

Minutes of TCUC Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2016

9:00-11:00am at the Koehler's house

Those in attendance: Mike Schatz, President
Emily Jones, Vice President
Mary Koehler, Secretary
Art Kotz, Member at Large
Sherry Julian, Member at Large
Greta Koehler, Junior Officer

Those not attending: Garrett Macey, Treasurer
Melissa Christiansen Member at Large
Connie Cotter, Member at Large
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager
Jenny Buettner, Historian
Ben Hugo, Freestyle Team Co-Director
Rachel Sindelar, Junior Officer and Freestyle Team Co-Director
Nick Schatz, Webmaster and Junior Officer
Neala Chevalier, Junior Officer
Andrew Kotz, Junior Officer
Shelley Kovacic, Junior Officer
Bruce Lee, Junior Officer
Olivia Nord, Junior Officer

Call to Order

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

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, our balance is \$19,580. Known upcoming expenses include Freestyle Team costume and gym expenses.

Practices

Eagan (Wednesday) – Tim will submit application to Community Ed for next year and he will continue to lead some practices. He is looking for additional Leaders.

Tuesday (Richfield) – Mary and Patricia spoke to various families regarding the small space. Consensus was that we are outgrowing that space. Mary will contact Bloomington schools to arrange space for next year (September 2016 – May 2017). We are currently paying \$100/mo for our current location. Mike moved we approve an increase to \$160/mo. Emily seconded. Motion passed.

Tuesday (Hudson) – Art reported that he and Julie are looking into moving this practice to Woodbury. He will report back.

Friday (New Brighton, Christ the King church) – Joel will continue to run this practice. Practices will continue over the summer, as space and schedule allows.

Equipment

We want to increase the visibility of the unicycles that we have available for members to borrow. Mike, Steve, and Nick will make a page on the website, and add photos and descriptions of unicycles and how to borrow them.

We also discussed purchasing a new unicycle. It would be a 32", which is a new size just developed by Unicycle.com (UDC). It is a good size for people who aren't able to fit in the larger 36", but provides a bigger wheel than a 29". We currently have a good balance of other types of unicycles (trials, muni, 36", 29"), so the purchase of this unicycle would fit in. UDC has offered the unicycle to us at a discount. We will promote the unicycle by actively making sure it circulates among club members.

Mike moved that we approve \$365 to purchase a 32" unicycle from UDC to loan out to members. Emily seconded. Motion carried.

Bylaws

Our current bylaws are out of date. Discussion included whether our current governance structure is working, and what is our tax-exempt status. Sherri has volunteered to lead an effort to update them. The expected timeline is to make them ready for member approval at the fall banquet (usually in November).

Giraffe shirts

As discussed in the previous meeting, we have developed special t-shirts as an incentive/reward for people who ride the tall unicycles in parades. Shelley has developed the design, which will be parade-legal. Mike will handle the purchasing. The t-shirts will be awarded to all those who ride tall unicycles in 5 parades in a season. We will give shirts to all those who met the criteria during 2015 and to those who meet it in 2016 and going forward.

Mike moved that we approve \$250 for purchasing the tall-unicycle incentive shirts. Sherri seconded. Motion carried.

Parade Incentives

We discussed various types of incentives and award levels. We decided that the priority for this year is to encourage people to get out and try doing parades, as we have a number of new members. The award levels are as follows:

- 1st parade of the year (beginning June 1) - \$5 Dairy Queen gift card OR a TCUC coffee mug. We have a limited number of mugs, so those would be available as long as supplies last. This will be given to any member attending their first parade of the year, not just new members.
- NO 5-parade award

- 10 parades
- 15 parades
- The incentives for the 10- and 15-parade levels were discussed, but no decision made. Mike will collect ideas from additional people.
- Enthusiasm award - \$5 Dairy Queen gift card. Awarded to any parade attendee, as chosen by the Parade Manager
- Pack-it-in (or some other catchy name) - \$5 Dairy Queen gift card for those attending four of the seven parades scheduled between June 16 – June 27.
- We will continue the rollover program.

Mary moved we adopt the above award levels for the 2016 parade year. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Parades

Mike will send a letter to the membership, separate from the Weekly Updates, explaining what our dues pay for and how parades are a significant fundraiser.

Emily is continuing to work on Parade Manager Packets and will make that information available soon. She will communicate with people who have agreed to be Managers on what dates may or may not work for them.

Rachel has submitted some ideas to Emily. Having a coordinated “back” is important, but whether a back routine is done in any given parade will depend on who attends. The final decision will rest with the Parade Manager, with input from others.

Meeting adjourned 11:05am.