

## **Tamworth Outing Club minutes, October 23, 2023**

### **Present:**

Amy Berrier, Dylan Alden, Teresa Fournier, Mark Fournier, Rob Farnum, Suzanne Morgan, Kit Morgan, Wyatt Berrier, Pam Hayden, & Barb Bloomberg.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:53 PM

### **Secretary's Report**

The September 2023 minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The grant funding from the Tamworth Foundation has not been received yet. Last year's grant came in late October, so this timeframe is common.

Teresa had the following questions for the board:

- Should TOC join Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club (\$50)? YES
- Should TOC donate to the Tamworth Foundation? NO
- How should she handle the not-yet-cashed check, sent to Advantage Kids in June? She will check in with Kent to find out more.

The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Conflict of Interest Policy:**

Kit explained that TOC does need to register as a charitable organization with the New Hampshire Attorney General's office. We must submit our bylaws, as well as a Conflict of Interest policy. Kit provided the board with a simple version. The motion to adopt this policy (see below) passed.

#### *Conflict of Interest Policy*

*Any possible conflict of interest on the part of any member of the board, officer or employee of the corporation, shall be disclosed in writing to the board and made a matter of record through an annual procedure and also when the interest involves a specific issue before the board. Where the transaction involving a board member, trustee or officer exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500) but is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a fiscal year, a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors is required. Where the transaction involved exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in a*

*fiscal year, then a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors and publication in the required newspaper is required. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the abstention from voting, and the actual vote itself. Every new member of the board will be advised of this policy upon entering the duties of his or her office, and shall sign a statement acknowledging, understanding of and agreement to this policy. The board will comply with all requirements of New Hampshire law in this area and the New Hampshire requirements are incorporated into and made a part of this policy statement.*

### **Halloween:**

The BooCroo subcommittee gave a report on pumpkins:

- Donations are coming in; Marsha Colcord has been especially helpful in getting pumpkins
- Although not as plentiful as last year, there will likely be enough for the upcoming Sunday carving event;
- Rainy day location is in the Cook Library basement)

Halloween and trick-or-treat preparation is coming together. We still need five or six more volunteers to staff T-or-T stations. Sharon has the list for volunteers.

### **TOC Website:**

The TOC website is in need of an update/overhaul. Amy spoke to current webmaster, Mark Smith, who designed the current site ten years ago. He said that the software that runs this site will no longer be supported by Adobe and that future updates to the operating system may make it totally unusable. A total redesign is in order. The board passed a motion to ask Rich Collins to see if he will take on the redesign of the TOC website. Amy will ask him.

### **Second Saturday Dances:**

Currently, TOC pays \$250 to bands/callers from “close by” and \$300 to bands/callers from “far away.” Amy has had conversations with musicians who play in Tamworth and feel that \$250 does not go very far to pay several musicians and a caller. Amy made a motion that all bands/callers should be paid \$300. This motion passed.

**Traditional Music & Dance Grant:**

This new program had its first Tune Session last Friday. About a dozen musicians of varying abilities took part and are planning to return. The word is out and there are other players who plan to attend future sessions. Amy explained that Beverly Woods and Jacqueline Laufman are compiling an online archive of tunes commonly played in Tamworth. These tunes are available on Beverly's website in both audio and sheet music format. Here is the link: <https://beverlywoods.net/tamworth/>

**Appeal Letter:**

Wyatt will write the letter and have it printed and mailed by Minuteman Press. The letter will go out between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**New Logo:**

The new TOC logo is needed for the letterhead and for the redesign of the website. The logo subcommittee will meet again (when??) to come up with recommendations, based on prior feedback.

**Insurance Renewal:**

The TOC insurance policy is up for renewal. The cost for the coming year is \$2,482, which includes general liability and inland marine. This is lower than last year (\$3,109). The board passed a motion to pay this premium.

**Ski Program:**

Teresa reported that the Ski Program is going ahead. Due to issues with getting bus drivers, students will be at the mountain from 10 AM to 1 PM this year. Returning volunteers should make sure to fill out forms with the SAU 13 office to retain their background check status. An email from Carol Pike from that office was sent to volunteers in July. ESSC registration for volunteers is now open. This year's ratio of students to teachers is 8:1. Teresa explained that there will be a liaison from Brett School who will tell the two alpine instructors from King Pine how to spend their time with students each day of our program.

**Trail Clearing:**

Paul King has been heading up a trail clearing party on several Sunday mornings throughout the fall. Mt. Katherine trails are in great shape. Amy and Wyatt will walk the Ferncroft trails and report back to the board.

**Soup Night at the Preserve:**

Pam will be in charge of the 50/50 raffle at Soup Night. The entire event, hosted by Mary Phelps, will be a fundraiser for TOC.

**Extra TOC Food:**

Several board members have frozen food left over from various TOC events (veggie burgers, star sandwiches, etc.) that they would like removed from their freezers. Those present decided to have a board appreciation dinner featuring this food (!!), which will be at Wyatt's house (813 Tamworth Road) on Tuesday, November 21, starting at/after 5 PM.

**UTV Doors:**

Mark has spoken to a guy who could outfit the TOC UTV groomer with custom doors. These are soft doors. There was discussion. Mark and Rob will discuss the best option and will proceed with door purchase.

**Sled Dog Fun Day Date:**

Amy mentioned that we should pick a date for the upcoming Sled Dog Fun Day. This event would likely be in February. Rob is away the first weekend in February, so February 4 is out. Possible dates are Sunday, February 11 or 18. Preference is for 2/18. Amy will check with Marsha, who can ask the North Country Musers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, November 27, 6:45, Cook Memorial Library.