

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, March 28, 2022
Amended, April 27, 2022

Present:

Amy Berrier, Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Suzanne Morgan, Kit Morgan, Anne Chant, Dylan Alden, Barb Bloomberg, & Rob Farnum.

Guest: Eric Dube

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. There was discussion as to how to change formatting, as current reports are not coming through with clear formatting for all recipients. Amy suggested "printing" to a PDF and sending that.

Trails & Grooming:

Rob, Teresa, Kit, and Karl Behr took part in a training session with the new groomer. Rob, Teresa, and Kit also cleared a large quantity of blowdowns from a recent storm along the Ferncroft trail network. Lora Colten reported four trees down on the Mt. Katherine trail. She spent some time clearing the brush (brought down by the same storm) from that trail.

The groomer has been stored in Paul King's barn. Wiring still needs to be done for the track setter. Need confirmation on whether the tracks will stay on for non-snow use of the UTV.

Contradances:

The TOC dance subcommittee met and has decided to resume Second Saturday contradances at the Town House, starting in June. Dexter Harding is booking callers and bands. Jerry Knirk (avid dancer, retired MD, and State Rep for Tamworth/Madison/Freedom) was contacted as to the best way to monitor the public health situation and how that might affect holding each dance. Guidelines will be set in place by the dance committee and will be shared with the full board. Kit will put together an informal survey via the Tamworth Exchange to test public sentiment about dances.

Kit shared a draft poster from Jacqueline Laufman for the educational dance series that she has proposed for this summer. Board members expressed concern that these dances (to be held for ten weeks on Friday evenings) may detract from TOC's Second Saturday dances.

Suggestions made by TOC board include:

- Have Jackie skip the second Friday dates in her series so as not to double book these weekends with the TOC dance.
- Change her poster to highlight YOUTH MUSICIANS
- Possibly include both dance series on a single poster

Also, Jackie is looking for a bones/spoons player for her dances.

Insurance:

The board continued the discussion regarding whether or not to cover the TOC snack shack trail with damage insurance. Dylan and Teresa both did calculations for depreciation and came up with a current trailer value ranging from \$5,100 to \$7,500. Teresa explained that our current policy with Acadia Insurance is a flat rate policy for up to \$40,000 and that Acadia combined coverage for both the trailer and the contents under the current policy. The question was raised regarding current coverage for the UTV and grooming equipment, as these items were purchased before the current policy renewal date. These questions need to be clarified.

There was discussion as to the board's responsibility for keeping the trailer safe from damage when it is stored outside. Amy pointed out that this includes parking it away from trees with questionable limbs that could fall, as well as monitoring the unit throughout the winter to prevent heavy snow and ice from accumulating on the roof. Mark proposed putting 2X braces inside to strengthen the roof during the winter.

Dylan commented that TOC should use the trailer more and there was agreement by the board that this is a good idea.

Mark made a motion to 1) continue with the insurance as is and 2) to check into coverage/cost for the UTV and grooming equipment. Motion was approved.

Teresa will check back with Heather at Chalmers Insurance.

Nominating Committee:

Kit, Anne, Dylan, and Barb have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. TOC board needs three new members. New officers will be appointed, including a new president, as the term limit for this office is two years.

Family Day Food:

The July 4 Family Day committee is looking for food vendors to serve the public during two times of this festive day: 10-2 in Tamworth Village and 4:30-8:30 at the Brett School. Lynn Kearney is in charge of the food for Family Day.

TOC board members have volunteered to help out with food, as follows:

From 10-2 in town, Kit, Suzanne, and Anne will set up an EZ-Up tent and serve homemade ice cream cookie sandwiches.

Starting at 4:30, several people (Mark, Teresa, Amy, Pam, Robbie, Dylan, and maybe others) will prepare and serve burgers and dogs from the TOC snack trailer, set up by the Brett School. Lynn is looking into whether power will be available from the school building to power lights in the trailer.

Family Day Road Race:

Cook Memorial Library has organized the Family Day 5K race for many years.

They are now ready to pass this event to another organization. Amy and Dylan met with Amy Carter of CML and learned some of the details about this race. Amy C. explained that there are many small volunteer jobs that help make the event go smoothly. CML staff have proposed that TOC members could shadow them during the 2022 race prep and on the day of the race. This could help determine if the event is something that TOC would like to take on in the future. Fundraising from this race ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000, according to Amy C.

There was tentative interest by the TOC board members present and more info is needed.

Dylan is offering to organize and host an informal 8-week running “club” for anyone interested in training for the 5K and participating in the race on July 4.

More on this to come!

A motion was made and approved that CML should keep all money raised in 2022, even if TOC assists with the race this year.

Other Business:

Eric Dube would like to organize a community bike ride, perhaps in conjunction with the road race or at another time, probably in 2023.

Adopt-a-highway trash pick-up along Route 113 will be held on Saturday, April 23. Meet at Rutabaga parking lot at 7:30 AM. Remember to wear your TOC vests!

Barb brought up the need to meet and discuss the future of the Junior Ski Program. She will form a sub-committee and will talk to Kathi Brown, former director of the Tamworth Junior Ski Program. Eric has agreed to serve on this sub-committee.

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, April 25, 7:15 at Cook Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier