

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, January 4, 2016

Present:

Board members: Sheldon Perry, Brian Cutter, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Kathi Brown, June Crowell, Lynn Jones, & Karl Behr

Meeting called to order at 7:18

Secretary's Report:

November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was approved as presented. Brief discussion of snacks & drinks purchased for the New Year's Eve dance. Amy left the receipt with the bag of snacks. Kathi will look for the receipt and reimburse Amy for the purchase.

Junior Ski Program:

Trevor reported via email that there are 117 skiers and riders taking part in the program this year. Approximately 38 volunteers have signed up to help out. Ski groups, volunteer assignments, and transportation of kids and skis are all set to go for the start of the program this Friday.

The ski team, coached by Vicky Tinkham starts practicing on Tuesday, 1/5. Kathi is not sure of the numbers, as permission slips went out late.

Facebook Page:

Trevor (again, via email) encourages posting pictures of TOC activities and events, as well as "liking" the TOC page. Sheldon posted NYE dance photos, which he will also send to webmaster Mark Smith to put on our website.

Town Christmas Tree:

Sheldon will initiate a discussion soon with the Cemetery Trustees about the 2016 Town Christmas Tree. All are hoping to avoid a confrontation with the Veterans' group again over the placement of the tree.

Dance:

Matt covered the NYE dance and reports that there were approximately 47 people in attendance. He thinks this is down from 2014 NYE, but we made more money at this dance, as donations were encouraged and problematic "Family Pricing" had been eliminated. All agree that we need more publicity for 2016 NYE dance. Admission was based on the new pricing of \$8/adult and \$3/child age 12 and under.

Genevieve Christy lost her wallet at the dance and is offering a reward for its return.

Sled Dog Race:

Brian reports that conditions are not looking good for holding the race in late January and that we really need two weeks of below-zero weather to make ice thick enough to hold the race. And on top of that, we need snow.....

Discussion of whether to hold race at the end of January as currently scheduled, or to postpone. Consensus of the board is to postpone. Brian will talk to sled dog club.

Sheldon handed out ad/sponsor packets, but said to wait to solicit support from businesses until new race date is set. Note that businesses should be told that TOC is now (officially) a 501C3, so they can claim sponsorship as a contribution.

Amy will make a note in the Civic News calendar that race date is dependent on conditions.

June will get 500 sled dog buttons from NE Embroidery in Conway. Several people thought a new design might be a nice change.

Remick Farm Ice Harvest Event:

Sheena Harte asked if TOC wants to host a booth at this event. Board declined the offer.

Baseball:

Matt asked why TOC focuses on supporting baseball and not other sports like lacrosse, soccer, etc. Brian and others noted that past board members were big Tamworth baseball fans/players (Stan Coville and Dana Steele, for example), that baseball has long been a tradition in Tamworth (Tamworth Tigers), and that the board can't spread itself too thin.

Warrant Article:

Anne will put out the petition to place an article on the 2016 Tamworth Warrant requesting money to support TOC programs. 25 signatures are needed.

Grooming:

Brian groomed Ferncroft trails on Thursday, but we need more snow!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier