

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, January 27, 2020

Present:

Board Members: Kathi Brown, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Robbie Farnum, Sheldon Perry, Brian Cutter, Dylan Alden, Kit Morgan, Suzanne Morgan, & Kent Hemingway.

Guests: Mark Fournier & Theresa Fournier

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from 1/6/20 were amended to show that the insurance carrier for TOC trailer insurance has been changed to Acadia Insurance and the annual amount is \$350. The amended minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved. Amy asked for clarification of dance income and expense (New Year's Eve dance and January Second Saturday dance income/expense, plus purchase of Christmas lights to string up at dances, were equal at \$550 +/-). There was a brief discussion of remaining memorial funds and that expenditure of these funds should be "meaningful" and should tie in to the interests and characteristics of the person being remembered.

Dances:

White Christmas lights were purchased, but approval must be received from Select Board, to mount permanent hooks to string lights around the room. Current Town House regulations say no pins or tape may be used in the building.

There was discussion about moving the dance time slot earlier. Changing from 7:30-10 to 7-9:30 was agreed on by the board. There was also interest expressed to have one dance each year in the afternoon, so families with young children can attend.

Ski Program:

Kathi reports that overall program is going well, with X/C program in particular a big success this year. Volunteers are filling in as needed to help all programs run smoothly.

Sled Dog Race:

Brian has attempted to contact landowner, David Little, via email but has not heard back. Sheldon has seen David, so knows that he is around. Brian plans to open the gate at the Knox Hill crossing so that it will not need to be shoveled out later for sled dog trail access.

Sheldon will get permission from Chocorua Lake Conservancy to use the beach area for race activity. Brian will coordinate moving the large rocks and having them replaced after the race.

Current race dates are February 29 and March 1. Two weeks before that weekend Brian will make the call as to whether the race can be held.

Karl Behr will get a list of trail crossings and people who have helped with that to Brian.

Mark Fornier will help with guiding Sled Dog Club racers and officials to tour the race course via snowmobile.

Kent will help wrangle road crossing crews. He will also bring boughs to the lake to help mark the trail.

Buttons? These are in the trailer. Robbie will move the trailer forward so the back door can be opened to take a look at button supply, etc.

Seating was discussed. We should include in publicity the idea that people should be encouraged to bring camp chairs to sit out on the lake. TOC will not be providing seating.

Race start times will be posted on a dry erase white board near the starting area. Kent will take care of getting an easel, whiteboard, and markers. This info will no longer be included in the race brochure, as the start times and race order are often changed at the last minute.

Ski Trails:

Brian will be grooming in Ferncroft as his schedule allows.

Amy met with Jordan and Dhane from REI at the Ferncroft trails today and they skied the entire network. Dhane will be in touch about this partnership idea.

Jordan is moving on to another job in early February and will no longer be working for REI.

Christmas Tree & Veterans:

Anne had a conversation with Joanne Rainville who indicated that Caroline Jones, a member of the Veteran's Committee, had told her that the veterans want to decorate the town tree. Robbie witnessed one of the veterans unplugging the TOC tree. There is, apparently, much negativity surrounding this issue coming from some of the veterans. Further discussion ensued.

Kent made a motion to move the town/TOC tree to a more welcoming location. This motion was not approved.

The TOC has a long history of lighting the town Christmas tree and this has always been backed by the Cemetery Trustees, who have jurisdiction over the Veterans' Triangle. TOC feels that the Trustees need to be the mediator here.

Amy will call Trustee Mark Albee to explain the situation. (*Note: This call was made on return home after the TOC meeting. Mark is discussing this with the other two trustees and they will reach out to the veterans.*)

Food Donations at Contradance:

Lisa Ferguson has asked if a donation box for food items can be placed at the contradance. This is for the 68 Hours of Hunger Program run by Brett School. Discussion. Robbie suggested that TOC could do a one-time effort to get donations for this program. Amy felt that doing this every month would detract from TOC's effort to break even on the dances.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30.

Next meeting is Monday, February 24th at 7:15.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier