

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, November 29, 2021

Present:

Robbie Farnum, Amy Berrier, Dylan Alden, Mark Fournier, Anne Chant, Kent Hemingway, Carolyn Hemingway, Wyatt Berrier, Suzanne Morgan, & Kit Morgan.

Guests: Eric Dube & Keith Hill

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. There was discussion about donations received for Halloween. Dylan will write thank-you notes.

Christmas Tree:

On Tuesday, 11/30, at 8AM, Robbie, Mark, and Karl Behr will get a tree at Mark Smith's field on Bryant Road. The tree will be put up, with lights, before the official tree-lighting on the following weekend.

Trails:

Karl has done mowing on the Ferncroft trail network. More clearing was also done. Willie Farnum did backhoe work where needed. Kit clarified that the Ainsworth Path is owned by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. There was discussion about drainage issues on the Mt. Katherine trail, including necessary culverts and trenching.

Grooming:

The snowmobile is now parked at Paul King's barn. Mice had moved into the machine and it needed to be cleaned. There was discussion about the new groomer being purchased from Profile. The groomer is there, but the tracks are backordered. Clarification about "add-ons" such as roof, windshield, cameras, etc. is needed. Robbie will work with Ed at Profile to get a clearer list of what is included in the purchase price and what is extra. The new drag is on its way from Wyoming. A new hitch has been ordered to connect the drag to the UTV.

Mark will put up signs at the entrance to the Mt. Katherine trail: "X/C skiing; no snowmobiles"

Sled Dog Race:

New England Sled Dog Club has not replied to Kit's emails, phone calls, or Facebook messages. The only contact from NESDC's president, Rachel Colbath, has been via brief texts. Kent said the club used to "come to us" to schedule the race. There was discussion as to whether to rethink the entire race format. Concern was raised as to how people around Chocorua Lake, many of whom supported our groomer fundraising, would react if race were pulled from the lake. Amy will speak with Alex Moot (CLC president).

Ideas were floated, including:

- Making the race more educational
- Moving the race to Wonalancet
- Refocusing the race to benefit the Tamworth community
- Partnering with Remick Museum on Ice Harvest Day to have a sled dog demo
- Working with the Chinook Club to host a demo (Bob Cottrell is contact)
- Grooming a track around the lake for a fun ski race
- Hosting an ice fishing demo

The TOC board decided not to host a sled dog race on Chocorua Lake in 2022 due to the variety of challenges involved in doing this. *(Note: this is an amendment to the original 11/29/21 minutes)*

Annual Appeal Letter:

Dylan wrote the letter and it will go out via Minuteman Press mailing service.

TOC Vests:

Carolyn reports that the vests are in. There was discussion about design to go on the vests. Dylan will pick them up at the printer once the order is complete.

Other Business:

There will be no New Year's Eve dance, due to continuing concerns about Covid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier