

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, March 28, 2016

Present:

Board members: Sheldon Perry, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Kathi Brown, Lynn Jones, Matt Schartner, June Crowell, & new board member, Jim Harrison. Welcome to the board Jim!

Meeting called to order at 7:15

Secretary's Report:

February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was approved as presented.

Kathi made note of a discrepancy in charges from King Pine (they over-charged us). She is working with them to resolve this.

Payment of the annual website maintenance fee was made to Mark Smith of The Mottled Speck. Noted that Mark does a great job of keeping website current, tending to software and security needs, etc. etc. so this fee is well worth it.

Cynthia's Challenge fundraiser to purchase a new handicap van for Brett student in need was a success. TOC contributed funds towards this effort.

Junior Ski Program:

Kathi reports that the program was a success. Due to the weather, Sno Day was cancelled, but otherwise the program went well, with a team organizing approach that worked smoothly and will be used again next year. Two instructors from King Pine were hired each week. These pros circulated amongst all classes and assisted TOC volunteers.

There will be an awards ceremony in April. No Joe Binsack award for cross-country will be given out, as there were only four X/C students and they were all beginners.

Baseball:

Mark Anthony was not able to be at this meeting, but is heading up Cal Ripken again this year. This program covers ages 6-12. There have been two Cal Ripken sign-ups already at the school and more opportunities are planned for sign-up times.

Anne will confirm that Trevor Tasker will continue to be TOC/Cal Ripken liaison this year. Anne will ask Trevor to contact Mark Anthony to make sure he is all set for the season.

Sheldon is continuing to work with Jim Hidden on the Babe Ruth program. Conway does not have a Babe Ruth team this year, so Tamworth may get more players because of this.

There was discussion of a new sports facility in North Conway called Home Run Sports Training Center. For a monthly fee (and annual commitment), players can go there for batting practice. The word will be passed to Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth coaches in case their players are interested. Board discussed possible funding/scholarships for Tamworth players to attend.

July 4 Family Day:

Board decided to use existing sled dog for this year's TOC float. The dog was built years ago and is currently in Paul King's barn. It needs to be cleaned and repaired.

Discussion of parade direction, concessions, etc. Amy will talk to Parker about TOC concerns that last year's Family Day was "dead" at the school and that this may have had something to do with Lyceum offering free food and music in Tamworth Village and drawing the crowd away from Brett grounds. TOC is in favor of holding Family Day in Tamworth Village. Amy will relay this to Parker.

Adopt-A-Highway:

Board chose the date of Saturday, April 9 for roadside clean-up along 113 between Chocorua and Tamworth. Meet at Rutabaga Upholstery at 7:30 AM to get started. Should take about one hour.

Other Business:

Brian, Sheldon, and Karl met with the three cemetery trustees to discuss issues with placement of the TOC/town Christmas tree. TOC was told by trustees that we will be permitted to place the tree at the Veterans' Triangle each year. John Roberts offered to help install a more permanent base fixture in the ground for setting the tree.

Amy noted that the TOC-maintained X/C trails in Ferncroft were great this winter and well-appreciated by many. Some of the best skiing around!

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Next meeting is Monday, April 25 at 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier