

Minutes of TCUC Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, December 7th, 2014

2-4pm at Jennifer Buettner's house

Those in attendance: Mike Schatz, President
Emily Jones, Vice President
Garrett Macey, Treasurer
Kim Chevalier, Secretary
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager
Jennifer Buettner, Historian
Connie Cotter, Member at Large
Mary Koehler, Member at Large
Joe Lind, Member at Large
Junior Officers: Bruce Lee, Avonlea Schmitz, Neala Chevalier, Olivia Nord, Nick Schatz, Rachel Sindelar

Those not attending: Member at Large, Jacob Miller; Junior Officers: Ben Hugo, Shelley Kovacic, Danielle Chevalier

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 2pm by club president, Mike Schatz

Member at Large/Junior Officer Assignments:

-discussed possible duties to be taken on in the upcoming year by the individual Members at Large and Junior Officers, with the following duties agreed upon and assigned:

- *Joe Lind: incorporate MN Muni weekend into an official TCUC event
- *Mary Koehler: find gym space for additional weekly practice (Tuesday?)
- *Bruce Lee: continue to organize group rides for distance/Muni
- *Avonlea Schmitz: continue to work with the treasurer to manage TCUC membership renewals (Connie is updating spreadsheet of club members/families to facilitate the process)
- *Neala Chevalier: ?
- *Olivia Nord: ?
- *Rachel Sindelar: host more freestyle workshops as in previous year; will work with Mary Koehler to come up with dates and locations
- *Nick Schatz: continue to assist with management of club web site; continue with TCUC calendar updates
- *Danielle (not present): continue with weekly Facebook updates

Treasurer's Report per Garrett Macey:

-Financial status reviewed; no change in anticipated club finances since the annual banquet in November. Grant money from the city of Bloomington received. \$3,000 still tagged for future purchase of new club trailer, and \$1,000 tagged for gym space for workshops, Showgroup practice and additional weekly practice.

-Discussed budget surplus, and what to do with additional funds. Ideas included contributing to scholarship fund, reimbursing part of NAUCC registration fee to members attending parades, and buying unis for other clubs in need.

TundraCon:

-Scheduled from 12-4pm on January 3rd, 2015. Two gyms will be available at Kennedy(?) High School. Hockey will be scheduled from 2-4pm in one gym, and there will be open gym in the other.

-Discussed and agreed on the following activities/workshop options to take place at the gym:

- *Group riding, which will be led by Showgroup members

- *Learning to ride a big wheel (36" and 29")

- *Uni games, which will be run by Garrett

- *Hockey tournament, to be run by Bruce Lee and Ben Hugo

(Mike will contact Dana Wigert re: hockey nets/sticks)

-Ride around Como Lake scheduled for 1pm on January 1st; riders to meet at the pavilion parking lot. The Maceys will host a post ride gathering/potluck at their home.

MONDO:

*Guest

-Discussed having Katerine from Denmark as possible MONDO guest during board meeting in October; however, Katerine is already planning to travel to the US to attend NAUCC in 2015. Connie suggested Matt Sindelar, the current world freestyle champion, as a possibility.

***Motion** made to invite Matt Sindelar to be the 2015 TCUC MONDO

guest, with the total of \$200 to be paid to Matt per TCUC for travel expenses, leading of workshops during MONDO, and performance in the Saturday evening show.

***Vote** held, with all in favor of above motion. Rachel Sindelar will contact Matt with proposal and follow up with the board.

***Games**

-Discussed scheduling a time slot for uni games. Garrett agreed to be in charge of running the games; requested that time slot be scheduled for before or after hockey.

***Hockey**

-Discussed poor attendance of hockey in the past, partially due to limited time scheduled for each time slot. Agreed on the need to request fewer time slots, with each being scheduled for 2 hours, rather than one.

***Instruction for beginning unicyclists**

-Three 15-minute sessions will be scheduled, and will be led by TCUC members to give beginners an introduction to unicycling basics. Neala Chevalier to create a poster outlining important tips, as well as a schedule of sessions, to be displayed onsite.

-Discussed unloading of unicycles from the trailer prior to MONDO. Mike agreed to organize volunteers for this.

Skill Level Tester Clinic:

-Discussed options for time/date/place to hold annual skill level tester clinic. Agreed on scheduling for January 3rd, prior to TundraCon, from 11am-12n. Mary to check on gym availability and follow up with Mike.

Classes and Practices:

***Practice leader folders**

-Need for folders/kits at each practice site, which would include tools, member applications, level cards and patches.

-Discussed that some sites may already be partially equipped. Mike to follow up with practice leaders to determine specific needs, then will contact Bruce Lee, who has agreed to do the purchasing of tools, and Jenny and Olivia Nord, who have agreed to put together the paperwork/patch folders. An additional

kit will be made in anticipation of a new (Tuesday) practice. All kit items to be placed in one box/container for each site, and are to be completed prior to the start of Eagan practice in February.

***Purchase of a 12" unicycle**

-Discussed possibility of the purchase of a 12" unicycle, which would be left in the club trailer and used for classes, shows, demos, etc.

***Motion** made to purchase a 12" unicycle for classes and club use, with anticipated price to be in the \$80-90 range.

***Vote** held, with all in favor of purchasing said unicycle. Steve Koehler to work with Compulsion Cycles and UDC to get the best price.

***Additional weekly practice (Tuesday?)**

-Mary Koehler reported that she is having difficulty finding gym space for extra weekly practice, but will continue searching.

***Hockey in Eagan**

-Discussed possibility of setting aside time to play hockey after each Wednesday class, in attempt to introduce class participants and new members to other aspects of unicycling. Mike to talk to Tim Lee re: location of hockey equipment, and will request that equipment be brought to practice each week.

***Friday practice**

-Discussed need for unicycles to be available for new members and guests to practice on. Joel Lee is currently storing 3 club unis; Mike stated that he will contact Joel to request that the unicycles be brought to practice each week.

***Ideas for membership growth**

-Discussed need to grow club membership. Mike encouraged board members to brainstorm to come up with ideas to promote unicycling and growth of the club. Requested that board members present ideas at the next board meeting.

***Membership Renewal Duties:**

-Job currently being managed by 3 individuals (Connie, Avonlea and Garrett). Discussed possibilities for redefining this role; i.e., should it be the responsibility of club president, a member at large, or be a new board position?

-Avonlea Schmitz stated that she is willing to continue managing membership renewal e-mails, and to work with Garrett Macey in regards to membership dues. Connie is in the process of updating spreadsheet of current members. Mike stated that he is in the process of building a national online system for the USA, which when completed, can be used to facilitate the member tracking/renewal process for TCUC.

PA System:

-Discussed need for portable PA system for use during events and Showgroup performances, as systems used at various venues are at times unreliable, difficult to use, etc.

***Motion** made to purchase a PA system for ~\$200.

***Vote** held, with all in favor. Garrett suggested purchasing a wireless system with headset, as it would be easier to use and look more professional.

Parades:

***Winter Carnival Parade**

-Due to the scheduling of Mondo in late January, TCUC will be unable to be a part of the Torchlight Parade. Emily Jones to apply for entrance to the daytime Winter Carnival Parade, and as in past years, TCUC will pay a fee to enter.

***Parade survey**

-Mike expressed concern re: low parade attendance this summer; suggested the idea of sending out a parade survey to members to get a more clear idea of why numbers are so low.

-Discussed ideas to promote parade attendance, such as subsidizing parade t-shirts for families in need, or families with multiple members participating; changing parade rules so they are not as strict. Also discussed cutting back on number of parades if the club is financially stable.

***No action** taken at this time, as all ideas tabled and will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

New Web Site:

-Mike announced that he and Nick Schatz are almost done developing the new TCUC website. When completed, Mike will forward to more people for editing. Parade info will be moving from WIKI to a WordPress system.

Historian/Social Media:

-Discussed need to update photo gallery and include more media on the new TCUC website when it rolls out.

-Discussed the possibility of using Google Drive to share and store photos.

-Mike designated Jennifer Buettner to think about how to handle photo sharing, and to work on updating the photo gallery when the new web site is in place.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Next regular officers meeting to be held on February 8th, 2015; time and place to be determined.