

TAMS/The Association of Mink & Somers

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 16th, 2022

The Association of Mink and Somers

The regular meeting of the TAMS was called to order at 7:03 pm on Wednesday March 16th, 2022 at 8229 Griffith Ave Nw. Maple Lake, MN 55358. By Jen Poate.

Present

Board Members: Laura Swenson, Sandy Braun, Tina Pavloff, Jen Poate.

Committee Members: Angie Hennessey

Approval of Feb 23rd, 2022 minutes. Approved by Sandy Braun.

Financial Report

Jen Poate- Update Budget Expenses and New Balance: \$9,321.00. Approximately \$1800 in new dues. No withdrawals within the last month. P.O. Box bill is due and we can auto renew it every year. Motion to approve auto renewal for PO Box by Laura and seconded by Sandy. Motion approved unanimously.

Open Issues

1. Welcome Wagon. Discussed the overall value and compared it to worth of cost expense. Discussed alternate solutions. *Keep track of increase in dues as a possible result of Welcome Wagon. Include dues form in Welcome Wagon. 140 brochures -2 sides color. TAMs members will fold and assemble for a savings. It is a 6 page document one side 20# paper – first two pages in color. Will be collated so we can assemble easily. Grand total of \$385.46 plus expenses of plastic bags and folders. Move to vote on cost by Tina and Jen seconded the motion. Vote is unanimous to move forward and set print date ASAP. TAMs members will assemble last week in March. ACTION ITEM: Put together talking points when meeting with people – like the parade and picnic.
2. Website: Laura shared her conversations with Clay on the product and photos he needs to move forward. Discussed Stripe and PayPal as choices to use for the website. Laura will continue to assist for the initial startup. Paypal is responsible for credit card security. Stripe is completely different and newer. You would not leave TAMs website like with Paypal. Clay is in the process of setting up new quotes on the different systems. Once the TAMs store is set up members will be able to pay dues on the site. Laura brought merchandise choices her and Juleen picked out for the TAMs store – looks great!
3. Additional Members: Continued discussion on adding members to the committee. They can be present and assist without an exact title. Welcomed Angie Hennessey to our meeting tonight. For TAMs to grow we need to EXPAND our idea of what our group could become.

4. 4th of July Boat Parade Committee. Reach out to Kay and Diane and start a committee to do the parade. Laura passed out sign-up sheets. Someone from TAMS should be at each ancillary committee so they have a contact person.
5. Sign Board: Need to update sign board with name corrections. Laura can continue to make the stencil but would like help painting. Jen will update spreadsheet and send it to Laura. Discussed possibly sprucing up the signs with flowers. Other side of Somers does not have a name board. When we pass out Welcome folders, we need to ask them if they want one. IF so, we need to move forward with that project.

New Business

1. By-Laws. Add an extra meeting for this action item. Discussed specifics of TAMs and tax requirements.
2. Recruit and invite additional committee members to next meeting.
3. Annandale embroidery – bill for Jen for merchandise. Ideas – use merchandise as give aways

Agenda for Next Meeting

Open for discussion and ideas. Send any ideas to Laura.

Committee members discussed the following ideas:

History of the island. Native American history in the area. Educational ideas.

Nature walk with QR code link to a book. Possible location could be Nye Park.

Holiday decorating.

Newsletter – possibly send out in April after we deliver Welcome folder and talk with neighbors.

Scavenger hunt.

Craft Sale.

Soap Making Class.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 by Jen Poate. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday April 20th, 2022. Location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Pavloff

Approved by:

