

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, November 25, 2019

Present:

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

Guests: Mark & Theresa Fornier

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes, penned by guest secretary Kent Hemingway, were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved.

Dances:

Due to the inability to find a caller for the Second Saturday in August, that month's dance will be held on the First Friday, August 7, 2020. Dudley Laufman will call and provide the music.

Halloween:

In spite of the rain on 10/27 (carving party) *and* 10/31 (Halloween), the pumpkin carving and the resulting carved pumpkins on display in Tamworth Village on Halloween were both a great success. Partnership with the library for the carving event was excellent.

Candles to light the pumpkins were an issue. We need brighter battery or candle lights for pumpkins next year.

Trail Maintenance:

There are several trees down along the sled dog race route. Brian says he can deal with clearing these during the two weeks prior to the race and that he will not need assistance. Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club is no longer able to assist with trail maintenance on closed trail sections due to insurance.

Regarding trails on David Little's property: several people have tried to contact him, with no reply.

Moving forward, trail supervision and maintenance will be as follows:

- Ferncroft trails: Karl Behr
- Sled Dog trails: Brian Cutter
- Tower-to-Town trail: Kit Morgan and Kent Hemingway

In addition, Kent is working on a Swift River snowshoe trail.

Sled Dog Race:

The race is scheduled for January 25 & 26, 2020. Sheldon will have sponsorship solicitation info by the December 30 TOC board meeting. Sheldon will also circulate a proposed press release. Pine Tree Power's \$750 sponsorship is a question mark. Other potential sponsors to be approached are REI (Robbie) and 4 Your Paws Only (Sheldon).

Peter Smart will be invited to the 12/30 meeting to discuss trail grooming.

Ski Program:

So far, 87 kids are registered for downhill, 17 for snowboard, 8 for X/C. Clinics and meetings are underway.

Matt Krug requested support for the X/C program in the amount of \$350. The board approved this request.

Comments were made that the mandatory ski program meeting was "too crowded" and "claustrophobic". Feedback about this should go to ESSC.

Xmas Tree:

Purchase of new lights for the tree was approved by the board. Suzanne will order the lights and they will be ready for use this year.

Robbie and Karl will erect the tree this Sunday, 12/1. Tree lighting is scheduled for 12/7.

Note was made that Karl is tired of doing the tree and needs help. Sheldon, Robbie, and Mark Fournier offered to assist.

Secretary's note: The first tree (donated by Mark and Mary Ann Smith) was vandalized, but was quickly replaced by a new tree (donated by Andy Thompson) in time for the 12/7 tree lighting ceremony. Thanks to all who rallied to make the 2019 TOC tree the most magical ever!!

Stan Coville Bench:

A group of TOC folks and others met in the Wonalancet Grove to discuss the bench. Windy Ridge has a sample bench that might be suitable. The possibility of two benches was discussed, as well as the possibility that a foundation may be needed under the bench. Bill Reed – an excavation specialist and Stan Coville's nephew – may be able to assist in setting the benches. Logistics were discussed.

Meeting adjourned around 8:10. **Next meeting is Monday, December 30th.**

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier