

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, February 27, 2023

Present:

Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Dylan Alden, Amy Berrier, Pam Hayden, Wyatt Berrier, Sharon Morrison, Kit Morgan, Suzanne Morgan, and Rob Farnum.

Guests:

Marsha Colcord

This meeting was held in conjunction with the TOC board appreciation dinner, held at the Berrier residence. The meeting portion of the evening was called to order at 7:11.

Secretary's Report:

January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. Teresa noted that TOC received a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$250. A motion was made and approved to appropriate \$100 for costs incurred for this evening's appreciation dinner.

Sled Dog Fun Day recap:

Marsha will send an invoice for plowing. This will cover costs for diesel fuel and some of the labor (most labor was donated).

Here are a few feedback points from Marsha about the Fun Day event.

Many are based on input from mushers and spectators:

- The food was very good. Some people asked if we could offer hotdogs too.
- There should be a clear schedule for the day.
- Clear boundaries need to be established for spectators. This is especially important to keep children safe.
- All road crossings need to be shoveled off after the race.
- Make an informational poster about the different types of sled dogs.
- The distance teams would like a two-day event.

- Could there be prize money? Perhaps some sponsorships could help with this (Tuckerman's Brewing and Sandwich Animal Hospital are two businesses interested in sponsoring).
- Marsha expressed her appreciation to Mark for being out on the trails on his snowmobile to assist if needed.

The Tamworth History Center sled dog exhibit, held in conjunction with Sled Dog Fun Day, drew over eighty people. TOC and THC should make sure to coordinate next year.

Winter Fest:

Sharon gave the board a summary of Winter Fest. A survey went out to all volunteers to get their feedback. The date for next year's event has been set for February 10, 2024. This year, Winterfest capped the number for attendance.

Ski Program:

Teresa gave the board an update. The program will conclude on March 10. This means that only five out of the planned six sessions will be held. The full "Snow Day" at Attitash/Cranmore/King Pine will not take place this year due to scheduling issues. King Pine will charge TOC for all six sessions, as that is our contract. There were 108 students enrolled this year. Bussing is the issue for the shorter ski day. There was discussion about how, despite these setbacks, this is a very worthwhile program for Tamworth students.

Family Day 5K:

Sharon is building an event process that will help coordinate this race, useful for this year and the future. She is also working with Tamworth's Rec Director.

There was brief discussion about event expenses and number of participants. The 5K subcommittee would like more time on the March agenda.

Snack Shack:

Pam reported that there was extra food from the Sled Dog event. She has much of this in her freezer (chili, etc,) and proposes that TOC have a work

day in the spring/summer, followed by a BBQ which would serve up this extra food.

Mystery Proposition:

Wyatt floated a proposal to open up more board slots to enable a full slate of year-round boardmembers, in addition to several part-time/snowbird slots. Further discussion needed.

Meeting Time:

A motion was made and passed to change the meeting time to 6:45.

Contradances:

Teresa did a poll at the February dance. She asked attendees if they would attend dances if TOC dropped the vaccination requirement. The result was a unanimous "Yes". Based on this, the board approved a motion to lift the requirement for showing Covid vaccination proof at the door of future dances. Amy will revise our publicity to reflect this change in TOC policy. Mention was made of the upcoming warrant article requesting approval of funds to replace the exterior fire escape on the Town House. According to Melanie Streeter (one of the Town House managers), if this motion is not approved the building may be closed to the public.

Halloween Budget:

There was brief discussion (to be continued at a future meeting) of the budget for Halloween in the Village. Up until now, the Olde MacDonald Terror Barn expenses have been paid out-of-pocket by Rob and family. Could this be included in the TOC Halloween budget?

Appeal Letter:

Wyatt reports that Minuteman Press will be sending the letter out this week.

Other Business:

Teresa will order several larger TOC vests (two XL and two XXL).

TOC needs an updated logo.

Wyatt is working with Minuteman Press on TOC Thank You note cards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, March 27 at Cook Library.

Note the NEW meeting start time of 6:45!