

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, April 29, 2019

Present:

Board Members: Suzanne Morgan, Sheldon Perry, Kathi Brown, Dylan Alden, Amy Berrier, Anne Chant, Brian Cutter, & Kent Hemingway.

Secretary's Report:

Report from March 25 meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved. There was a clarification of sled dog sponsorships.

Police Coverage at Sled Dog Races:

TOC received a letter from Police Chief Dana Littlefield. This letter informed the board that the fee for police coverage for the 2019 race and for all future races has been waived. It was noted by TOC board that we should contact Dana in early January to discuss logistics for the 2020 race.

Baseball:

Letter from Jim Hidden regarding baseball program was forwarded previously to the board. Kent brought up the concern that there is a decline in outdoor activity offerings for kids in Madison, Freedom, and Tamworth. He suggested that we need to think about collaborating with these towns in a more formal/structured way. Brian asked if Tamworth Rec Director Parker Roberts is working on this. Kent didn't think so.

Dances:

Caller at the April dance (Sue Hunt) was paid \$300. Board discussed how the decision was made to pay her more than the customary \$250 usually paid to callers/bands. October 2018 minutes note that this decision was at the discretion of Dexter Harding who hires callers/bands. This issue will be discussed further at a dance committee meeting.

Memorial for Stan:

Options discussed were a moveable bench near the sled dog race fire pit area (seasonal) OR a more permanent bench in the same area OR two benches: a

moveable bench at the SD firepit and a granite bench in the Grove. Chocorua Lake Conservancy (CLC) needs to weigh in on this. Sheldon will follow up with CLC.

Adopt-a-Highway:

Meet at Rutabega, May 18, 7:30 AM to pick up trash along Route 113 between Tamworth and Chocorua.

Back Country Ski Trails:

Following up on previous discussion with rep from Granite Backcountry Alliance: apparently land where Whittier ski trail was located is now owned by several groups/individuals. This would make it “too complicated” to establish a backcountry ski trail. Board members wonder if Page Hill would be another option. Peter Smart would be a good contact for GBA.

Other Business:

Discussion of TOC sponsorship of other events, such as yard/lawn games in Tamworth Village.

Amy shared minutes from 1989 that she found in an old notebook. These were her minutes as secretary at that time. Many similarities to current discussions at TOC meetings, thirty years later. Are new ideas/projects worthwhile, even as we carry on traditional TOC activities?

Brian brought up the fact that TOC membership letter usually goes out in May.

Annual meeting: August? Where? Possible locations are The Preserve or Chocorua Park. *Note: Annual meeting has been confirmed for Chocorua Park, August 25 @ 3PM. Rain location is Runnells Hall.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next meeting: Monday, June 3, 6 PM at Sheldon's house.

Jim Harrison will provide Flatbread pizza. BYOB. This is a stuffing party for membership letter.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier