

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, March 25, 2019

Present:

Board Members: Suzanne Morgan, Sheldon Perry, Kathi Brown, Dylan Alden, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Kit Morgan, Karl Behr, Barb Bloomberg, & Brian Cutter.

Guest: Jim Hidden

Secretary's Report:

Report from February 25 meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved.

Baseball:

Jim Hidden reported that the 2019 Cal Ripken season will begin on April 27. There will be three teams. Jim explained teams, names, etc. The entry fee has increased from \$750 to \$900, mostly due to insurance. Board approved the expenditure of \$900 to support CR program. Kids pay a fee to join, which covers about half the cost of the program. League has a provision to help needy kids.

Jim gave an overview of summer baseball offerings for 13-16 year olds. This has been Home Run (similar to Babe Ruth). They are trying to keep four active teams locally (Conway & Tamworth) and may include teams/players ranging from Pittsburg/Colebrook to Wakefield.

Sheldon said that he is willing to continue as TOC contact for baseball.

Sled Dog Race:

TOC received a bill from the Tamworth PD for \$910 for two day coverage during sled dog races. Amy has written a letter on behalf of the board requesting a waiver of this fee. This letter will be signed by Anne as president and sent to Dana Littlefield, with cc to the Select Board. *Note: This issue was discussed at a later Select Board meeting and the board waived the fee.*

Discussion of parking etc. for future sled dog events. Also discussed was seating for spectators.

Peter Smart was a huge help with race grooming and moved the groomer at his own expense.

Sled dog flyer: probably best not to list race times in the flyer, as they change. The flyer could also be more descriptive.

A large board is needed at the race to inform spectators of upcoming races and start times. Also, a louder sound car with more verbal description/info would be a very good idea.

Chocorua Lake Conservancy wants rocks in parking area replaced. This will be done later in the spring.

Sponsorship bill should be sent to John Roberts as he did not plow snow for the event.

Ski Program:

The program is over and went very well this year.

Dances:

August will be a FIRST Saturday dance, due to scheduling issues. Dudley will call this dance and CLC will be the sponsor. Discussion of March dance at the Preserve and whether this will be a yearly event. Suggestion of attracting better bands and callers to Tamworth. The problem is that the Town House has a posted limit of fifty people upstairs, so we can't draw too large of a crowd.

Memorial for Stan:

Could a bench be placed at the sled dog race with his name on it?

Ski Trails:

Brian groomed again, but is probably done for the season at this point.

Other Business:

Karl Behr resigned from the TOC board, effective immediately.

Next meeting: Monday, April 29, 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier