

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, September 24, 2018

Present:

Kathi Brown, Brian Cutter, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Suzanne Morgan, Hannah Fleischmann, Kit Morgan, Barb Bloomberg, & Karl Behr

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Secretary's Report:

Report from August meeting was approved.

Follow-up on archiving of old minutes: Mark Smith has put 2014-2018 minutes on TOC website (*on the About Us page*). Cost to scan older minutes from binders would be \$2-\$3 per page. There is still interest in getting a fireproof filing cabinet and storing these at the History Center. *Notes from August meeting indicate that Kent will find out if this is an option.*

Treasurer's Report:

Approved. Donations to the Frankie Drew fund can be accepted via check or PayPal.

Reach the Beach:

There were ten TOC volunteers. Concerns were expressed about safety in the White Lake transition station area.

Tamworth Foundation:

TOC has received a \$5,000 grant for the 2018-2019 Junior Ski Program. The grant letter was circulated to board members present.

Adopt-a-Highway:

Brian will get signs, vests, and bags for our semiannual highway clean-up on Route 113 between Tamworth and Chocorua. People interested in helping should meet at Rutabega parking lot at 7:30 AM on Saturday, October 13.

Sled Dog Race:

Brian reports that negotiations are ongoing with land owners for trail use in order for the 2019 race to be held. Currently the idea is to allow the gates to be open for two weeks so that grooming can be done and the race can be held. Then the gates would be closed. Everyone wants to see the race go on.

Town Funding Request:

The paperwork has been filed for the TOC warrant article request for funding. The amount will be the same as in the past. Signatures need to be gathered in order for this to be on the warrant.

Trails:

Wonalancet trails: Karl will mow the trail network. Clearing and other necessary trail work will take place in late November. He will let the board know about specifics at the October 29 meeting.

Tower-to-Town trail: Kent is working on this, but was not at September meeting to discuss.

Mt. Katherine trail: Needs further discussion.

501C3:

A copy of the TOC 501C3 indicating our non-profit status has been received from the IRS. Board members all received a copy. Mark Smith has put a .PDF copy of the TOC 501C3 document on our website. This can be viewed by clicking a link on the donation/membership page.

Contradances:

The next dance will be on Saturday, October 13. Our co-sponsor is the Tamworth History Center. Dudley Laufman is the caller. Hannah spoke about promoting the TOC dance at other venues. She attends a dance in Portland on a regular basis and will bring flyers there to promote our Second Saturday dance series.

Question was raised and discussed about bringing in a one-time, “big name” caller and band. Perhaps this could be a special event at the Preserve barn or tent. Hannah has connections to the Portland organizer and can inquire about callers/bands coming to this area. Further discussion needed if board thinks this is a good idea.

Dance committee (Amy, Hannah, Kit, Suzanne, Dexter Harding, and Lucy Gatchell) continue to work together to organize and publicize the Tamworth dances. This collaborative approach is working well and the 2018 season has been an overall success. Remaining dances this year are October 13, November 10, December 8, and New Year’s Eve. Planning is now underway for 2019.

Next meeting: Monday, October 29, 7:15, Cook Library

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier