zag Ranger Station.

Steve reported on Clackamas County's grant application to either replace or refurbish the Swinging Bridge. The application has been submitted. Results should be known sometime this summer. If the application is granted, construction should begin sometime 2017-2019. The bridge is on county rite of way and the county believes it could pose a hazard if not maintained or replaced. It was pointed out that if the bridge would be totally replaced, the replacement bridge would NOT be a vehicular bridge, except for emergency only.

Old Business

Chamber Report

Coni Scott of the Mt. Hood Chamber gave a report on the "Bite of Mt. Hood." The Bite will be held Saturday, April 11, at 5:00PM. Location will be at the Resort on the Mountain. Donations have been generous this year. Carol Haugk was the recipient of two free tickets to this year's "Bite" by correctly answering a question posed by Coni.

Rhododendron Garden Report

Merv Novinger gave the Rhododendron Garden report. He reported that the mower for the garden was vandalized. Carol made and Merv seconded **a motion that Michelle Lamoreaux take charge of the mower repair and be reimbursed by the CPO**. The **motion carried**. Carol, Judy Fletcher, Merv and Barbara have been weeding and fertilizing the garden. New bark dust will be put down in May. John Young has agreed to use his Weed eater to help maintain the monument and Michelle has agreed to mow the monument once the mower is repaired.

Boundary Change Report

There has been no new progress on the boundary change. Steve will keep us updated.

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Road Clean-up Report

Carol reported that the shed used to store road clean up supplies, which is attached to Nancy Dougherty's garage, is in need of repair. It was pointed out that the CPO is willing to assist with the repair but only with Nancy's direction.

Clackamas County Adopt-A-Road

Carol reported that trash cleanup on CPO adopted roads for 2014 was completed on March 31 and September 22. The Oregon State Adopt-A-Highway "Friends of Joie Smith" cleanup for 2014 was completed on May 10 and October 18. All volunteers helping with Adopt-A-Road have signed liability release forms and will be notified at least two weeks prior to the trash pickup dates. Carol is planning another road clean up sometime in May 2015.

ODOT Adopt-a-Landscape sign

Carol reported that the signage for the "ODOT Adopt-A-Landscape Project" would be changed from currently reading "Rhododendron Community Garden", to read "Rhododendron CPO and Volunteers." Carol pointed out that Marline Nicole's, with ODOT, has agreed to the change and new signs are on their way, It is hoped that this will eliminate any confusion with the Community Garden in Welches, which is a vegetable garden.

New CPO Meeting Signage

A debt of gratitude is owed to **Dan and Sherry Holm** for their years of faithful effort displaying and caring for the 'Rhody CPO Meeting' signage. Before each CPO meeting, Dan and Sherry put up signs throughout town indicating time and place of the meeting at least a week prior, and took them down immediately after each meeting. The CPO sends a huge **THANK YOU to Dan and Sherry.**

Carol has now assumed responsibility for the CPO Meeting Notice signage and has increased the placement of the signs, adding the Post Office and the store. Graeper asked if someone could also notify Carol Norgard at the Fire Station prior to each CPO meeting so that notification could be placed on the Fire Department "Reader Board." Carol Haugk agreed to notify the fire department before each meeting. The CPO has agreed to reimburse for any expense incurred to laminate or produce new signs. Coni Scott indicated that the Chamber would gladly send out a meeting notification Flyer to Chamber members if that would help.

Spring Landscape/Garden Meeting

A meeting will take place in May for all current volunteers and new comers. The meeting objective will be to delegate specific obligations; such as caring for the historic mound and surrounding large rocks with a weed eater, mowing, watering, weeding, dead-heading, litter picked up, etc. It will also focus on recruiting new volunteers to assist with the garden and Road Clean-up. It was suggested that the meeting be in conjunction with the May CPO meeting and all agreed.

E. Henry Creek Road signage

ODOT, with some assistance from the county, has enhanced the signage at the entrance to 'E. Henry Creek Rd'. It is now well marked for daytime and nighttime residents and guests. A very large arrow and an orange reflector strip was added to the post of the 'T' sign across the highway from the road entrance. For travelers going west, a second reflector strip was added to the post of the original sign. Carol also added red and silver reflector strips to the telephone pole at the entrance.

There was discussion on increasing the visibility of the Road 20 sign. Graeper will research whether it is ODOT, the County, or the Forest Service that is responsible for that sign.

Swinging Bridge

The continued clean up of leaves followed by downed fir limbs has been on going. In January a 50-60 foot tree fell or was fallen and laid across the approach to the bridge on the Still Creek Road side. Anyone crossing the bridge

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had to duck under the tree. The county was called and by the following morning, the tree was removed from the entrance. Two weeks later the tree was cut up and removed for fire wood and all branches collected in a neat pile.

New Business

Carol gave the following report on the new ski shops in Rhododendron:

Adventure Tours, out of Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, is managing the newest sports rental and retail shop in downtown Rhododendron. Located across the highway from the general store, they offer ski and boarding equipment sales and rentals, as well as cross-country and snowshoe sales and rentals. Spring and summer rentals will include bicycles and kayaks. Soft goods are all offered at sale prices.

Mountainology co-owners Austin Hendrick and Will Koons opened for the season last fall as a full-service outdoor store. Located next to the General Store, their sports rental packages are available by the day, week, and season. Clothing, boots, poles, and helmets are also available for sale or rental. Spring and summer rentals will include kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards. They also offer a mountain climbing guide service and mountain climbing equipment is available for sale or rent. They also offer equipment tuning.

She also reported on two new eateries coming to Rhododendron. There will be a new pizza parlor next to the post office and Mexican restaurant in the old Log Lodge. More information to follow.

The CPO also welcomes the new ownership of the Snowline Motel. All of these additions to the community will be tremendous assets to the community.

DAR Monument

Carol pointed out that the DAR Barlow Road Memorial monument has become the location for a Geo-caching container. Further discussion is needed to decide on the fate of this location for a Geo-cache container. Unfortunately, anxious gamers moving and dislodging the rock face in their efforts to locate the container have damaged the monument. Carol removed one Geo-cache container only to find another in its place several days later. Graeper also located the container and added a CPO business card in an effort to be contacted by the operators of the Geo-Cache game. However, in discussion it was pointed out that maintaining the monument for the game could have a positive side effect for the community and act as a draw for tourism.

Announcements

ODOT Highway 26 Construction Update

ODOT is hosting an informational "Open House" meeting to discuss the continuation of the Highway 26 construction project at the Resort on March 30, 5PM-7PM. For more information on the Hwy. 26 project contact Kimberly Dinwiddie at: 503-731-8281 or email her at: kimberly.dinwiddie@odot.state.or.us, or on the web at www.us26mthoodsafety.org.

US Forest Service Timber Practices and Forest Management

The CPO received a letter from the US Forest Service notifying that they will be conducting "Listening Sessions" about the Northwest Forest Management plan. For more details go to: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r6>.

Condolences

The Rhododendron CPO sends its' condolences to Nancy Dougherty on the passing of her late husband Robert (Bob) du Biel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and especially Nancy.

There was an update on one of our beloved members battle with cancer. An invitation was extended to attend the National Cancer Fund Raiser in Government Camp catered by Charlie's Mountain View on Saturday, April 25 from 2-4 pm at the Cascade Ski Club. Notice will appear in the April Mt. Times. Everyone is invited.

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Linny gave a heads up on the Steiner Cabin Tour coming in August. She had some concerns about the traffic in and out of Holden Road. Lloyd Musser at the museum has been contacted.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am. Next CPO meeting will be held May 16, at 10:00AM location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Merv Novinger, Secretary