

## **Tamworth Outing Club minutes, September 29, 2014**

### **Present:**

Sheldon Perry, Karl Behr, Nancy Coville, Anne Chant, Kathi Brown, Brian Cutter, Tracey Noyes, Trevor Tasker, Amy Berrier, Helen Steele. *(Note: Kem Stewart was held up in traffic and arrived at the meeting after all others had gone home)*

### **Secretary's Report:**

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Meeting minutes had been sent out via email. Helen would like to add to those minutes that there were three successful square dances this summer and great interest from those attending that TOC host more in the future.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Report was approved as presented. Of note was the fact that Valueland and Kevin's Discount have still not paid for their sled dog program ads. Minutes note that these accounts due will be removed if not paid by the October TOC board meeting. Sheldon said he will remove them from next year's solicitation list.

### **Junior Ski Program:**

Kathy Badger will be at the TOC meeting in October. King Pine's price per student for Tamworth increased from \$51 to \$54. This is the first increase in two or three years. Trevor (and possibly others from our board) will attend the upcoming ESSC meeting to advocate for Tamworth. Karl notes that Tamworth and Freedom are the only schools that pay for students to ski. Other towns ski free, as they have mountains in their towns. The Junior Ski Program starts the week of January 5, 2015. Sno Day is March 10. There was a discussion of rental options for Tamworth students. Trevor will check to see if TOC can strike a deal with Ski Works that might be better than Cranmore and King Pine options. Appreciation was noted for John Gotjen's ongoing commitment to toting skis to the mountain each week. Matt Krug will be heading up the X/C program again. Vicki Tinkham will be

the race coach; Trevor will assist her. \$5,000 has been received from the Tamworth Foundation for this year's Junior Ski Program.

### **Trails:**

Karl will mow. Brian brushed last year. The Mt. Katherine Trail should be checked. Sheldon will call Paul King about this. Brian and Karl will fix the groomer. The snow machine is ok, except for a broken mirror.

### **Membership:**

Trevor will continue to head this up (applause!) Helen will assist in the transition.

### **Reach The Beach:**

Karl reports that this went well. There were eight volunteers and TOC will receive \$400 (\$50/volunteer). More advance planning is needed next year, as there was a last-minute scramble for volunteers. Can any fundraising be done at the TOC transition point?

### **Adopt-A-Highway:**

This year's date has been set for Saturday, October 18. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Rutabega parking lot.

### **Dances:**

Kem Stewart has volunteered to help promote/organize the dances. He was delayed enroute to tonight's meeting and did not make it. *(Note: Amy spoke to him by phone later in the evening and his plan was to contact Helen to discuss future plans for dances. He sent his apologies for missing the meeting.)* The next dance is scheduled for New Year's Eve. Nancy said that TOC provides recreation for all and has for years. She feels strongly that dances are a part of this. Others agreed. Discussion included: how to boost dance attendance, whether TOC must make money on dances, and the best way to increase publicity. More follow-up on this needed and, hopefully, input and leadership from Kem.

### **Other Business:**

- Board approved request to Town of Tamworth for \$2,000 to support Tamworth children's participation in Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball. Brian is looking for specifics on how many kids participated in each program last year. Suggestion made to check with Mark Anthony (coach) for more details. Sheldon will file the report and request for 2015 town funding by the 10/16/14 deadline.
- Sheldon wondered if Shannon Maes and Matt Schartner will be showing up at future TOC meetings.

**Next meeting is Monday, October 27**

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier