

**Minutes of TCUC Operating Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 7, 2018
7:00 – 8:30pm at the Koehler's house**

Those in attendance: Mike Schatz, President
Art Kotz, Vice-president
Mary Koehler, Secretary
Garrett Macey, Treasurer
Ryan Wood, Member at Large
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager
Connie Cotter, Member-at-Large
Lisa Wurtinger, Member-at-Large
Greta Koehler, Junior Officer
Neala Chevalier, Guest

Those not attending: Dani Chevalier, Freestyle Team Director
Nick Schatz, Webmaster and Junior Officer
Joe Schatz, Junior Officer
Andrew Kotz, Junior Officer

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Mike Schatz, President.

Treasurer's Report

Account balance is about \$21,000.

Old Business

Membership Dues and Parade Attendance

Discussed at the Sep 2017 meeting, Connie assigned.
No action – tabled.

Donation to St. Matt's and CTK

Discussed at the Dec 2017 meeting. We approved \$300 to each. A check was sent in January 2018, for the 2017 calendar year. Mike moved we donate \$300 each for 2018 practice use. Art seconded. All in favor.

Parades

We had 11 paid and 1 unpaid parades this year. Attendance was a struggle. We agreed to do the St. Paul Winter Carnival Torchlight parade in 2019.

Fall practices

We are doing Tuesday practices in Bloomington, with Mary as Practice Leader.

We are doing Community Ed classes in Woodbury, with practice space after class. Art is Class and Practice Leader.

Steve and Art will coordinate unicycles.

Friday practices are continuing, as space allows, with Joel as Practice Leader.

Roberts – We are not supporting this practice as a club, since Paulette runs these through the Roberts school program. We will still list those practices as she requests.

Freestyle Team

Mary moved we appoint Dani as Freestyle Team Director, Neala as Assistant Director, and Connie as Skills Coach. Garrett seconded. All in favor.

Banquet

We had some discussion about the location and length of the banquet, with an eye towards re-energizing the club. Mike will poll the membership about whether our current location keeps people from coming. In the meantime, we tentatively set the banquet for CTK on November 4, 1-9.

MONDO

Our participation in MONDO involves providing two (or more) acts for the show and hosting workshops throughout the weekend. For many years, we have invited a special guest to be a highlighted act and teach workshops. In past years, we have seen very few newer members/riders attend either MONDO or the workshops. Since our membership has been less engaged, and our membership numbers are low, we decided that inviting a special guest to MONDO was not a good use of our funds. This year, we will invite freestyle team members to do two acts, either as an individual, pair, or small group. Specific people will be determined later. The Freestyle Team will also still perform. We did not discuss how workshops would be handled. Mike will contact the MONDO organizer with our plan.

Tundracon

The dates are Saturday, January 5 (12-4) and Sunday, January 6 (11-3), pending discussions with a possible international guest. Mary will contact Bloomington to reserve space.

International Guest

Pablo Codes was suggested by Dani as a possible special guest for MONDO. However, very few newer club members attend MONDO, we discussed inviting someone to come at a different time of year, with the hopes of energizing newer riders and members. Greta is to contact Louis to get a sense for how Pablo would be as a teacher. Connie will coordinate with Pablo, if we proceed. We discussed extending Tundracon to include the weekend of January 12/13, so that we could have two weekends, plus practices in between. We will invite MadUni, as well.

Roger Magnuson unicycle donation

Roger is donating a 36 and giraffe to the club. He had asked for a "tax write-off" letter, but we can't accommodate since we aren't a 501c3. Connie will follow up with Roger. We discussed possibly adding them to the door prizes at the banquet.

Club growth and meetings

Connie mentioned that we should consider having additional meetings or time for discussion about club growth and other topics that are not currently being discussed, as we have been focused on the logistical details of parades and practices.

Actions taken between meetings

Mike moved that we approve funding for the Tuesday (Bloomington) practices, in the same amount as last year, with an increase of 10%. Mary seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.