

**Minutes of TCUC Operating Committee Meeting  
Sunday, September 10, 2017  
6:00-8:00pm at the Koehler's house**

**Those in attendance:** Mike Schatz, President  
Art Kotz, Vice-president  
Mary Koehler, Secretary  
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager  
Connie Cotter, Member at Large  
Greta Koehler, Junior Officer  
Andrew Kotz, Junior Officer  
Joe Schatz, Junior Officer

**Those not attending:** Garrett Macey, Treasurer  
Nick Schatz, Webmaster and Junior Officer  
Ryan Wood, Member at Large  
Melissa Garcia, Member at Large  
Dani Chevalier, Member at Large  
Amy O'Brien, Member at Large  
Neala Chevalier, Junior Officer  
Makayla O'Brien, Junior Officer  
Gabe Kahl, Junior Officer  
Rachel Sindelar, resigned Freestyle Team Director

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mike Schatz, President.

**Treasurer's Report**

As of August 31, 2017, our balance is approximately \$21,900. We have yet to receive the State Fair check. Gym space (Bloomington) is paid through the end of October. There appears to be some confusion regarding Freestyle Team expenses due to the confusion about summer gym space allocations.

**Parades**

Discussion: Parade season is winding up. We had better attendance, probably due to the fewer number of parades. A lot of newer families attended. The wagon is broken and not repairable. This prompted a discussion of how best to transport the water. It was agreed that the wagon is a good choice, so it will be replaced. We then discussed how we are carrying water. We currently use the large cooler jug for a water source, with individual bottles handed to riders. As the bottles empty, walkers refill. One of the problems with this is that the cooler jug is leaky and difficult to transport. One possibility is to double the number of water bottles, and eliminate the cooler jug. Also, some of our current water bottles leak. Art suggested that Penn Cycle may be willing to donate bottles, with Penn Cycle logo on them. We also talked about adding a second wagon, if we increased the number of bottles. We currently have the wagon be at the very back of our unit, as a protection for the riders. This makes it somewhat difficult for the walkers to refill water bottles, so a second wagon would help with that.

There was also general discussion about how the wagon is sometimes used for personal items. This makes it more difficult for the wagon-puller and for the walkers to fill water bottles. A second wagon may be helpful for this as well. We have generally asked members not to put personal items in the wagon, but sometimes, due to cool or rainy weather, people have items that they don't want to carry during the parade. It was suggested that we consider helping people with their belongings as a way of making it easier for people to come to parades. We tabled this discussion until next parade season.

Action: Art moved that we authorize the purchase of a new wagon, up to \$120. Mary second. All voted in favor.

Follow-up tasks: Art will purchase a new wagon. Art will contact Penn Cycle to see if they are willing to donate bottles.

### **Classes and Practices**

#### Discussion:

Tuesday, Woodbury, Community Ed class and practice:

Art is Practice Leader. Class is scheduled to start October 10. Our class was accidentally not included in the printed catalog, but is in the online catalog, although it's a little hard to find. Art will contact the local paper to see if they are interested in doing another article and to find out how to submit an announcement.

Tuesday, Bloomington, open member practice:

Mary is Practice Leader. Practice has already started and will continue through the school year, following the Bloomington school calendar.

Wednesday, Eagan, Community Ed class and practice – discontinued:

We discontinued the Eagan Community Ed class and practice. Tim Lee, long-time Practice Leader, resigned as practice leader, and we were unable to find someone who could take leadership of the practice. Also, the location was not optimal. However, Wednesday is a good night for some families, and there were a large number of people attending. If we can find someone who can take leadership of the practice, and possibly relocating, we could consider continuing.

Thursday, Hopkins, Community Ed class and practice:

Gary Feyen is Practice Leader. Class begins late October. Volunteers will be needed to help class participants.

Friday, New Brighton, open member practice:

Joel is Practice Leader. He is happy to continue doing this. Attendance has been very light. Mike will try to organize hockey on Friday nights.

#### Hockey

In the past, we have had hockey regularly on Friday nights, and then on Sundays on a semi-regular basis. Due to low Friday attendance, Mike is interested in getting hockey going again.

#### Follow-up tasks:

Art will contact the Woodbury local paper to see if they are interested in doing another article and to find out how to submit an announcement.

Mike will check with Hopkins Community Ed to see how registration is going.

Mike will contact Eagan schools to see if there is another school that could be used.  
Mike will look into restarting Friday hockey.

### **Unicycle Maintenance**

Discussion: Steve has begun doing annual maintenance on unicycles. Most are in the Koehler's garage, having received all of those that Tim had. Art has some and he will drop them off for Steve to look at. Steve will arrange with Gary to get unicycles to him prior to the start of the Hopkins class. Joel has a few unicycles, which he takes to Friday practice. Steve will check with him regarding any maintenance issues. We have enough unicycles for all current practices and classes.

Action: Mike moved that \$400 be approved for Steve to order parts as needed to maintain unicycles. Art seconded. All voted in favor.

### **Tundracon**

Discussion: We decided on December 31 for gym time and January 1 for the Como Lake ride. Gym would be two gyms, for 4 hours each, 12pm – 4pm.

Action: Mary moved that we allocate \$300 for gym space. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Follow-up tasks: Mike will check with Garret to see if he is willing to host a post-ride gathering. Mary will contact Bloomington schools for gym availability.

### **Banquet**

Discussion: We planned the banquet, with details below. We discussed whether to hold a raffle or another activity. The decision was made to give door prizes, with every member attending the banquet receiving one ticket for a door prize. Door prizes will include a unicycle and other unicycle-related products from Unicycle.com. In addition, every member who attends the banquet will receive a commemorative glass.

Action: Mike moved that we approve \$500 for door prizes at Unicycle.com, to include one unicycle and additional items as chosen by Unicycle.com and up to an additional \$500 for banquet expenses, including the glasses. Art seconded. All in favor.

#### Follow-up tasks and banquet details:

Tentative date and time – Sunday, November 5, 2-9 pm. Mike will confirm with Christ the King, New Brighton.

Mike will ask the following people to help:

- JoAnn – decorations and organize the food
- Dani – X-style competition
- Garrett – games
- Nick, Joe, Ryan – hockey
- Sherry – merchandise

Door Prizes – everyone who attends banquet receives one free ticket for the door prize drawing. Mike will contact Unicycle.com to obtain a unicycle and a variety of accessories (pedals, etc.). In addition, everyone who attends the banquet will receive one commemorative glass. Any extra glasses will be added to the door prize table.

Additional activities, with volunteers yet to be asked – Free Stuff table, sign-in and door prize tickets.

### **Freestyle Team**

Discussion: Rachel is no longer able to lead Freestyle Team, as she is away at college. Dani has volunteered to be the leader.

Action: We appointed Dani as Freestyle Team leader.

Follow-up tasks: Connie will talk with Dani about the role responsibilities.

### **Membership Dues and Parade Attendance**

Discussion: Connie suggested that we consider offering reduced membership dues to individuals and families for parade attendance. We briefly discussed this, and then tabled the discussion until we had more information.

Follow-up tasks: Connie will look at the membership data and bring a proposal back to the Operating Committee. Mike will look at our 501c3 requirements.

### **Clothing**

Discussion: We will probably need to restock our t-shirt inventory. Action was tabled until closer to the start of next parade season. Some people have been asking about jackets. The suggestion was made to offer a quarter-zip pullover, similar to the freestyle team jackets.

Follow-up tasks: Mary will research cost.

### **IUF News**

Connie reported that the organizers of Unicon 19 (in South Korea, 2018) have had to move to a different venue. More information to follow.

### **Actions taken between meetings**

May 18

Discussion: Due to the distance to NAUCC (Seattle), some members asked whether the club could assist in transporting unicycles. We have done this in the past many times, historically using our own trailer, which we no longer own. The officers approved, so arrangements were made with Andy Kahl to drive a rental van. Andy had been planning to rent a car, so he will bear some of the costs. Members will reimburse the club \$20 for each unicycle that is transported. The estimated cost is \$1172.

Action: Approval of rental of a cargo van to transport unicycles to NAUCC Art, Mary Mike, Garrett Mike moved that TCUC pays for the rental of a cargo van, with TCUC paying 75% of the cost of rental and 75% of the actual cost of gas. Art seconded. All in favor.

June 8

Discussion: The Circus Juventas summer show has 23 performances and reaches about 23,000 people. The cost for a business card ad is \$150 and a ¼ page ad is \$300. We decided that a ¼ page ad would have greater visibility and was worth the expense. Art will ask Shelley Kovacic to create an ad.

Action: Approval of ¼ page ad in Circus Juventas at a cost of \$300 Mary, Mike, Art, Garrett

June 30

Discussion: Changes were made to the gym space that we had reserved for the public show. Due to staff changes at the school, we were not notified. These changes mean that our requested space was inadequate. The additional space will be \$54.

Action: Approval to request additional space for the public show Art, Mike Mary

June 30

Discussion: The expense for four summer sessions was approved previously. The officers agreed that the sessions would also be open to all club members, rather than just freestyle competitors. This was acceptable for the first several practices, but it became difficult near NAUCC as competitors needed the full practice space. After discussion regarding priority, costs, etc., the officers changed the practice from one open to club members to just freestyle competitors. The competitors agreed to pay the gym cost.

Action: Approval to cancel a summer gym session Mary, Mike, Art aye Garrett no

July 6

Action: Approval of design of ¼ page ad designed by Shelley Mary, Mike, Art

July 18

Discussion: Mary proposed adding 30 minutes to the Tuesday practice time. There are often between 15 and 20 riders, and the space is not large. Adding the time would ease the crowding. In addition, it's probable that the Eagan practice/class will not continue, so it is important that the Bloomington space is adequate.

Action: Approval of extending the time of Bloomington Tuesday practice Art, Mary, Mike

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm