

Tamworth Outing Club minutes, December 30, 2024

Present: Mark Fournier, Teresa Fournier, Wyatt Berrier, Dylan Alden, Rob Farnum, Amy Berrier, Humberto Aparicio, & Marsha Colcord.

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM

Secretary's Report

Wyatt reviewed the minutes from November, which were then approved, with the note to change "September" to "October" in the Secretary's Report section.

Treasurer's Report

There was discussion about the Ski Team, as it was listed in Teresa's report that TOC can no longer charge a registration fee for students to participate, because the school district now considers this a team sport, not a club. The registration fee was previously \$50/student. The question was raised as to how many students might now want to enroll and how many can be accommodated by a single coach. Amy brought up the question of how TOC or Brett School should handle situations where a child wants to participate in Ski Team, but their family cannot afford the equipment. The board agreed that this should probably be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The Treasurer's Report was then approved.

Decals, Stickers, & other printed materials

- Wyatt shared the new decals, which he recently picked up from Minuteman Press. Two will go on the groomer; one on the snack trailer.
- 200 new Thank You notecards with the new logo will be ordered from MM.
- Stickers: There was discussion about size and quantity. Board decided on a 4" round, which will fit inside the Thank You note envelope.
- A motion was made and approved to order 1,000 4" TOC stickers with the new logo for a cost of \$782.
- Wyatt showed the board a draft copy of a postcard to be printed and saturation-mailed by Minuteman Press, as agreed on at our November meeting.
- A motion was made and approved to have Minuteman Press print and process the above-mentioned postcard in matte finish, mailed to approximately 1,600 households in Greater Tamworth, for a cost of \$648.

- The board would like to offer to pay Grace Downey for her work in designing this postcard. She is to submit a bill for \$75 in order to be paid for this service.

Winter Fest

There was a planning meeting earlier in December at The Preserve for all interested in coordinating events and food at Winter Fest. Several TOC board members attended this meeting. Food will be catered by The Farmstand (Kimball & Neysa Packard). Dylan has an upcoming meeting with Alex Moot (CLC) and others. She will report back to the board with updates as available.

Sled Dog Fun Day

- This event is scheduled for Sunday, February 16.
- Wyatt will update the event poster.
- 8" of snow is needed for OVSC to groom the snowmobile trails.
- The TOC groomer can work with 4" of snow, but use of this groomer on snowmobile trails must be OK'd by OVSC.
- Sled Dog Fun Day is considered "on hold" until early February. The board will make a decision at our next meeting, January 27. Of course, this decision is subject to change, depending on snow conditions the week prior to the race.
- There was discussion about the race route. This year's event will not include the Ferncroft trail network.

Halloween 2025

Rob brought up several issues to consider for the next Halloween in the Village event. He wonders who is responsible for liability insurance inside his barn: TOC? Or the Farnum family? Rob puts about eighty hours into prepping for the Terror Barn, and valued his labor at approximately \$1,500. He is wondering if there is a way for him to be compensated for some or all of this work. One suggestion was to get local businesses to sponsor the Terror Barn. There was discussion, and those present felt that TOC cannot pay Rob for the work on his barn and that our insurance would not cover any mishaps therein.

There was discussion about restroom facilities at the Halloween event. Should TOC place a rented porta potty somewhere in town? We think there are restrooms available at Cook Library, the Town Office, and possibly UU Church.

There was discussion about first aid. The board felt that TOC should have a "Band Aid" level kit on hand and an AED. More extensive medical emergencies should be tended to by the Rescue Squad or other qualified personnel.

Ski Trailer

Rob has registered his trailer, the lights work, and the ski rack has been modified to fit this trailer. The trailer, with rack, are currently at Rob's house.

Groomer

Karl Behr will be helping with grooming and has gone out with Rob to get a sense of how things go.

Rob discussed groomer maintenance with the board. The groomer is approaching the 100-hour mark and should be taken in for service at the end of this season. The board gave approval for him to purchase items needed for a groomer toolbox that would stay with the machine and enable necessary repairs in the field. Rob described issues he is having with the groomer motor, which seems to be seizing up, even though it is supposedly factory sealed. Amy will look in the box of TOC paperwork that she has to see if there is warranty info about the grooming equipment.

Other Business

The Christmas tree will be taken down on Sunday, January 5 at 1 PM. Wyatt will store the lights in his basement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21

Next meeting: Monday, January 27, 6:45 PM, Cook Library

Minutes submitted by Amy Berrier, TOC secretary