

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, April 25, 2022

Present:

Amy Berrier, Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Suzanne Morgan, Kit Morgan, Anne Chant, Dylan Alden, Carolyn Hemingway, Kent Hemingway, & Rob Farnum.

Guest: Sharon Morrison

This meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Secretary's Report:

Corrections were made to the March minutes. Amended minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved.

Cook Memorial Library Strategic Plan:

Anne brought questions to the board that are part of the CML Strategic Plan review. This plan was last updated in 2018.

- 1) *How have the needs of people and families changed in Tamworth over the past five years?* There was discussion.
- 2) *What does the demographic overview (provided by CML) point out that Tamworth needs?* Suzanne felt that more needs to be offered for elders in our population. Sharon has enjoyed the Zoom programs, which reach everyone, including homebound. Rob expressed concern that more could be done to keep teens in Tamworth. For instance, the basement of the Town House used to be a gathering place for teens, but is no longer open for that purpose.
- 3) *What questions should CML ask our community, post-pandemic?* Amy mentioned that the pop-up tents placed behind the library during the pandemic were used by musicians and resulted in the Riverside Serenade concert series, now in its third year. There was a suggestion that CML could partner with Bearcamp Bikes.

Contradances:

June, July, and August dances are booked. Musicians (especially Dudley Laufman) are very excited to return to Tamworth for dances. Suzanne asked about publicity (who did this in the past?) and said that info about Vax and sign-in

(for potential contact tracing) should be included in the publicity. Kit shared the results of his Tamworth Exchange dance survey, as follows:

How often do you attend?	often 5	sometimes 6	rarely 4
Plan to attend this summer?	yes 13	no 2	don't know 3
Attend if vax required?	yes 17	no 0	
Attend if vax not required?	yes 7	no 7	probably 1
Attend if mask required?	yes 12	no 4	
Attend if mask not required?	yes 11	no 2	maybe 2
Attend if contras & squares?	yes 15	no 0	
Attend if couples only?	yes 6	(one said prefer not)	no 8
Is sign-in a deterrent?	yes 0	no 17	
Comments:	try outside 2		
	earlier in the day 1		
	thank you for doing this 1		

Advantage Kids Tennis:

Kent gave a brief overview of this program, which provides tennis and yoga instruction to children during four year-round sessions (spring, summer, fall, and winter). He proposes that AK become a permanent part of the TOC budget. This would cost \$1,000-\$2,000 per year and would provide racquets, balls, t-shirts, etc. for the kids. Sponsorship for the spring session, starting May 9 and running for six weeks, would be \$500. There are currently fourteen kids signed up and AK is collaborating with the Rec Dept. Amy gave her support, stating that tennis and yoga are life skills that can be easily continued by these kids, well after the program ends. Mark questioned the legality of one non-profit (TOC) giving money to another non-profit (AK). There was discussion of “funding” vs. “donating” and whether the TOC bylaws allow our organization to do this. The consensus was that this type of funding is part of the TOC mission. Carolyn made a motion to fund the spring Advantage Kids program for \$500. Rob seconded; the motion passed.

Family Day:

Amy reported that Lynn Kearney (from the Family Day committee) said that in the evening at the school, the Boy Scouts will be selling water, popcorn, and fried dough, while TOC will sell burgers and hotdogs from our snack trailer. Lynn said that power will be available from the school to our trailer for lights, etc. There was discussion about the timeframe for selling food in the village (10-2 proposed by FD committee) and at Brett (4:30-8:30). The board agreed that this is too long. Amy

will go back to Lynn and negotiate better time options. *Note: After our meeting, Amy was in touch with FD organizers and they came back with serving food from 11-1 in town (ice cream sandwiches under an EZ Up tent) and 6:30-8:30 at Brett (burgers and dogs at Brett School).*

Family Day 5K:

Dylan will follow up with Amy Carter about TOC involvement in this race. The “Couch to 5K” running group will start on Tuesday, May 3. Dylan is organizing this and participants will meet at the Town House parking lot at 7 AM.

Insurance:

Teresa gave a report about her insurance follow-up with Heather at Chalmers Insurance. The deductible on the TOC policy is now \$1,000. Teresa reviewed the complex calculations that are used to figure out our cost to insure equipment. The proposed policy would cost \$105 for the trailer, \$419 for the UTV, and \$139 for the groomer, totaling \$663. Amy brought up the concept of self-insurance, where TOC would set money aside in lieu of paying premiums. Sharon proposed that a combination of insurance and self-insurance might be a good approach, as the equipment depreciates. It is important to note that the above policy is for damage and theft only, not liability. An extended discussion of insurance options and issues ensued. The question was raised whether the New Hampshire Association of Non-Profits would know about liability coverage for a group like TOC. Sharon has a background in the insurance industry and is willing to help with this. Other questions: Should there be a liability waiver for the running group? Does the Town cover us on Family Day?

Other Business:

Kit talked about the RTP grant that might be available for TOC to rebuild the Ferncroft bridge. This bridge is part of our groomed trail network, but the existing bridge cannot support the new UTV and groomer. Amy is interested in talking to George Kaye of the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club, a group that has gotten many of these grants for bridges in the past. Peter Smart is another good resource. Amy, Dylan, and possibly others may attend mandatory pre-grant workshops in May.

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, May 30, 7:15 at Cook Library.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier