

Twin Cities Unicycle Club
Operating Committee Meeting Minutes September 11, 2021
Zoom

Members present:

Julie Alt, President
Chad Ward, Vice President
Emily Johnson, Secretary
Ryan Wood, Treasurer
Connie Cotter, Freestyle Team Leader
Adam Nigon, Member at Large
Mike Schatz, Member at Large

Members excused:

Jenni Runyan, Member at Large
Ben Runyan, Junior Officer
Katy Runyan, Junior Officer
Joe Schatz, Junior Officer
Derek Skroch, Junior Officer

Call To Order

President Julie Alt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Financial Report - Ryan

- We are still awaiting payment from the Columbia Heights and State Fair parades.
- We received an email about a tax form, Ryan will take care of this annual IRS filing.
- We should donate to Christ the King and St Matthew's as we are now using their spaces again. We will learn how much we have donated in the past and vote via email.
- We have not been spending much money and have gotten some parade income, so we're doing pretty well and will be in the black this year.

Dues

The USA is increasing dues by \$5 for each individual and \$10 for families on October 1. Should we increase our dues (currently \$40/\$55) or swallow the amount? Connie suggested we increase after the annual banquet, to encourage people to renew by then. Mike suggested we just follow the USA increase on October 1st for simplicity. We have not raised dues in over 12 years and it's much cheaper than other activities. **Julie moved to increase dues as of October 1st to \$45 for individuals and \$65 for families to match the USA's increase, and Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Classes/Practices

- Woodbury - Art is currently leading the fall session on Thursdays, we would need another leader if we have a winter session. Connie would like us to reach out to people attending Woodbury to get them to step up, and Mike suggested that we get people to volunteer to lead or help at one or two. The issue with switching teachers is unicycle transport. We will add something about hosting this class to the email update.
- St. Paul - They called Connie for info a month ago, she suggested they email and that's the last we'd heard. Connie would be willing to lead starting in November/January, this used to be on Tuesdays.
- New Brighton - Already started on Fridays, Joel is leading. Mike hopes to start hockey sometime.
- Bloomington - Jenny has requested Bloomington practices. We don't have a ton of money coming in or a host, Jenny may be willing to host. Bloomington used to be on Tuesdays. We are going to wait on a regular paid practice until other practice numbers go up and interest is larger.
- Freestyle Team - Starting on Monday

Formal Mask Policy for indoors

We need to be consistent across all our venues for masking policies. As long as any venues require masks, we will require masks at all indoor events until further notice.

Parades

- St. Helena 9/18 - Tom will be bringing donuts.
- North St. Paul 9/23

The sign is getting ragged. We could consider getting a new sign for 2022. It was around \$100-\$200, not an overwhelming cost to our budget. Julie will try to wash it up to see if we can revitalize it ourselves, and otherwise we will revisit purchasing a new sign in the future.

Winter events

- Banquet - We will schedule an annual meeting via Zoom, and if Covid numbers clear up then we can always add some gym time. Ryan suggested somehow incentivizing people to attend the meeting, and Mike says we can beg people to come to the business meeting. Quorum is 10 voting members plus 3 officers. We will need someone to fill the role of President. We may have a raffle door prize - one entry per household - for those who come to the meeting.
- We will wait to decide on other winter activities until they draw closer.
 - Como ride
 - Tundracon
 - MONDO
 - Thawsome Fest

Equipment Update

There are a few new donated unicycles needing some repairs, Ryan will get them to Connie who will get them to Adam for fixing. There may be some spare parts in the storage unit.

We have enough for the Woodbury classes at this point.

Miscellaneous

- Email inbox/cleanup - Julie can clean up and maintain the inbox. Ryan will handle some general questions as well. When an email is handled, it can be archived or moved into folders.
- Various people have access to admin permissions on Facebook, the website, and Wild Apricot.
- Weekly emails will begin again now that practices have begun. Connie will send them out.

Equipment allowance

Connie stated that in previous years the equipment manager had a discretionary amount they could spend without requiring board approval. **Julie moved to approve discretionary purchases up to \$50 between board meetings for parts needed for repairs, and Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Adjournment

President Julie Alt adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Emily Johnson