

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, March 27, 2023

Present:

Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Dylan Alden, Amy Berrier, Wyatt Berrier, Sharon Morrison (by phone), Kit Morgan, Suzanne Morgan, Rob Farnum, & Barb Bloomberg.

Guests:

Nick Grant, Humberto Aparicio, & Shannon Heath

The meeting was called to order at 6:45

Secretary's Report:

February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa explained that the TOC Quick Books license expired on March 1 and that, in order to access the TOC accounts, she had to personally purchase a one-year subscription for \$160. Next year this would likely cost \$320, so she will look for less expensive alternatives before then. Barb made a motion to reimburse the \$160 to Teresa for the cost of the Quick Books subscription. This motion passed.

There was discussion as to the amount of detail needed in the monthly Treasurer's Report. The board felt that general categories are sufficient and if more information is needed Teresa can provide that.

There was further discussion regarding the presentation of donations received before and after the annual appeal letter was mailed out. There was agreement that it would be most helpful to keep these donations separated in order to understand the effectiveness of the mailed appeal.

Teresa noted that the new safety vests are ready and that she has filed the annual IRS forms for non-profit status.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Guest Introductions:

Wyatt introduced Tamworth's new Rec Director, Shannon Heath. Shannon gave an overview of her role. She will be focusing on programs that help children explore new sports and skills and is currently looking for volunteer

coaches to assist. Shannon has spoken to Kent Hemingway about the backboard at the tennis court. This has fallen down and Kyle Ball has volunteered to rebuild it, but materials are needed. Would TOC be willing to pay for materials? Also, some T-Ball and baseball equipment may need to be replaced. The board requested that Shannon submit a written request for funding when she is ready. Suzanne asked if the Rec Department will offer adult programs. This is a possibility. There was discussion about how the Rec budget is managed.

The next intros were potential TOC board members, Nick Grant and Humberto Aparicio. Each gave the board personal background and what their interest is in serving on the TOC board. New board members are elected at the annual meeting in August, but Nick and Humberto were encouraged to participate in any/all TOC events and activities until then.

Groomer Compensation:

There was discussion about the rate of compensation received by anyone grooming for TOC. Currently, this has been only Rob, although Mark has done grooming in the past. Wyatt has reviewed minutes from the past few years and found record of a motion on 2/22/21 to set the rate at \$20/hour. A motion was made and passed to increase to rate to \$25/hour and to back-date this increase to the start of the 2022-2023 grooming season. Teresa will write Rob a check to bring his grooming pay to this level, retroactively. Kit brought up the need for TOC to file an annual reporting form with the NH Attorney General's office. The AG requires an additional report if a board member is paid more than \$500 per year by the organization (TOC). Kit had brought this to the board's attention via prior email and is willing to file these forms to bring TOC into compliance with the State.

Adopt-a-Highway:

Roadside cleanup between Chocorua and Tamworth is set for Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day!). All interested in helping out should report to the Rutabaga Studio parking lot at 7:30 AM. Dylan and Wyatt will coordinate getting trash bags. All are encouraged to wear their TOC vests.

Ski Program:

Teresa gave the board a wrap-up report. She has not yet received a final bill from King Pine. There was a lengthy discussion about how Tamworth students with King Pine season tickets are also being required by King Pine to have a ticket for each day of the ski program. The board feels strongly that King Pine is “double dipping” by charging us for tickets on behalf of students who already have a ski pass. Teresa will coordinate a discussion with King Pine to renegotiate this policy for next year.

The race team cost was \$930 for five students and two adults (coach and assistant).

TOC will be receiving reimbursement from Brett School for \$540. The school received a grant to defray ski program costs for several students.

Family Day 5K:

Sharon gave the board an overview of the Family Day July 4th Ordination Rock 5K. This race was coordinated for many years by Cook Library and, as of 2023, is now a TOC event. The focus of the event will be a fun, family-friendly race and a fundraiser for TOC. Registration will be done online and the site is almost ready to go live. The 5K committee selected Ultra as the race app. This app includes a timing option for participants. Registration will be by donation, with various suggested levels on the site. TOC insurance will cover this race. Dylan is securing permits for the race and Pam is seeking sponsors who may provide cups, water, etc.

Amy shared two souvenir bandanas from prior races. She also suggested that “The First Annual” be removed from race publicity, as this race has been organized by Cook Library for many years.

More 5K info will be forthcoming.

History Center Collaboration:

Wyatt met with Katy Thompson regarding a proposal from the Tamworth History Center for the TOC to mount an exhibit at THC. Suzanne will contact Katy to get more details on this and report back. Kent H. and Helen Steele would be good people to check with for TOC history.

Halloween Budget:

There was a brief discussion about a proposal by Wyatt to include “Olde MacDonald’s Terror Barn” in the TOC Halloween budget. He requested \$250 and explained that these expenses been covered out-of-pocket by Rob and family in the past.

The Chocorua Community Association and Tamworth Visitors’ Council are interested in assisting TOC with Halloween in Tamworth Village.

This discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Other Business:

Amy shared the newly-published book, *All Join Hands ~ Dudley Laufman and the New England Country Dance Tradition* by Thomas Curren. The library now has a copy of the book and Tom may come and give an author talk in the near future.

Mark brought up his email proposal regarding TOC putting up prize money for next year’s Sled Dog Fun Day. The board agreed that this is a good idea and that some of the money raised from snack shack sales could be used.

Thank you notes are being created by Minuteman Press and will soon be available for TOC acknowledgment use.

We have not received a bill from Marsha Colcord for plowing expenses at the Sled Dog event. Amy will contact her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier

Next TOC meeting is on Monday, April 24, 6:45 at Cook Library.