



FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 10, 2008 5:30pm

Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, (114 MVR), Cornell University

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm.

Present: Board members Renee Kenney, Joe Reynolds, Chris Reynolds, Kate Supron, Katie Stettler, Lorrie Tily, Jim Miner, Alan Lockett, Karen Grover, Tim Ingall, Ann Kohls, Casey Carlstrom, and PJ Peterman. Also present: Anna and Henry Deitcher.

Additions/deletions to the agenda: Scholarship request was added.

Approval of the August Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Race reports

Virgil Mountain Madness: Gill was not present, but Joe Reynolds said that it was well-marked.

August Track Meet: Tim was not initially present, but Anna Deitcher said that it was well-marked.

Monster Marathon: There were 2 very slow participants whom Search and Rescue turned back before the turnaround. Karen said that several people have contacted her because the handicap information is hard to find on the web site – it was at the bottom of last year's race results.

Upcoming Races

5 & 10: Virtually all preparations are in place, and volunteers are lined up. Karen said that a truck will be needed to haul equipment, and will probably be rented for that purpose. Alan made arrangements with DPW to borrow cones for the race.

Karen would like to come up with a gift for Jill Fickbohm, who made wooden awards for the 50s and for the 5 & 10, and won't send a bill. Karen and Chris R. will pick out a gift certificate for her.

Danby Down 'n Dirty: Dave Burbank was not present. Katie Stettler has spoken with Katie Aldrich, who reports she has been helping with the race. Race applications are needed as they have not been distributed.

Finances – Katie Stettler

The club has approximately \$32,400, which includes approximately \$10K in net income for the year, more than twice the profit of the previous year. A change in behavior concerning the purchase of clothing/T-shirts for races has had a very positive impact upon club finances. Increases in award costs are related to the Harshorne Mile. Copying expenses were down, as there was no newsletter for 2 months.

Katie presented the Moravia Music Boosters with \$580, their half of the profit on the Moravia 5K.

We need to decide on our annual contributions to Search & Rescue, and to the Finger Lakes Trail Conference at our next board meeting.

Katie will be relinquishing her office at the end of the year.

Membership – Renee Kenney touched base with Diane Sherrer, who reviewed the comp memberships, recommending additions and deletions. Renee will send details to Lorrie.

Newsletter – Anne Kohls would like to fill in the space between long race reports with shorter items, and requests that everyone send ideas and articles. Lorrie suggested asking Diane to provide a Quote of the Month, as she had done in the past.

Web Page – Casey Carlstrom is hoping to have time to make the switch to a database engine once the race schedule for next year has been finalized.

Equipment – Chris Reynolds presented the results of her research on a new time clock. Digital is best. Tim would like to find out in advance of purchase whether or not the new clock will work with the Time Machine. Renee proposed that the Board approve up to \$3500 for the purchase of a clock and accessories by the equipment manager. The proposal passed unanimously.

There was some discussion of the height of the numbers. Most discussants felt that 6” would be adequate.

Lorrie suggested that we donate the old clock to the cycling club; Kate suggested we donate it to the Youth Bureau.

Other Vice President’s Business

Trails: Joe said that we must take down all trail markers soon after a race. The markings for the Virgil Mountain Madness race have often been left up as they can be used for the Monster Marathon, but we may need to begin to remove these between the races.

Newfield 5K: Jim Miner will take FLRC equipment to use at this non-FLRC race and will bring the equipment to the 5 & 10 to return to Joe.

Track: Tim has scheduled the meets.

Donors: Hope’s Way has donated 300 bottles of water for the 5 & 10. Lorrie reminded all directors to give her the names and addresses of all donors so she can write personal thank yous to them on behalf of FLRC.

Race Registration: Jim Miner has noticed that some race registrations arrive without the signed waiver – instead, the applicant writes the word “waiver” on the application, and signs next to it. To be covered by the waiver, the registrant must sign at the bottom of the printed waiver. It was suggested that FLRC may want to add something about photos, age listing, etc. RRCA would be a good source of info on standard waivers.

Race Applications: Reminder: All race applications are to be reviewed by the Secretary before they are printed.

Other Business

Approval by Vote, as suggested by Evan Kurtz: To avoid the problem of scheduling meetings, or not having a quorum at a meeting, suggestions included using email (but the bylaws do not appear to allow this), putting on the website a URL restricted to board members, or calling an emergency meeting. voting practices were discussed. The President can call an emergency meeting as necessary. Most business can wait until the monthly meeting.

Election of Officers: The ballot must go out by December 1, and members have until December 15 to cast their votes. A committee consisting of Shelly and Chris R. will present a slate of candidates at the November meeting.

2009 Race Calendar: A preliminary calendar was distributed. The calendar will be finalized at the November meeting. Lorrie still has not heard from several of the directors. If we do not have directors, those races will be removed from the calendar.

Scholarship request: The Board received a request from Sara Cahill for support for a new pair of running shoes. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Alan proposed that we arrange with Ian Golden, owner of the Finger Lakes Running Store, to fit this girl with a pair of shoes, with FLRC covering the cost up to \$125, tax-exempt. Joe was against sending her to a specific vendor; Jim felt that this was a good idea. A vote was taken, with 13 for, and 1 against the proposal. The proposal was approved. Lorrie will make arrangements with Ian and then will contact Sarah, who will be asked to write an article for the newsletter once she has completed her half marathon.

Next board meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

Meeting adjourned.