

## **Minutes of TCUC Board of Directors Meeting**

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

12:00-2:00pm at the Koehler's house

Those in attendance: Mike Schatz, President  
Garrett Macey, Treasurer  
Kim Chevalier, Secretary  
Nick Schatz, Webmaster  
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager  
Connie Cotter, Showgroup Leader  
Jenny Buettner, Historian  
Members at Large: Connie Cotter and Mary Koehler  
Junior Officers: Neala Chevalier, Bruce Lee, Olivia Nord, Rachel Sindelar, Nick Schatz

Those not attending: Emily Jones, Vice President  
Members at Large: Joe Lind, Jacob Miller, Avonlea Schmitz  
Junior Officers: Dani Chevalier, Ben Hugo, Shelley Kovacic

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by club president, Mike Schatz

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the year-to-date expense report distributed to board members; club financial status reviewed.

- \*Parade income reduced from previous year, as total number of parades reduced; still waiting for check from New Richmond parade organizers for March parade.
- \*With the exception of around 5 members, the club is current on USA dues; current balance is within \$150.
- \*Question as to whether or not Mary K. has been fully reimbursed for this year's Showgroup costumes. Garrett and Mary will communicate at a later time to resolve this issue.
- \*Board member input requested as to whether or not Christ the King Church has been receiving equitable reimbursement for gym space for Friday practices, and for use of the church during the annual banquet.
  - Board members discussed and agreed that the typical \$400 annual donation given to CTK, in addition to the value of the annual TCUC performance given during the August fair (~\$400), is reasonable reimbursement. The monetary donation has typically been given to CTK after the annual TCUC banquet; Mike stated that he will propose to again donate \$400, which will be put to a vote at the banquet.
- \*Payment for only one Showgroup performance reflected in the expense report.
  - Discussed that Showgroup has been in 2 paid performances this year (the Eagan YMCA and the Stillwater Special Olympics). Garrett stated that he remembers receiving payment for the YMCA performance, so will check into whether or not payment for the Special Olympics has been received.

## **Parades:**

### **\*Attendance**

- Per Mike, approximately 20 people or less are attending each parade on average, which is still down from previous years.
- Garrett noted that less kids have been attending parades.

### **\*Number of parades**

- 18 parades scheduled in 2015. Parade income projected to be \$6,600, down from about \$11,000 in the previous year, due to less parades scheduled.
- Mike stated need to discuss the number of parades to be scheduled in 2016 at the next board meeting. Suggested the idea that the total number of parades should be reduced once again, with the hope that more members will attend each parade.

### **\*Parade incentives**

- 10 parades: (mug) 28 members have already earned this incentive. Another 10 need one more parade, and yet another 10 need both remaining parades, which makes up to 48 possible members.
- 15 parades: (beach towel) 14 members have already reached this number. Another person needs one additional parade, and another 3 need both remaining parades to earn this incentive. This makes up to 18 total possible.
- 20 parades: (1/4 zip sweatshirt) Only 1 member has earned this incentive. One person needs another parade to qualify.

\*Discussed option of pre-ordering sweatshirts, giving one to the either one or two members that have earned this incentive, then selling the rest. Mike stated that the club would need a large order to receive a good cost per sweatshirt. And to have the sweatshirt be parade-worthy would put the cost at around \$40-\$50 per sweatshirt, which would be cost prohibitive to both the club, as well as to club members. Connie suggested that the 20 parade sweatshirt incentive be scrapped, and replaced with a \$20 “generic” gift certificate.

**\*Proposal** made to replace the 20 parade sweatshirt incentive with a \$20 gift card, and to also give a small personal gift (handmade?).

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of the above proposal. Mike to be in charge of coming up with a personalized gift.

## **Officers for next year:**

President: Mike Schatz stated that he would like to continue in this role.

Vice President: Emily Jones has stated willingness to continue.

Secretary: Kim Chevalier will be stepping down; Mary Koehler has agreed to run.

Treasurer: Garrett Macey would like to continue.

Webmaster: Nick Schatz plans to continue.

Equipment Manager: Steve Koehler also plans to continue.

Showgroup Leader: Connie Cotter will be stepping down; Ben Hugo and Rachel Sindelar have agreed to be co-leaders, with Connie Cotter as unofficial mentor.

Historian: Jenny Buettner agreed to continue role.

Members at Large: Connie Cotter stated willingness to continue.

Mary Koehler will step down from this position, as she has volunteered to run for Secretary.

Joe Lind to continue role

Jacob Miller (unknown—Mike will contact to determine intent)

Avonlea (unknown--Avonlea has agreed to continue with TCUC membership duties, but Mike will contact to determine whether or not she wishes to continue as M@L)

Junior Officers: Dani Chevalier does not plan to continue

Neala plans to continue in this role

Ben Hugo will move on to new role of Showgroup Co-Leader

Shelley Kovacic (unknown)

Bruce Lee plans to continue

Olivia Nord will continue

Rachel Sindelar will move on to new role of Showgroup Co-Leader

Nick Schatz plans to continue as Webmaster, so is not needed in the role of Jr. Officer.

\*There are currently 185 TCUC members, which brings the required number of Members @ Large down to four. This will be reflected in the November elections.

\*Mike stated that in at least two weekly TCUC updates prior to the banquet, he would ask for board member nominations.

### **Practices/Unicycle distribution**

-Julie Kovacic starting Tuesday practices at Hudson Prairie Elementary on 9/22.

Steve K. to give appropriate number of unicycles to her on 9/21.

-Mary Koehler is in charge of Tuesday practices in Richfield; needs 4 club unicycles.

-Tim Lee is in charge of Wednesday practices in Eagan; already has enough unis.

-Paulette Anderson is in charge of Thursday practices in Roberts, WI. No additional unicycles needed at this time.

-No additional unicycles needed for Friday practice in Columbia Heights.

### **Annual meeting/banquet planning:**

\*Date set for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-10pm (Mike to verify availability with Christ the King)

\*Banquet/meeting duties assigned as follows:

-Decorations and food set-up: Kim

-X-style competition: Dani

-Group riding/workshops: Rachel

-Uni games: Garrett

-Hockey: Bruce (coordinate with Karl to pick up hockey sticks)

-Presentations: Mike and Emily (parades); Connie (levels)

-Clothing sales: (Mike stated he would reach out to a couple of club members to ask for help with this.)

-Raffle: Mary

-Slideshow: Jenny (will put together to be shown at the banquet)

\*Level 8 plaque

Mike will ask Tim Lee to be in charge of this.

\*Awards

Mike requested that (plaque) award ideas be given to him via e-mail. Will probably send out a Google doc for input.

\*Raffle

-Discussed various raffle ideas for the main raffle prize.

**\*Proposal** made to give the raffle winner 3 different unicycle options with a similar dollar value.

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of giving the winner of the raffle one of 3 different unicycle options of similar value, which will be ordered by the club through UDC after the selection is made.

\*Connie will contact UDC to discuss pricing of the unicycles, and will also ask about additional raffle donations.

-Discussed raffle tickets. Will continue to give 1 ticket per attendee, as per usual. In addition, board members agreed to give one ticket for every 5 parades attended, rounding up. Will sell additional tickets for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. All money earned from raffle sales to offset the price of the unicycle.

\*Mary and Connie agreed to pre-prepare the parade-based tickets.

-Additional raffle items discussed. Mike stated he would contact Joe Lind to inquire about donations from Compulsion Cycles. Also, vote held (see "Inventory"), with board members agreeing to put any non-20" unicycles in the raffle that TCUC no longer wants to keep, as well as any 20" unicycles that TCUC wants to get rid of that other clubs don't want.

**Old water cart:**

\*Connie agreed to dispose of the TCUC water cart, as it has been replaced and is no longer needed.

**Showgroup budget:**

\*Costumes

-Mary K. inquired about having a per-costume "budget cap" to define spending limits. Garrett M. stated that this would be based on Showgroup income and other Showgroup expenses.

\*Summer practices

-Continued need for summer practice space to prep for competition. Club to look into alternative options from previous years.

\*Garrett stated that he would work with Showgroup Co-Leaders regarding income from shows, costume budget and other expenses.

## **Storage and Trailer:**

### **\*Inventory**

- TCUC currently has a large inventory of various items. Mike stated that decisions need to be made regarding which items are essential, and which are non-essential, with the goal of reducing inventory and decreasing amount of storage space needed.

**\*Inventory** currently being stored at Connie's home as follows:

- 6-10 tubs of t-shirts, other TCUC clothing items
- banquet supplies (2 tubs)
- SG costumes (numerous tubs)
- loaner unicycles
- unicycle parts
- water cart (Connie will dispose of this)
- various club unicycles, including old 8s and big wheels
- canopy
- big water jugs
- cones

-Connie and Mary will sort through the above items today and will get rid of approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the items, set aside 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the items for alternate storage, and consult with the Board on the remaining 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the items that may be questionable.

**\*Proposal** made per Mary to give away all non-parade-legal sweatshirts to Paulette Anderson, so that she can hand them out to those attending the Roberts practice.

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of giving all non-parade-legal TCUC sweatshirt inventory to Paulette, to be handed out free of charge at the Thursday practice per her discretion.

-Discussed whether to sell, donate, raffle or toss any inventory the club does not need or use.

**\*Motion** made to donate any 20" unicycles that TCUC does not want to clubs that are starting up or in need; and to give as raffle items at the TCUC banquet any non-20" unicycles that the club does not wish to keep (as well as any 20" unicycles that other clubs don't want).

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of the above motion to donate the 20" unicycles, and to raffle the non-20" unicycles as indicated.

**\*Motion** made to throw away any additional non-needed club inventory.

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of disposing of non-needed inventory.  
Mike, Connie and Steve to sort through inventory to determine which items classify as “non-needed”.

**\*Trailer**

-Questions to consider for future club needs:

**\*Who** will pull the trailer during future parades?

**\*Where** will the trailer be stored?

-As an alternative to having to store in a paid facility, discussed the possibility of storing at Steve K’s workplace, or in a church lot.

**\*Should** the new trailer be the same size or smaller?

**\*Storage**

-Discussed storage needs for club inventory after being sorted through. Connie will no longer be storing items at her home. Mike stated the he has been pricing out various storage rental units, and presented his findings to the Board. Size of storage units discussed. Board members agreed that a 10’ X 5’ unit would likely be adequate, but this cannot be determined until final inventory assessed.

**\*Proposal** made per Mike to spend club funds on a monthly storage facility after inventory has been thoroughly sorted, and appropriate size/location needs have been determined.

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of spending ~\$100/month on a storage facility in the upcoming year.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.**

**Next regular officer’s meeting to be held after the annual banquet, with the new TCUC officers.**

