

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, January 7, 2019

Present:

Board Members: Sheldon Perry, Kathi Brown, Dylan Alden, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Hannah Fleischmann, Kit Morgan, Barb Bloomberg, Karl Behr, & Brian Cutter.

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

Report from November meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved. Discussion of costs for snowmobile repair. TOC has received a donation of \$1,000 to be used specifically for ski grooming. Anne will write a thank you note to the donor.

Sled Dog Race:

Amy passed out map of sled dog race trails, etc. to all board members present.

Brian reports that landowner, David Little, is "very close" to giving Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club permission to groom the trails on his land, but there is still "some confusion" on this issue. Brian will meet with David to try and resolve final questions.

Landowner, Lisa Keith, is OK with sled dog race grooming, but has posted "no trespassing" signs for ALL other uses of her trails.

Sheldon has checked on the trails and has seen a few blowdowns. Brian is very optimistic about being able to clear and groom the trails for the race and is 100% confident that the race can be held, weather permitting.

In advance of the race, there may be help needed to clear mounds of plowed snow where trails cross roads. It is possible that John Roberts can do this with his equipment, which would be preferable to hand shoveling.

Looking ahead: fall trail maintenance will be an opportunity for more people to assist with clearing and other trail issues.

Sheldon passed out folders including comprehensive info on soliciting sponsorships for the upcoming sled dog race. He explained how to go about contacting potential sponsors. Sponsorship money supports TOC. TOC pays prize money to NE Sled Dog Club. Excess funds raised by TOC help us support Junior Ski Program and Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball programs.

Deadline for getting sponsorship info to Sheldon is Friday, January 18 or sooner.

Sheldon requested help with press releases for the race. Kit and Dylan agreed to do this. Effort needs to be made to publicize the race through local, regional, and social media outlets. Info about the race should also go to TOC webmaster, Mark Smith.

Board members reviewed the flyer from the last SD race in 2015. Ways to revise this flyer for this year's race were discussed.

Karl organizes trail and road crossing monitors. He will contact people to help with this closer to race time.

Barb volunteered to do shopping for cook shack food. Brian will provide her with a detailed provisions list.

Barb and Anne will make chili for sale at the cook shack, a very popular item!

Anne passed around a sign-up sheet for cook shack and button selling shifts.

Remick Museum Ice Harvest Festival:

Ice Harvest Festival will be February 16. Amy will help Sheldon set up his winter camping tent on Friday afternoon, in advance of the festival. They will meet at his house at 2 on Friday afternoon. During the festival, Sheldon and Geoff Burke will be on hand at the tent to greet visitors and serve hot cider and cocoa. Sheldon may use the fire pit from the SD race if Remick Museum allows this.

Snowshoe Hike & Potluck:

Board decided to move this event to a date later in the winter when Kent can be there, as he is the organizer.

Ski Program:

Kathi reports that the first session (1/4/19) was very successful. In addition to good reports about the alpine program, the X/C kids had a wonderful outing.

Partnership with Ski Works for gear is going well and several students have been helped by the TOC scholarship to fund the \$7/day/child rental assistance.

Amy mentioned feedback from a friend who is a volunteer instructor at the yellow level. Apparently, King Pine clinics were not very helpful in teaching how to instruct ski students and run a ski class. Dylan, who is also a first-time instructor, agreed that the KP clinics were not that helpful. Kathi will relay this feedback to King Pine. Suggestion was made to try clinics at other mountains.

Dances:

New Year's Eve dance and potluck were a big success. Two dozen or so people gathered downstairs for a pre-dance meal. A few people came only to the meal and appreciated this aspect of the community event. Over sixty people attended the dance. Dudley Laufman was very pleased to be calling Tamworth on NYE and overall atmosphere was positive and inclusive for all. Eric Rollnick also called some dances.

The March 9 dance will be at The Preserve. There is an option for a pre-dance meal of some kind (Potluck? Catered fundraiser?) if we want to organize one. Amy received an email from Erica Boynton who is the events coordinator for The Preserve. She will be our contact person for set-up, etc.

January 12 dance will feature "Welcome to Your Feet" band from Boston and caller, Eric Rollnick from Conway.

Other Business:

Chalmers Insurance called Karl about insurance for the trailer.

There is currently no trail map posted at the Ferncroft kiosk. Amy gave Dylan info and map copies. Dylan will see about getting a laminated map made and mounted.

Barb proposed a TOC board ski outing at Cranmore. She has free passes that could be used by anyone interested in going. No date set, but Barb will be in touch.

Next meeting: Monday, February 25, 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier