

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, February 28, 2022

Present:

Robbie Farnum, Amy Berrier, Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Suzanne Morgan, Kit Morgan, Anne Chant, Wyatt Berrier, Dylan Alden, & Barb Bloomberg.

Guests: Pam Hayden, Marsha Colcord

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

There was discussion about the insurance for the TOC "Snack Shack" trailer. Amy objected to paying \$413 for this coverage and did not feel that there was resolution from the board to purchase the insurance in the email chain that was sent around prior to this meeting. There was discussion. The question was raised as to what this insurance actually covers. The board needs clarification from Acadia Insurance. Teresa will get a copy of the policy and have it reviewed by our agent.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Sled Dog Fun Event:

Feedback regarding the February 27 event was very positive from both attendees and mushers. The board expressed thanks to Marsha Colcord for her part in organizing a very successful day. Robbie will pick up the trailer on Tuesday.

- There was discussion about what type of event TOC should focus on in the future. Mushers participating on 2/27 suggested a learn-to-mush clinic and a race. TOC could target the recreational mushing niche. Carissa Daniels (a musher from Maine) suggested a race in the morning, followed by demo/clinic activities in the afternoon.
- NERDS (New England Recreational Dryland & Sledding) Facebook group is a good sled dog organization to tap into.
- The question was raised as to what time of the season is best.
- There is need for a designated handicap parking spot.
- A sign is needed to welcome people to the event.
- Should we have a medic on site?

- If more people attend, where will they park?
- A motion was made to purchase a defibrillator for all TOC events, but this motion was deferred until pricing is available.
- The fire extinguisher in the trail may be expired.
- The tally of donations at the snack trailer was \$1,257.25.
- There should be info about TOC on the trailer.
- It would be good to have Chinook dogs at the event.
- When asking for donations for future events (paper goods, food, etc.) have the TOC tax ID number on hand. This number is: 02-0215030
- Thank you to Hannaford for their donation of spoons!
- Marsha should be reimbursed by TOC \$50 for gas gift cards given to mushers.
- A motion passed to continue the sled dog event discussion at a future meeting.

Ski Trails & Grooming:

More work is need on the groomer. Robbie is looking for more grooming volunteers. Teresa would like to learn. Mt. Katherine trails need trimming. The Trail Fixing Collective would like to volunteer for a day and could possibly help with Mt. Katherine trail improvements.

Contradances:

Kit shared some very recently received info from Jaqueline Laufman (caller/musician) regarding a grant she is writing. This is to promote an educational dance series for young musicians interested in learning to play for contradances. The proposed dance series would be held in Tamworth at the Town House and TOC would be a cooperating party, as outlined in the grant proposal. There was discussion. Jackie explained that she has done this type of program at conferences and that she believes there is interest. Several board members felt that this is a very ambitious proposal, but in the end, there was a motion to support Jackie's efforts and to sign on to the grant she is submitting. In other contradance discussion, the TOC dance subcommittee will meet to explore whether our Second Saturday dance series can resume.

Other Business:

- Cook Library has offered management of the July 4 Family Day 5K race to TOC, as CML feels an event like this is more appropriate for TOC to organize. Anne will contact Amy Carter about this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier