

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, October 26, 2020

Present (at Runnells Hall):

Board Members: Robbie Farnum, Kathi Brown, Carolyn Hemingway, Kent Hemingway, Brian Cutter, Mark Fournier, Anne Chant, Suzanne Morgan, Amy Berrier, Kit Morgan, Teresa Fournier, & Dylan Alden.

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report: The September minutes were approved.

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

Annual Appeal:

Carolyn said that, since no donation levels were specified in our appeal letter, people generally gave more. She reports that many new donors joined the TOC. TOC decals went out to all donors, along with a very nice thank you letter.

Halloween:

Plans for the day include pumpkin carving at 1:30 on the History Center lawn and trick-or-treating in Tamworth Village from 4:30 to 6. Moulton, Tanna, and Remick Farms have donated pumpkins. We have lights and candles. It was noted that only battery lights may be used at Barnstormers, Distillery, and other businesses. Carved jack-o-lanterns will be displayed along Main Street and will be taken to Steele Farm for the sheep at the end of the evening. Volunteers will help with trick-or-treat stations, traffic, and cleanup. Over 3,000 pieces of candy have been donated!

Trail Grooming:

Brian is stepping down from grooming trails and recommends a committee be formed to plan for the future. Names suggested were Karl Behr, Amy, & Mark. Details noted include:

- Grooming takes five or six hours each time
- Grooming needs to be done after each storm of 3" or more
- Use of chainsaw, come-along, chains, etc. is required

- Insurance is necessary to protect TOC and landowners
- Location needed to keep snow machine. Brian recommended house at the end of Locke Falls Road (Kimmer and Susan? Wyatt may know them.)
- OSVC may know of someone who can do the grooming
- The Mt. Katherine Trail does get used and should continue to be groomed

Brian also requested that kitchen equipment for sled dog cook shack be removed from his shed. This will require a pick-up truck. Kent will look into this.

Brian informed the board that this will be his last meeting.

Tower to Town Trail:

Kent has not received a reply from landowner, Ed Damon, regarding his inquiry about the trail crossing Damon property. Kent says that working on this trail has become “very frustrating” and that it might not be worth continuing. Discussion of State involvement, prior permitting, etc. Interest in this trail is waning.

Baseball Program:

Kit reports that the application for funding request for the 2021 Town Warrant is ready.

Ski Program:

King Pine has proposed a very limited timeframe for alpine skiing this year for the Tamworth program (12-1 only, instead of the usual 1-4). After some discussion, Kent made a motion to “take a year off” and to suspend support for all alpine, nordic, and race team activities for the 2020-2021 season. Motion approved.

No money has yet come from the Foundation for the ski program, so none must be returned.

Other Business:

Discussion of other possibilities of winter activities. Carolyn wondered if we could do snowshoeing, but Kathi says school is not allowing volunteers this year. Tin Mountain does do winter activities with kids on a limited basis. Suzanne suggested a town skating rink. Mark has experience managing a small outdoor

rink and says this can be very challenging. Bottom line: it's going to be a very long winter and we need some outdoor activities, especially for kids.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting is November 30, 7:15, at Runnels Hall.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier