

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

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**10:00-12:00noon at the Koehler's house**

**Those in attendance:** Mike Schatz, President  
Emily Jones, Vice President  
Garrett Macey, Treasurer  
Mary Koehler, Secretary  
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager  
Jenny Buettner, Historian  
Connie Cotter, Member at Large  
Art Kotz, Member at Large  
Sherry Julian, Member at Large  
Rachel Sindelar, Junior Officer and Freestyle Team Co-Director  
Neala Chevalier, Junior Officer  
Greta Koehler, Junior Officer  
Andrew Kotz, Junior Officer  
Patricia Wilton, Club Member

**Those not attending:**

Melissa Christiansen Member at Large  
Ben Hugo, Freestyle Team Co-Director  
Shelley Kovacic, Junior Officer  
Bruce Lee, Junior Officer  
Olivia Nord, Junior Officer  
Nick Schatz, Webmaster and Junior Officer

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Mike Schatz, President.

**Treasurer's Report**

Income and expenses are minimal at this time of year. The biggest new expense this year is our storage unit. Income is from membership money. We also have some income related to calendars and jackets; however, this balances our expenses for these items. As of January 30, our balance is \$20855.74.

**Gym time in March or April**

After Tundracon, there were several requests from members to do another similar event, perhaps in March or April. Mary moves that the Board approve an expenditure of \$300 to pay for gym time in the March or April timeframe. Garrett seconded. Motion carries.

The date is March 19. The tentative schedule, based on gym availability is for two gyms, from 12-4. One of the gyms will be for games and hockey, with the length of hockey based on the number of

participants, since the length allotted at Tundracon was a bit short. Mike will put out a request to Junior Officers for name suggestions.

### **MONDO:**

#### Schedule:

Mike has worked with the MONDO scheduler. The x-style competition was not scheduled because a number of potential competitors felt that they would rather spend their time in workshops with Simon, our special guest. We are going to offer several timeslots of "15-minute How to Ride" workshops. Members will be asked to help riders during our posted instruction times. Mary will coordinate this. 2-3 people are needed per time slot. Garrett will do games. Steve will coordinate setup and takedown. Rachel and Connie will coordinate and communicate Simon's part in the show with Simon, MONDO, and other participants.

#### Unicycles:

In the past, Tim has brought club unicycles to and from MONDO, using the club trailer. That is not happening this year. Steve will contact each person that has unicycles and coordinate with them to get them to MONDO.

#### Other equipment:

Sound system – TCUC owns a large sound system that MONDO uses in Gym 1 to announce the raffle. Mike will contact Karl about this.

Plinies, sticks, net, barriers – Mike will contact Tim about the barriers, and arrange for the other items to be brought.

Cable/lock – either Mike or Steve will pick this up from storage.

Trials boxes – Connie will check with MONDO to see if we can bring these boxes that Karl made.

Giraffes – Mike will bring.

#### Simon:

Rachel is coordinating Simon's stay. We will schedule a TCUC practice at St. Matt's Thursday, Feb 11.

### **Parades:**

Dress code: The dress code for shoes was relaxed last year, with good results. We'll continue this.

Incentives: We will continue the 5-parade incentive. These are for actual parades completed in 2016, without counting carryover from previous years.

Format: Emily led a discussion on how best to create a good parade with fewer riders. Concerns were expressed that there was too much, or too little, emphasis on the various components: routine, giraffes, back. Because the type and number of rider varies significantly from one parade to another, Emily and the Parade managers will determine at each parade the best way to assign riders to each component, keeping in mind that the purpose of the parade is to put on a good show. They will also keep in mind that trying new things and putting emphasis in different ways will be an incentive for long-time riders to

attend. Rachel, as Freestyle Team Co-Director, agreed to develop group patterns that could be used for higher-skilled riders, for possible use in the back.

Parade Managers: Emily will designate a Parade Manager for parades that she will not attend. She will also create Parade Manager Packets that will contain basic information on what needs to be done at each parade. She will put information into a Google doc, or something similar, so that various Managers can communicate with each other.

Parade Wiki's: Steve will work with Emily to update the wiki's as needed.

Trailer: We will not use the trailer this year. This will mean increased coordination and communication between Parade Managers.

Attendance Sheet: Junior Officers need to be cheerfully responsible for this task. Mary suggested that maybe not everyone knows what the expectations are, specifically with parades. Mike will communicate this.

Numbers of parades: The Board decided that concentrating our volunteer efforts to a fewer number of parades would work well. Emily will aim for a target of 15 parades, with a range of 12 – 18. We will do one unpaid parade, the Anoka Halloween parade. We will not do either of the two Winter Carnival parades, or the Aquatennial parade. We will apply for the Eagan 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, with the Richfield parade a back-up.

Calendar: It was suggested that parades be marked on the calendar as early as possible. This includes parades in a "Tentative" status, such as those whose applications have been submitted, but not yet approved.

Giraffes: Sherry questioned the wording on the website FAQ concerning giraffe competence. The Board decided to reword the requirements to take out a Skill Level. Riders will still need to demonstrate competence with Connie, Emily, or Mike prior to riding a giraffe in a parade. This applies to those riding their own giraffes, as well as club giraffes.

#### **Injury protocol:**

We discussed how the club should manage injuries. After discussion, we concluded that since parents are always present at all practices, classes, and parades, the responsibility for dealing with any injury, lies with parents. All members sign a waiver as part of their membership application. However, since people sometimes attend practices prior to joining TCUC, the club will now require all visitors to sign a waiver. We'll use the USA waiver, since it has already been vetted.

#### **Other:**

NAUCC – registration is open.

Tires – some of the club unicycles are in need of tires. Connie moved that the Board approve up to \$250 for replacement tires. Steve seconded. Motion carries.

First Aid kit at Tuesday practice – a kit is needed. Mike will bring one.

Unicon prep – Shelley asked if an info session could be scheduled for TCUC members who attend Unicon. Rather than scheduling something, all members attending are encouraged to share information.

Meeting adjourned 12:05pm.