

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, July 31, 2023

Present:

Amy Berrier, Wyatt Berrier, Sharon Morrison, Dylan Alden, Kent Hemingway, Teresa Fournier, Mark Fournier, & Barb Bloomberg.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45

Tamworth Summer Enrichment Program:

Kent described the upcoming program for Tamworth kids, to be offered August 21-25. There will be spots for forty Tamworth children. This will be patterned after summer enrichment programs of the past (1970s and earlier) and will be a collaboration of many local groups and individuals, including (but not limited to) TOC, Tamworth History Center, Brett School, Tamworth Recreation Department, Remick Museum, Chocorua Lake Conservancy, and more. Funding will come primarily from Title I money through the school and vans will be available at low cost from the charter school in Conway. This year's pilot program will offer an incredible array of opportunities for our town's children, free of charge. TOC members are encouraged to be part of hikes and other activities. For details, contact Kent directly.

Secretary's Report:

There was a request to remove the ambiguous "next meeting" double dates and a move to amend the meetings to show that our July meeting would be held on July 31. The amended June minutes were approved (and are attached).

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved.

July 1 Snack Shack Recap:

There was discussion about food sales on July 1. Barb said that, although TOC was supposedly offering food "by donation," in reality the snack shack crew was quoting specific prices to customers. Food sales went well. The

group agreed that the point of snack shack food sales is more of a community outreach and visibility project, rather than a robust money maker for the club. Wyatt has extra burgers, etc. in his freezer, which can be used for the annual meeting in August. Teresa reviewed her calculations as to how she came up with net profit from food sales at both the Summah Stompah and July 1 (fireworks). Mark suggested that TOC purchase four aprons, which would help those cooking and serving to stay clean and would also present a unified TOC image to the public.

July 4 5K Recap:

Sharon reported that the net gain from the race was \$1,116.64. Most entries were done “by donation.” There were 122 finishers. All race info is in a reusable format for future years. By all counts, the event was a success.

TOC Branding:

Sharon discussed the idea of improving the TOC “branding,” with a revitalized logo. The group discussed how this logo should/could incorporate more aspects of what the TOC does, instead of the graphic of the skier that we currently have. Amy would like to see a new mission statement and will work on drafting one. There will be a subcommittee convened to come up with TOC branding ideas to bring back to the board for review. *(This meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8 @ 5:30 at Sharon’s house: 32 Alden Circle, Chocorua).*

Ski Program:

Teresa explained that the revised bill to King Pine for 2022-23 has been paid. KP reduced the bill (based on TOC request) by only charging for two instructors, not three, and by removing the charge for helmet rentals which were not needed. There was extensive discussion about logistics of Ski Program and the TOC’s role going forward. This is an expensive program (approximately \$125 per child for a six-week program) and TOC is not a party to any contract with King Pine. In addition, payment has become more confusing, as families must sign up and pay through an online portal (maybe more than one – ESSC, Brett, and King Pine??). Teresa reviewed the budget and explained that the total cost of the 2022-23 program was:

\$13,990 - \$4,510 paid by parents. This left a balance of \$9,479, of which \$8,000 was paid by the Tamworth Foundation and \$1,479 by TOC. The grant application to the Tamworth Foundation is due September 1. Teresa will submit this for the upcoming year's program funding. After more discussion as to the role of TOC in the Ski Program and how we are being kept at arm's length by King Pine, a motion was made as follows: That the Tamworth Outing Club will contribute up to \$2,500 to cover costs for Tamworth children to participate in the Tamworth Junior Ski Program for the 2023-24 school year. This motion passed.

The school needs to arrange for someone to trailer skis from Brett to King Pine. TOC will no longer coordinate this. Teresa will contact Kitty Greene to arrange a meeting, which must include Brett School Principal Melanie McBrian. Any interested TOC board members are welcome to attend.

Note: *At the June TOC board meeting, the following points were agreed on:*

- *TOC needs to have a written agreement with Brett School as to what we will be responsible for*
- *TOC would like King Pine to clarify the role of hired King Pine instructors and what services they will offer to the Tamworth program. We are potentially being charged \$70/hour for instructor services in 2024.*
- *The PTA or school should arrange for ski transport, not TOC*
- *Question: did Kitty sign a contract for 2024??? If so, why? Jeremy Hall at King Pine says that she did. Kitty says that she did not.*

Halloween:

Amy reported that Police Chief Dana Littlefield is very interested in having Main Street through Tamworth Village closed during trick-or-treat hours and supports moving the PTA "trunk-or-treat" event from Brett School to town to consolidate all activities. Sharon will contact Chief Dana about the road closure and Jacy Baumann (PTA) to find out what the options are for joining forces on Halloween night. Amy has notes from prior Halloween events and will coordinate with Sharon to put those into her "operations plan" template that was successfully used for the 5K.

Annual Meeting:

This year's Annual Meeting will be held behind the Other Bakery/Store on Monday, August 28 starting at 5:30 PM. TOC will provide burgers, dogs, and all the fixins'.

Note: Is someone asking Katy Thompson for permission? Maybe Wyatt said he would do this? Please confirm.

Dances:

There was discussion about coordinating hosts for the dance and spreading this work around to more board members. Dylan will host the August 12 dance. Teresa has received a check from Chocorua Lake Conservancy for \$100. This represents their "co-hosting" the dance. They will also be publicizing this dance to their members. *Note: Since our meeting, Amy put the word out and now has a different host signed up for each dance through the end of 2023.*

Other Business:

There was discussion about how the nominating for new board member will work. Nick Grant and Humberto Aparicio have both expressed interest in being on the TOC board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier

Next TOC meeting is the Annual Meeting on Monday, August 28, 5:30 behind the Other Bakery/Store.