

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, November 30, 2020

Present (via Zoom):

Board Members: Robbie Farnum, Kathi Brown, Mark Fournier, Anne Chant, Amy Berrier, Kit Morgan, Teresa Fournier, & Kent Hemingway.

Guest: Sheldon Perry

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report: The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was approved.

Trails & Grooming:

Sheldon says his trailer can be used to transport the TOC snowmobile to Barton's Motorsports for maintenance, if needed. Mark can help load the machine.

The board approved up to \$130 for trail markers for the Ferncroft network. Dylan had gotten a quote for these from Minuteman Press. *(Note: These markers were not purchased, so the money was not spent. Instead, Amy made markers out of plastic "No Trespassing" signs at no cost.)*

Discussion of snowmobile registration. Mark will inquire about how TOC can get a discount through membership with OVSC. It is likely that Brian has registration information, as the machine has been registered in his name in prior years.

Discussion of insurance for grooming our public-access ski and snowshoe trails in Wonalancet. A motion was approved to spend \$1,365 for a liability policy from Lawson Insurance to cover TOC for the 2020-2021 grooming season. This includes membership in the Nordic National Ski School Program, which is a requirement for this insurance policy.

Groomers should submit their hours to Kathi and she will pay them for time billed.

The Ferncroft network and Mt. Katherine trail are all in good shape for the coming season. More clearing work may be needed as storms knock down trees and branches through the season.

Sled Dog Race:

Kit spoke with New England Sled Dog Club president, Rachel Colbath, and discussed protocols for Covid if a race were to be held. The board discussed these issues.

Kent made a motion not to hold a TOC/NESDC race in 2021. This motion was approved, so the race will not be scheduled.

Amy suggested that this will allow more time for TOC to concentrate on our Wonalancet trails, especially during this year of grooming transition from Brian to others.

Sheldon suggested a press release to the community and perhaps some personal notes to our loyal sponsors. Kit will send out a press release.

Kent has stepped up to take over managing sponsorships for future years. He will be taking over from Sheldon.

Kit will have a discussion with the NESDC regarding the future length and location of races in Tamworth.

Christmas Tree:

Robbie initiated getting the TOC tree from Mark Smith's plantation on Bryant Road. Anne will write a thank you note for the tree.

Lights were located in Kit and Suzanne's garage and will be put on the tree this week by Robbie, Kit, and Kent. There will be no formal Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The lights will just be turned on when ready.

House Decorating:

Robbie described a contest run in Fryeburg to encourage households to decorate their homes with outside lights, etc. He wonders whether this is something the TOC could support for Tamworth, especially this year when people need more holiday cheer. There was discussion.

Kent talked about how TOC activities should hold to the mission of our organization, maintaining our focus on outdoor activities for families and

community. He felt that our Halloween efforts did fit into our mission. Several board members felt that perhaps a Fryeburg-type contest might not.

A suggestion was made to host a wreath making activity next year, similar to the community pumpkin carving at Halloween.

Secretary's note: Perhaps it would be a good idea to review and possibly revise the TOC Mission Statement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next meeting is December 28, 7:15, via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier