

## FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB

Lorrie Marnell, President

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Minutes of FLRC Executive Board Meeting

March 14, 2001

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Present: Lorrie Marnell, Joe Reynolds, Herb Engman, Yvette DeBoer, Alan Lockett, Jim Miner, Diane Sherrer, Tim Ingall, John Sholeen, Tom Ryan, Jeff Juran, Don Tily, Sandy Fitterer, Tom Nix, Joe Reynolds, Rick Cleary, Sue Aigen, Todd Mattison, Dan Fravil, Betsey Martens.

Lorrie called the meeting to order at 5:30. The minutes of the January 10, 2001 meeting were approved.

Additions to the agenda included the Try for Y Race, Pud's Run and Ithaca Twilight.

### Lawrence Park Bench:

No change in status reported. Jim Miner will contact Lorrie when it's completed

### Race Reports:

*Hartshorne Memorial Masters Mile* - Reported by Diane in Rick Hoebeck's absence. The event was a success. 2 world records were set by Americans and 1 world record was set by a Canadian making this a truly international event.

*Finger Lakes Snowshoe* - Reported by Joe Reynolds. Snow cooperated nicely as always. Course records were set in the Male Overall and Male Masters Divisions. Diane reported that The Star Gazette published a nice article including photos of the event. A copy of that article was circulated. Joe acknowledged the great effort of volunteers including Herb and Tim in less than ideal conditions.

*February Track Meet* - Reported by Rick and Tim. Snow and a same day event by Syracuse Chargers limited attendance at the February meet to 67. The events went off like clockwork.

*March Track Meet* - Reported by Rick and Tim. Good attendance 100+. Also good mix of kids/adults. Fun runs were very popular especially the relay events. Board members that attended the meets thought that they were very well organized and all participants appeared to have a good time. Tim has ideas for next year. Rick will be moving from the area soon and therefore resigned as Vice President of Track. Lorrie will start advertising for a replacement.

### Upcoming Races:

*Skunk Cabbage Classic* - Reported by Yvette DeBoer. Yvette is working on safety issues; more traffic cones needed, restricting/eliminating wheelchair entrants. Need more volunteers; Cornell student volunteers down from an

average of 30 in the past years to about 10 this year. Bangs Ambulance will have an ambulance at the event this year. About 100 (total both races) have preregistered so far.

*Berkshire Heritage Day Celebration* - Reported by Tom Ryan. Discussions included consideration of raising race fee and not using this as a USATF 15K Championship event - at least for the first year. Eric Smith will be certifying the course. Tom has lined-up several Race sponsors. Insurance is being covered by the Town. Jim Miner involved in race day organization, finish-line duties etc.

*Ithaca Twilight* - Reported by Todd Mattison. Course to be certified 5K by Eric Smith. Todd mentioned some ideas about a charity connection like a canned good donation. This met with much support from the Board. Other ideas included tee shirt donation from entrants for distribution to the needy. Todd will use Active.com for preregistration.

### Upcoming Non-FLRC Races:

*Puds Run* - Reported by Lorrie and Diane. Organizers of Pud's contacted Lorrie to inquire about FLRC help timing and reporting results. Puds will give FLRC "anything" we want. There was discussion about charging for our services. Lorrie and Herb mentioned the sum of \$1,000. The Board gave Lorrie the go-ahead to look further into this relationship.

*Try for Y* - Lorrie was contacted by the Ithaca YMCA to time their annual triathlon. The FLRC has a long and rather unsuccessful relationship to the Y and this event. After much discussion it was decided by the Board that the FLRC should not be involved in this event.

### Finances:

Reported by John Sholeen. FLRC has about \$1,800 in the checking account, \$6,900 in investments and \$650 in the Scholarship Fund. \$150 of the Scholarship money is from club member donation sent in with annual membership dues.

The Snowshoe Race earned \$84. The Hartshorne has a profit (not yet finalized) of about \$1,000.

John made a motion that the Scholarship account be set up at the Tioga State Bank. Jim Miner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Newsletter:

Reported by Diane Sherrer and Betsey Martin. The next Newsletter is complete and ready for mailing/posting on the web. There was some positive discussion about resurrecting Miss Polly and the Runner Profile. Diane emphasized that ballots for recognizing volunteers are in this Newsletter. All Board members were enthusiastically encouraged to VOTE.

### Web Page:

Craig Caylor was absent. No discussion.

### **Equipment:**

Herb Engman reported that we need a new Equipment Manager still. Herb will store equipment in his garage until a better location is found. Jim Miner has agreed to act as Equipment Manager as long as the equipment can continued to be stored at Herb's. Jim Miner has agreed to look into alternate storage options within the Ithaca area.

### **Other Vice President's Business:**

Trails - Could use about 400 entry forms for Tom B according to Tessa. Race application will also appear in the Newsletter and on the web.

Track - Need new VP for Track since Rick is leaving. Herb offered to still negotiate track schedules with Cornell. We will post a notice on the web and newsletter for VP.

Roads - Jim had nothing more to add than what had already been reported earlier.

Adjourn. 7:00

Submitted by:

Alan Lockett