

Minutes of TCUC Operating Committee Meeting
Sunday, March 18, 2018
3:00-5:00 at the Koehler's house

Those in attendance: Mike Schatz, President
Art Kotz, Vice-president
Mary Koehler, Secretary
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager
Dani Chevalier, Freestyle Team Director
Connie Cotter, Member-at-Large
Lisa Wurtinger, Member-at-Large
Andrew Kotz, Junior Officer
Greta Koehler, Junior Officer

Those not attending: Garrett Macey, Treasurer
Nick Schatz, Webmaster and Junior Officer
Ryan Wood, Member at Large
Joe Schatz, Junior Officer

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Mike Schatz, President.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Old Business

Membership Dues and Parade Attendance

Discussed at the Sep 2017 meeting, Connie assigned.

No action – tabled.

Donation to St. Matt's pending renovation

Discussed at the Dec 2017 meeting. Mike spoke with Bill Hugo. The renovation is a long way off. TCUC will keep in touch with Bill regarding a donation from us. No action taken.

Donation to St. Matt's and CTK

Discussed at the Dec 2017 meeting. We approved \$300 to each. No report from Treasurer on whether this was done. Mike will check with Garrett.

Donation to USA Scholarship Fund

Discussed at the Dec 2017 meeting. Mike checked with the USA board on whether the Scholarship Committee was doing any fundraising, as we wanted to make a matching donation. There will be a raffle at NAUCC. Art moved we make a 1:1 matching donation, based on the profit raised through the NAUCC raffle, up to a limit of \$500. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Level Testing Workshop

Some people attended the workshop led by Patricia. Mike has asked her for a list of people, so that our website can be updated.

Parades

Number and location

We decided which parades to apply for, with some decisions put off until later in the summer when we see parade attendance. We are aiming for 11 paid parades and one unpaid for the year.

Incentives

We will give a \$5 Dairy Queen gift card when people attend their third parade of the season. The accounting will start with the June 4 Roberts parade.

Wagon and water bottles

Art obtained 24 new water bottles donated from Penn Cycle. This will give us a total volume of 5 gallons, so we will not carry the water cooler. Mike will purchase two soft-sided cooler bags for transporting the bottles.

Due to limited space in the wagon, we have discouraged members from putting personal items in the wagon. However, people often have things that need transported (purses, coats, etc.). So we have decided to purchase another wagon. The water can then be split up, and there will be some amount of space for people to bring personal items, if needed. Mike moved we approve up to \$150 for purchase of a second wagon. Mary seconded. All in favor.

The wagons will need signs. Greta has been assigned this task.

Thawsome Fest

No event this year.

Summer Practice Schedule

Freestyle Team needs summer gym time. We usually do this in Bloomington. The cost is approximately \$300.

We agreed to do a Public Show again this year. The date is Thursday, June 28. The cost for the gym time is approximately \$200.

NAUCC competitors need dedicated gym time. Last year, we tried having some of the summer practices open to non-competitor club members and visitors. This had mixed results, because it was difficult for the freestyle riders to have room to practice. Competitors also pay privately for gym time, in addition to club-supported gym time. We agreed to fund \$300 of competitor-dedicated gym space.

Mike moved that we approve \$800 to cover Freestyle Team practice time, Public Show, and Competitor-Dedicated practice time. Art seconded. All in favor.

Mary will coordinate the scheduling of all summer gym space, getting direction from Dani about the Freestyle Team schedule, and input from other riders on preferred practice times.

Social Media

Lisa has offered to monitor and post on Facebook. We have a Twitter account, which Lisa is checking on. Greta and Dani will check on the Instagram account.

Ride a Unicycle Day May 20, 2018

National Unicycle Week is May 20-26, 2018

This is being promoted by USA. We decided to host a ride on Sunday May 20, around Lake Harriet, followed by ice cream at the band shell. Host to be determined.

We will send a press release to various outlets. Mike will send last year's release to Lisa, who will coordinate.

Members are encouraged to post on social media any riding they do that week.

Actions taken between meetings

None

Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm.