

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, Annual Meeting, August 25, 2024

The Annual Meeting was held on the lawn behind The Other Bakery. Attendees enjoyed burgers and dogs from the grill, along with a potluck assortment.

Present:

Numerous board members and TOC friends.

Secretary's Report:

The 2023 Annual Meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

TOC Treasurer, Teresa Fournier, reviewed the organization's financials. She noted that TOC no longer has the Reach the Beach event, that the 2024 Sled Dog Fun Day was canceled, and that donations are down. The grant for Ski Program funding is due to the Tamworth Foundation by September 1. After some discussion, there was a motion (made and passed) to submit a grant request for \$8,000 and that TOC contribution for Ski Program will not exceed \$2,500. Teresa said that King Pine costs have increased. The treasurer's report and proposed budget were both accepted as presented.

The Year in Review:

Wyatt gave an overview of the past year's TOC activities. Events and programs held in 2023-24:

- Second Saturday contradance series (attendance & dance revenue are up!)
- Family Day / Ordination Rock 5K (36% increase over the previous year!)
- Winterfest (great partnership with CLC!)
- Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup
- Town Christmas tree
- Ski trail clearing and grooming in Ferncroft, using the TOC UTV, roller, and grooming drag (special thanks to Rob Farnum!)
- Sled Dog Fun Run (sadly canceled in 2024)
- Halloween in the Village, including pumpkin carving on the History Center lawn, trick-or-treating, and the very popular Terror Barn
- Snack Shack services at Afternoon by the Swift and July 5th fireworks
- Junior Ski Program, in cooperation with the KA Brett School

New Board Members & Officers:

A motion was passed to renew two-year officer terms for Wyatt Berrier (president), Dylan Alden (vice-president), and Amy Berrier (secretary). New board members voted in were Humberto Aparicio and Marsha Colcord for three-year terms. The board signed a Thank You card for Kent and Carolyn Hemingway with appreciation for their many years of serving as TOC board members.

Other Business

Paul King talked about trail work needed this fall on TOC-maintained ski trails. He thanked Karl Behr for brush hogging the Ferncroft trails.

There will be a meeting of the Halloween committee before the regular September board meeting. Committee members are: Pam, Barb, Sharon, Humberto, Wyatt, Rob, and Amy.

Grant Prillaman, chair of the board at Remick Museum & Farm, spoke briefly about a future reopening of the Tower-to-Town trail. He says that Remick would like to be “more connected to town.” This topic will be on the agenda of the September TOC meeting.

Sharon will host the September 14 contradance.

The meeting was a success, despite some rain. Thanks to Katy Thompson for use of the lawn and barn behind the Other Bakery.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 30 at Cook Library.

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier