

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, March 29, 2021

Present (via Zoom):

Amy Berrier, Wyatt Berrier, Suzanne Morgan, Kit Morgan, Kathi Brown, Barb Bloomberg, Dylan Alden, Kent Hemingway, Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, & Robbie Farnum.

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report: The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was approved.

Trails & Grooming:

The Tamworth Foundation has approved a grant of \$20,000 towards purchase of a new TOC groomer! There was discussion of what type of groomer to purchase. Kit talked about seeing the equipment used by Peter Smart. Amy talked about the offer from Alex Moot (CLC president) to assist TOC in raising the balance of the money needed (about \$10,000). Barb expressed concern that we may be raising high expectations for TOC trails if fundraising is too public. There was discussion.

Grooming committee will explore equipment options and pricing. We need to make sure that turning radius of new machine will accommodate summit of Mt. Katherine and height of Forest Service access road on the Ferncroft network. Landowner (Binney) is OK with improvements to the Mt. Katherine trail. Kit has been in contact with him.

Amy will contact Paul King about storing new equipment in his barn. *(Note: Paul has said "Yes" to this in an email to Amy.)*

Town Rec Department Committee:

Suzanne gave an update. The committee has recommended a fulltime Rec Director, along with a budget. This will be on the May 2021 Tamworth Town Warrant. Position will be filled in May or June for half a year, to start.

Easter Egg Hunt:

There will be an Covid-friendly Easter Egg Hunt for children grades 4 and younger on Saturday, April 3 at noon. Volunteers are needed. Robbie, Mark, and Amy signed up to help out.

Tennis:

Kent described the Advantage Kids program that will be run for six weeks starting in mid-May. This program will serve 15-18 children and provide instruction in tennis and yoga. Kent requested \$500 in support of the program from the Dana Steele Memorial Fund.

Amy made a motion to appropriate \$500 from the Dana Steele fund in support of the Advantage Kids program. The motion passed.

Bylaws:

The TOC bylaws currently stipulate a board of eleven. We have more than that now. This number can/should be amended at the TOC annual meeting. A suggestion was made to increase the number of board members to fifteen. For now, new board members could be permanent "guests". Barb suggested that sub-committees could be a way to get more people involved.

Ski Program:

Kathi is stepping down as the head of the TOC Junior Ski Program. She will help out during the 2021-2022 season, but then she is retiring. Kathi explained that someone from outside the school can be the organizer and that person can work with a liaison/coordinator at the school.

Other Business:

Adopt-a-Highway? Kit will check into this. *(Note: a successful Earth Day trash pick-up on April 22 gathered approximately eighteen bags plus several piles of larger items. All of this along the roadsides of Route 113 between Tamworth and Chocorua Villages.)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Next meeting is April 26 at 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier