

August 25, 2019, Chocoma Park

Welcome to the Tamworth Outing Club's Annual Meeting. Last year's annual meeting was held at Sheldon's house; we enjoyed ourselves so much that I don't think any minutes were taken! Kathi, would you please review the annual financial report? A motion to accept the report please? Second?

I'd like to thank everyone for all of the work that they have done over the past year. Karl did an excellent job pulling together volunteers to man the transition station at White Lake for Reach the Beach. Other than an overly aggressive spectator along the road, the race went off without a hitch. With Kathi at the helm, we had a wonderful junior ski program. Kathi's son Lucas was able to take a terrific picture of the group at King Pine. Kathi, would you please summarize the season? Thanks to a team effort led by Brian and Karl, the sled dog race was a huge success this year. The weather finally cooperated for a near perfect race in March. Many thanks to Peter Smart for his help grooming the trails. Brian, do you have a few words to say about the race? Brian continued to groom the cross country ski trails in Wonalancet this year, making them a joy to ski on. Amy has done a phenomenal job with the Contra dances, creating quite a buzz in Tamworth for the "Second Saturday" events. Amy, if you could tell us a bit about the dances, that would be great. TOC-backed baseball teams were widely successful this year,

especially at the lower levels. Jim Hidden is the strength behind our baseball program and deserves a lot of praise. (Jim, can you talk briefly about the program?) Our team of trash picker uppers again cleaned up route 113, and was again organized beautifully by Brian. TOC earned a trophy for the "Most Civic Float" in Tamworth's 4th of July parade through the efforts of Amy, Anne, Barb and Paul Chant. What a fun time that was, with participation from some of Tamworth's children representing the ski and baseball programs. A special thanks to Suzanne and Dylan, and of course Brian, for organizing this annual meeting.

All and all, it has been another fabulous year for TOC. We look forward to the future as we look for new activities to become involved with.

I'd like to propose the following slate of officers, unchanged from this past year:

Anne Chant: president

Kit Morgan: Vice president

Kathi Brown: Treasurer

Amy Berrier: Secretary

Carolyn Hemingway: Membership Chair

Other board members:

Sheldon Perry, Kent Hemingway, Suzanne Morgan, Barb Bloomberg, and Dylan Alden.

and newest member: Robbie Farnum.

**May I have a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers?
Second?**

Any other business to attend to at this meeting?

Motion to adjourn? Second?

As of August 3, 2019 our assets are \$31,157.45

The balance in our general fund checking account is \$22,464.02

The balance in our memorial fund account is \$2,135.00

The balance in our baseball fund account is \$3,718.24

The balance in our Ski program account is \$2,740.19

The balance in our petty cash is \$ 100.00

Over the last year our cash assets have been increased by \$8,763.18. The breakdown is below.

Baseball	\$2,013.35
Contra Dances	\$ 844.00
Donations	\$1,317.79
Ski Team	(\$ 310.00) Lost
Jr Ski Program	\$ 775.90
Membership	\$1,191.81
Nordic Trails	(\$ 491.19) Lost, due in part to repairs on the snow machine
Sled Dog Race	\$3,421.52
Total	\$8,763.18

Our money is raised through membership, working at Reach the Beach, donations to the grooming fund, the sled dog races, contra dances, and general donations. The Tamworth Foundation is also a generous supporter of the ski programs.

The junior ski program held at King Pine Ski Area serves students from the K. A. Brett School and homeschoolers in grades 1 through 8, who wish to join the program.

We had 109 kids participate in either alpine skiing or snowboarding.

We also had kids participate in cross country skiing at the various trails in and around Tamworth. Ski Works let us rent equipment from them each Friday, which made the program run smoother as far as equipment availability went.

There is a great group of volunteer instructors, along with instructors from King Pine that need to be hired to help teach our students in small groups, especially when first starting out. We had a total of 47 volunteers of which 31 were instructors on the mountain.

For the season we had to pay for 26 ski instructor hours, from King Pine staff, at \$30.00 per hour for a total of \$780.00. We also paid for between 6 to 12 extra chaperone tickets each week for a total of \$540.00. It is my opinion that this is well worth having this extra staff, which enables us to keep the groups small as the kids progress much faster this way. Without the extra help, some kids are just waiting around at the bottom of the rope tow, until it is their turn to go up. Beginners need a lot of attention. I try to make the program run as smoothly as possible for everyone involved and keep an upbeat attitude.

Our school community has a high population of students who receive free and/or reduced lunches so the cost is a hardship for a lot of them. We charge less than what the program costs us and we help out with partial scholarships when we can, but we never deny anyone who really has a desire to ski or snowboard the opportunity. We find a way to make it happen for them.

This is a great opportunity for kids in our community, as without this program a lot of them would never be able to try skiing or snowboarding as they do not have the equipment or means to get to a ski area. It is great to see them smiling and enjoying themselves in the winter outdoors.

Volunteers are the backbone of this program, and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication to the town and the children of Tamworth.

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Baseball - Thank you to Jim Hidden!

Despite foul balls landing in snow banks for the first couple of games, ~~Town~~ baseball is alive and well, supported by TOC. ~~Are~~

One team was fielded for each division: rookies, minors and majors, with 35 children participating. Excellent coaching (by David + Trisha Silvia, Sarah Baker, Mike + Jill Ames and Tara Schroeder) enabled kids to play, progress and have fun in our nation's pastime. ~~The number~~ Due to lack of participation among 13-15 year olds, we couldn't pull together a team to compete in the Northern Baker Ruth league, but Jim hopes to bring things back up next year. Again, we thank Jim Hidden for his endless support and passion for ~~Townworth Outing~~ to the baseball program in our town.