

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, September 26, 2022

Present:

Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Kit Morgan, Dylan Alden, Kent Hemingway, Amy Berrier, Suzanne Morgan, Carolyn Hemingway, Sharon Morrison, and Rob Farnum

This meeting was called to order at 7:21. Dylan (VP) is filling in for Wyatt (P).

A mysterious box of donuts was left on the table. Several TOC members enjoyed this unexpected sweet treat.

Secretary's Report:

July minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. Teresa explained how three checks, intended to pay for ski races last season, went missing and were never cashed. She is following up on any amount due to ski areas and will see if TOC can be billed directly for race fees in the future to avoid confusion.

Ski Program:

Teresa gave an update about the program. She has spoken with Melanie McBrian (Brett principal). Kitty Greene (Brett teacher) will be the school coordinator. Heidi Glavin (King Pine rep) says that the 1-4 time slot is available for Tamworth. Heidi will get the contract to Teresa and Brett School this week. This contract will enable TOC to decide how much to charge for each child participating in the program. Teresa is still waiting to hear back from Karen Dolan (ESSC president). It will be very helpful to get the ESSC email changed so that all info comes to Teresa. She is working on that and is following Kathi Brown's timeline from previous years. Eric and Roger Ames have been in touch about volunteering. A great start!

Dances:

Amy gave an update about dances. The Second Saturday series has been going well. The board gave approval to book dances in December (Second Saturday and New Year's Eve). There was an extended discussion about the current requirement of showing vaccination cards at the door. Amy related several instances of people being turned away due to forgetting their cards at home. She

questioned whether TOC should continue this policy or move to an “honor system” to prove vaccination status. A motion to discontinue the requirement of showing vaccination cards (to take effect after the October dance) was voted down by the board, 4 to 6. Kit will redo the dance survey on the Tamworth Exchange to see how the public feels about TOC dances, vaccination requirements, etc. Amy will create a sign to put on the downstairs door of the Town House, clearly stating the requirements for entry to the dance. She will also improve publicity about Covid rules for the dances.

Insurance:

Sharon presented an insurance proposal from Church Mutual to the board. This is a company that works primarily with non-profits. The proposed policy would cover the sale of food, TOC equipment (UTV, snowmobile, groomer, trailer), directors and officers, legal defense costs in case of a lawsuit, and some general liability. The policy would *not* cover skiing, roadside cleanup, trail maintenance and grooming, tennis, the sled dog event, and perhaps other activities sponsored/hosted by TOC. The cost of our current coverage (property only) is approximately \$732. The Church Mutual policy would increase our insurance costs by \$2,100. Sharon will continue to look into other coverage options, including one that was sent via email about possible grooming coverage through a X/C skiing network. She will come to the October meeting with more info.

Mark pointed out that the snowmobile and UTV are currently registered to the Outing Club as “trail maintenance equipment”, which causes issues with insurance. If these units were registered for recreational use, under an individual’s name with a physical address, TOC would have better insurance options.

Teresa will hold off on sending in the TOC Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club membership until these issues are resolved.

Sled Dog Event and Trail Maintenance:

Sled dog racer Carissa Daniels (NESDC and NERDS) has contacted TOC about our 2023 sled dog event. She would like to come and walk trails with TOC reps. TOC trail maintenance dates of Sunday, October 23 and Monday, October 24 were proposed. Walking the trails could be part of these trail work days. Dylan will follow up with Carissa and let the board know.

Halloween:

Amy gave an update about upcoming Halloween events. Pumpkin carving will be on Sunday, October 30 at 1:30 on the History Center lawn, with volunteers gathering at 1:00 to set up. White Mountain Ceili band and friends will provide music. After the carving, all jack-o-lanterns will be stored until Monday when Grant Prilliman has agreed to pick them up with his hay wagon and distribute them along Main Street, probably around 4 PM. Trick-or-Treating and the Haunted Barn will be from 5:30-7:30 on Monday, October 31.

Rob will put out a call for candy donations on October 1. Wyatt is lining up volunteers to host trick-or-treat stations.

Carolyn will stop in at Grand View Farmstand in Conway to inquire about pumpkin purchase/donation. Other options for pumpkins are Moulton Farm and Tamworth Farmers Market vendors.

Rob is hosting a Haunted Barn planning meeting on October 12 at 5 PM.

Kent urged communication between PTA and TOC about Halloween. Efforts could be combined in future years. He will reach out to the Brett School.

Other Business:

Rob has checked on the UTV and snowmobile, currently being stored in Paul King's barn. He will do an oil change and complete wiring for the groomer.

Kent reports that Advantage Kids Tennis & Yoga has twenty-two kids signed up each Tuesday. Eleven of these students are from Brett School.

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, October 24, 7:15 at Cook Library (because Monday, October 31 is Halloween).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier