

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, September 29, 2015

Present:

Boardmembers: Sheldon Perry, Brian Cutter, Amy Berrier, Matt Schartner, Lynn Jones, Anne Chant, Harry Pike, Trevor Tasker, Karl Behr, & June Crowell

Guests: Donna Ulitz (ski program), Jim Hidden (Babe Ruth), Lily Morgan (potential board member)

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Babe Ruth baseball:

Jim Hidden reports that they had a great season. 15 kids played. Jim feels that they established a very good foundation for the 2016 season, which will start next April or May. He will know more after the league meeting later this fall. There was some discussion about the program and the board expressed appreciation to Jim for heading it up.

Junior Ski Program

Kathy Badger has left the program. People currently involved are Trevor Tasker as ESSC rep; Donna Ulitz, Kathi Brown, and Cindy Furnbach at KA Brett. Donna says the program needs a volunteer coordinator / program supervisor. Joanne Floyd did an amazing job of this, preceded by Helen Steele. Trevor will ask Kelly Cotton if she is interested. Last year King Pine ski instructors were hired to teach the "never evers" and it has been suggested that more instructors be hired for the program. Donna is not in favor of hiring more, but volunteer instructors are harder to come by than in years past. X/C is all set for volunteers. Matt Krug was in charge last year. More discussion.....

The program has approximately 30 volunteers (including for X/C program), with 114 alpine/snowboard and 12 X/C students participating last year. Tamworth Foundation will be asked for \$5,000 to fund the program.

Secretary's Report:

Annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Two amendments (highlighted) were made: Contradances will be held every **Saturday** night during the summer;

Harry Pike was voted in as a new board member at the annual meeting.

Amended minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was approved as presented.

Family Day:

This year's BBQ was a lot of work for very little gain. Next year is Tamworth's 250 celebration, so Brian feels we should do a BBQ. That may be the last year we do the BBQ.

Facebook page and website update:

TOC Facebook page is up. Needs photos and content. Sheldon and Trevor will work on this. Lily said she would like to help. FB can be used for outreach, and to promote events and volunteering. "Like" the page to receive notifications.

Sheldon will send new info for website to Mark Smith. Matt pointed out that last September we did not have a website or FB page.

501C3:

We have received the official letter that TOC qualifies for 501C3 status. Sheldon has the letter. Will give a copy to the Tamworth Foundation.

Dances:

Board agreed to host a New Year's Eve dance. Gave OK to Kem Stewart to hire Dudley Laufman as caller. There will be further discussion about dances at next month's meeting. Amy will write a thank you note to Kem for his hard work on organizing dances this summer.

Reach the Beach:

Karl said it went very well this year. He informed the board that he will not head up the TOC station at White Lake next year. Lynn said she would do it. Amy expressed safety concerns about the traffic in and out of White Lake road.

Adopt a Highway:

October 17 Route 113 cleanup. Meet at Rutabega parking lot at 7:30 AM.

Tamworth 250 Celebration:

Sheldon received a letter from the Tamworth 250 committee asking TOC to hold a 250-themed event during the coming year. Board decided to call the New Year's dance the "250th Celebration New Year's Eve Dance" and to feature 250th celebration (on a banner?) at the sled dog races.

Sheldon will notify T250 committee of sled dog race and NYE dance plans. He will also encourage "reinventing" Family Day to breathe new life in a dwindling event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Next meeting is Monday, October __ at 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier