

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, June 29, 2020

Present (via Zoom):

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

Guests: Mark & Teresa Fournier

This remote meeting was called to order at 7:20.

Secretary's Report:

The May 25 minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved.

Stan's Bench:

There was a lengthy discussion about the style/design, placement, and acquisition timeline for the memorial bench in Stan Coville's honor.

Anne pointed out that we are working with the Wonalancet Chapel, not the WODC, on this project. There was discussion about a second bench, possibly in memory of Lester Ralph (instrumental in Wonalancet Chapel over many years). Suzanne stressed that this bench is special for Stan and she (and others) feel that TOC should focus on this. She would like bench in place for Nancy Coville to see it while she is still able.

Discussion about delivery of bench, whether there would be two delivery charges (one to get it inscribed and one to put it in place in The Grove).

Wyatt and Amy will go over to Windy Ridge / Tamworth Granite to see bench choices. Anne says that "Straight Bench Gray, 4-feet" is the one to look at.

Brian had sent an email stating he is not in favor of an inscription on the seat, although others commented that this is often where memorial benches are inscribed. Mark wonders about a separate inscription on a stone near the bench.

Annual Appeal:

Suzanne feels that it is important to get the appeal letter out soon, as other organizational appeals are showing up in people's mailboxes.

Amy will call Minuteman Press to find out about blanket mailing to all PO Boxes and Rural Route recipients in Tamworth, Chocorua, South Tamworth, and Wonalancet. Out-of-town members would still receive their appeal letter with individually labeled, first-class mail.

The general consensus is that this mailing should go out by the end of July.

TOC Decal:

Wyatt says the decal has been ordered and is due to be delivered to the TOC PO Box soon.

Annual Meeting:

Dylan has confirmed with Peter Smart that the date of August 23 is available if we want to hold the event at the Chocorua Park.

There was discussion as to whether it is worth holding this event this year, due to complexities of gatherings and serving food. One option is to have an Ice Cream Social, with simple Hoodsie Cups or similar.

Anne requests everyone's opinion via email to her within a week.

Secretary's Note: Let's email Anne by Monday, July 6 or sooner with our votes, yea or nay, as to whether to hold the Annual Meeting.

Baseball:

Babe Ruth baseball is going on this summer, but TOC is not involved due to concerns about Covid19 safety issues. Kathi has returned \$2,000 to the town.

Xmas Tree:

Mark and Sheldon replaced the PVC tube to hold next year's tree. John Roberts supplied the PVC pipe and offered assistance if we need it in the future.

Adopt-a-Highway:

Discussion about info from Brian regarding communications from the State DOT and their requirements for trash pickup (4X each year) plus reporting on trash amounts, etc. Board consensus was that we should go it on our own, following our 2X each year schedule, and purchase safety vests and garbage bags as needed. Collecting trash bags along the road if TOC goes this route is unresolved.

Nominating Committee:

Anne, Sheldon, Dylan, and Amy will meet at Sheldon's house on Wednesday, July 8 at 5:30. Sheldon will order pizza. BYOB.

Dance Tribute:

Amy, Kit, and Suzanne met recently to discuss the idea of TOC hosting a performance of contradance music on the second Saturday of July and/or August. As of June 29, this type of gathering is sanctioned by the State of NH as part of the published Safer At Home New Hampshire Performing Arts guidelines.

The idea is to welcome people to an outdoor space (History Center lawn or behind Cook Library) to enjoy (at a social distance) contradance music, but no dancing. Dudley Laufman is interested in performing and could possibly share stories of decades of dancing in Tamworth. This event would be a "placeholder" to remind the public of Tamworth's dance tradition.

Board seemed to think that July is too soon, but wanted more info regarding August.

Note: State-sanctioned regulations found at [covidguidance.nh.gov](https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov) provide guidelines for hosting performing arts events, which are permitted at this time. Basic rules include six-foot distancing between individuals/family groups and cloth face coverings.

We are waiting to get permission from History Center or other venue. Once that is obtained, more info will be provided so the Board can decide if TOC supports this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22

Next meeting is Monday, June 27th at 7:15. Can we meet outside? If so, where?

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier