

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, October 28, 2024

Present: Amy Berrier, Wyatt Berrier, Teresa Fournier, Sharon Morrison, Kit Morgan, Suzanne Balomenos-Morgan, Rob Farnum, Marsha Colcord, & Humberto Aparicio.

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM

Secretary's Report

Minutes from September were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Wyatt reviewed the reports. Of note is that the trailer shelf and light came in under budget!

Halloween

Sharon gave a Halloween update:

- Sunday's pumpkin carving was a success and the jack-o-lanterns are in storage in the Other Bakery garage. Thanks to Katy Thompson for allowing us to use this space.
- TOC has plenty of candy on hand. This will be divided at Rob's house at 3 PM on Tuesday.
- Rob reports that the Terror Barn is all set to go for Thursday.
- Emily VERNY is coordinating Trunk-or-Treat with the PTA.
- Emily and Chief Dana Littlefield are coordinating the road closure.
- Rob says that we are all set with plenty of pumpkin lights.
- Sharon reviewed volunteer slots.
- Jack-o-lantern distribution begins at 4 on Thursday.

Ski Program

Lauren @ ESSC has been in contact with Kitty Greene from Brett School regarding a major change in Ski Program finances for Tamworth. According to Lauren, Tamworth should not be paying for students to ski at King Pine, as our school is part of the ESSC program. This means that kids with their own equipment will ski for free; equipment rentals will cost \$90/child/season;

Tamworth will have two King Pine instructors at no charge; ESSC adheres to a 5:1 student/teacher ratio, so hopefully more chaperone tickets will be covered. Still unknown is the duration of the program. ESSC holds eight-week programs at other schools; Tamworth's has been six weeks and it is still to be determined if the program can be extended. Also TDB is how Tamworth's 7th and 8th graders will be charged, as ESSC only goes up to 6th grade in its program.

There was discussion as to how/if to charge each student to participate in the program. Questions that were discussed:

- Should parents pay only the \$15 ESSC fee (per child), whether or not they own or rent?
- Should Brett/TOC ask for \$40/child from rental families to help cover the \$90 rental fee?
- Should a letter go out to all families requesting \$15/child and additional donations towards the program if they are able?
- What is the most fair and equitable way for parents to contribute and for TOC to cover costs, keeping in mind that we have \$8,000 from the Tamworth Foundation. A rough estimate from Teresa is that the overall cost of this year's program could be \$7,200, but this depends on how many students are enrolled.

Teresa has another ESSC meeting on Friday, 11/1, and will have more info for the board after that. She noted that the ESSC portal is open for volunteers to register.

Rob will locate a suitable trailer for bringing student skis to King Pine each Friday.

TOC Website Calendar

Amy passed around a draft of the TOC calendar and it was approved by all present. This will go to Rich Collins for the new website.

Christmas Tree

Chris Clyne and Neb Beecher have another tree for TOC to harvest. The date to cut and place the tree is Saturday, 11/23. Meet at 11:30 at Chris and Ned's house. Rain date is Sunday, 11/24. Tree lighting is on Sunday, December 1 @ 5 PM.

Charitable Trust Registration

Kit presented the TOC's Certificate of Registration from the State of NH, which he received today. A recertification application to maintain status as a

Charitable Trust must be filed each year in mid-May and submitted with a \$75 fee. TOC is required to be a Charitable Trust by the state.

Decals

Wyatt is working with Minuteman Press to get decals for the snack trailer (1) and the groomer (2). These will cost \$25 each, for a total of \$75.

Sled Dog Fun Day

Marsha reports that the date of Sunday, February 16, 2025, chosen at our September meeting, may conflict with the Laconia race. There was discussion about moving our Fun Day to February 23. More info coming on this from Marsha.

Cash-on-Hand

TOC currently has over \$50,000. Wyatt and Amy suggested that the board might explore options for either investing some of this money or supporting new activities and/or infrastructure that relate to our mission. Those present discussed if there are other activities we could be doing, if TOC should support the Rec Department in some way, if we should make some sort of capital investment (Lake Zamboni? Snow maker??). More discussion/brainstorming is certainly needed on this topic.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58

Next meeting: Monday, November 25, 6:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier, TOC secretary