

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, February 25, 2019

Present:

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

Guest: Dan Osetek from Granite Back Country Alliance

Meeting called to order at 7:20.

Guest Presentation by GBCA:

Dan Osetek gave a presentation about what his group is doing to promote back country skiing in the region. He shared maps and info about the GBCA project at Maple Villa Glade in Bartlett, which he explained has been professionally organized/executed and has had low impact. He came to speak to TOC specifically about the idea of resurrecting some sort of a ski trail on Mount Whittier. GBCA is looking for projects. Discussion followed about where the old ski trail is located, who owns that land now, and how to obtain records if GBCA decides to pursue this.

When board members enquired as to TOC's role, Dan explained that there would be no financial obligation and that GBCA would be the organizer. He really just seemed interested in letting us know and finding out if anyone on TOC had info that could help GBCA move forward. Sheldon said he would look at old TOC minutes and Tamworth tax maps.

Note: As a follow-up, Amy got two photos from Thad, which she shared with Dan. These were taken from the field on Bryant Road, probably during the 1940s, and clearly show the ski trail on the adjacent mountainside. Dan said these were very helpful in pinpointing the old trail.

Secretary's Report:

Report from January 28 meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved.

Sled Dog Race:

The sled dog race is on for March 2-3! Peter Smart will help with grooming. John Roberts will plow at the lake. Brian says he is all set with the trail. Sheldon will pick up the banner and 1,000 flyers. Several board members will meet at the lake on Friday morning at 8:30 to set up the cook shack. Barb will shop and will bring food on Saturday morning. Help is needed at 3 PM on Sunday for post-race clean-up.

Remick Museum Ice Harvest Festival:

Sheldon reports that over 200 people stopped by his winter camping exhibit.

Dances:

Amy said that the dances are going very well. Looking forward to March 9 at The Preserve. *Note: close to fifty people attended the 3/9 dance.*

Ski Program:

The final session of for 2019 program will be Friday, March 1, with Snow Day to follow on March 7.

Ski Trail Sign:

Dylan laminated the new/revised Ferncroft trail maps. Amy will post these at the Ferncroft kiosk. Parking lot issues were discussed, as was the idea of having a lock box with envelopes for donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting: Monday, March 25, 7:15

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier