

## **Tamworth Outing Club minutes, October 27, 2014**

### **Present:**

Sheldon Perry, Karl Behr, Anne Chant, Kathi Brown, Brian Cutter, Trevor Tasker, Amy Berrier, Matt Schartner, Lynn Jones, Kristin Dunn, Matt Dunn, Kem Stewart, and June Crowell

### **Meeting called to order at 7:15**

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

September minutes were approved.

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

Report was approved as presented. Kathi noted that someone is needed to send thank you notes for donations received in memory of Jim Clough.

### **Dances:**

Kem Stewart was on hand to discuss the future of Tamworth dances. He gave an overview of his dance background, which is extensive: he has danced for years, has organized dances, and has an in-depth knowledge of the NE contra dance scene. In September, he met with Helen Steele and learned background of Tamworth dances, including finances, publicity, etc. Kem's plans include broadening the scope of future publicity, contacting potential callers, finding out when neighboring towns host their dances (to prevent overlap if possible), and creating a proposal for 2015 Tamworth dances that TOC board can vote on next meeting. Kem feels that, with adequate publicity Tamworth dances can be self-supporting. Sheldon says that board members will do the door. Ticket pricing and financing were discussed. Kathi says that TOC will pay callers by check, not cash, and that she is happy to provide multiple checks for caller and musicians if necessary.

Board approved a motion to host weekly dances in 2015 from July 4 weekend through Labor Day. Callers will be paid \$250.

Kem will prepare a proposal for the November meeting and will communicate via email with Sheldon and Amy.

### **Junior Ski Program:**

Discussion of upcoming volunteer meetings: (11/12 @ King Pine, 11/20 @ Attitash, 12/11 @ Cranmore. All meetings are at 6:30). New volunteers must attend one of these meetings. There are also several on-snow clinics. Notice about volunteering has gone out through the school. As always, there is a need for on and off snow assistance throughout the program. After a review of current fees paid by students, board voted to hold prices at 2014 levels.

Trevor spoke to Ski Works about rental deals for Tamworth students. SW will lease equipment: \$175 (new) and \$145 (used). For students 12 & under, this comes with a season pass to Bretton Woods. Cranmore offers full season rentals for \$60 that students can keep for the season. Students can also rent from King Pine, but weekly ski pick up / drop off takes time out of ski lessons.

### **Non-Profit Filing:**

Anne brought in 501C3 application for signing. Sheldon signed it. This application was prepared at no charge to TOC by Cooper, Cargill, Chant. Board thanked Anne, Kathi, and CCC for work involved in preparing this document. CCC will get a thank you note and a free sled dog program ad.

### **Website:**

Sheldon thinks we should have a website. Wonalancet Outdoor Club has a good one designed by Peter Smart. Amy suggested that Sheldon contact Mark Smith to see if he could build a website for TOC. Mark recently put together a new site for the Tamworth Civic News.

### **Membership:**

Discussion of when to send out next TOC solicitation to members. The general feeling was to do this once 501C3 is approved and 2015 dance

schedule is firmed up. March is a possibility. Letter could then include a summary of ski season. Sheldon will need a reminder.

### **Reach The Beach:**

Karl gave a check for \$480 to Kathi.

### **Other Business:**

- Does anyone from TOC want to join the Tamworth 250<sup>th</sup> committee?
- Trevor will write thank you notes for recent donations received
- Brian and Karl will fix the groomer.
- Lynn will look into booking a date for a fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza in North Conway. This would include an auction.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45**

**Next meeting is Monday, November 24**

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier