

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, December 27, 2021

Present:

Robbie Farnum, Amy Berrier, Dylan Alden, Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Wyatt Berrier, Suzanne Morgan, & Kit Morgan.

Guests: Pam Hayden, Michael Mason, Dan Beauregard, Marsha Colcord, Finn Mahoney, Sam Norton, & Zeda Dumais

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

The November minutes were amended to show that the TOC board decided not to host a sled dog race on Chocorua Lake in 2022, due to a variety of issues.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. The annual appeal has, so far, been very successful. Donations received have more than paid for mailing out the appeal using Minuteman Press.

Ski Trails & Grooming:

Robbie reports that he used the roller once on the Ferncroft and Mt. Katherine trails. He gave a general trail overview to the board. He did get stuck on the Mt. Katherine trail and reiterated the need for a new turnaround trail near the summit. Also, the Ainsworth Path is not really wide enough for the groomer.

Trail Building:

Three members of the Trail Fixing Collective (Finn, Sam, and Zeda) were invited by Robbie to attend this meeting and share what they have to offer in terms of trail building and maintenance skills. They would be willing to take on a small or large project for/with TOC. Amy asked about how they are funded. Finn said that if a trails project was a single day, TFC would donate their time; a longer project would be "by the week" and there might be grant money available. Currently, TFC has four weeks "open" for work in 2022. TOC would need to request their assistance by March.

Another project that was briefly discussed was the need to replace the large bridge between the Ferncroft woods trails and the field.

Vests:

The red safety vests have arrived and were handed out at the meeting.

Sled Dog Race:

Marsha Colcord gave an overview of the race she has organized on Wonalancet trails in past years. These are “distance” races, different from the “sprint” racing TOC has hosted on Chocorua Lake. She has worked with North Country Mushers, but is not sure what their current schedule is. There was discussion about length of a potential race and its exact location.

TOC needs to make decisions about the race, including:

- What does TOC want to accomplish for future sled dog races?
- How big should a potential race be? How many teams?
- How should we deal with climate issues and changeable trail conditions?

Amy made a motion to create a sub-committee to reassess the sled dog race and make recommendations to the board. This motion was approved. Amy, Wyatt, Dylan, Barb, & Teresa will be on the committee. *(Note: the first meeting is Tuesday, 1/4/22, 7 PM at Barb’s house).*

Insurance:

Discussion regarding insurance for the snack shack trailer, the UTV, and the snowmobile. The question was raised as to whether or not TOC should keep the trail or sell it. Chalmers Insurance does not seem to have a good offering of insurance for the UTV and/or snowmobile. Recommendation was made to talk to Jennifer Stevens at Allstate Insurance, as that company deals with this type of coverage. Another possibility is SledInsure.com.

TOC will not have coverage after 1/5/22, unless a new contract is signed.

Other Business:

- Amy will present “TOC: past, present, and future” on February 2 as part of the Cook Library “Face to Face” Zoom series.
- Teresa has received five registration checks for the ski race team (\$30 each). King Pine will send TOC a bill at the end of the season.
- Dan Beauregard told the board that there will be a Family Day planning meeting on January 10 in the afternoon at the Town Office. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Mark noted that the Tamworth and Ossipee Rec Departments are teaming up with NH Fish & Game to offer an ice fishing demo/class on January 29.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier