



FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 12, 2008 5:30pm

Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Café area, Cornell University

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Present: Board members PJ Peterman, Chris Reynolds, Joe Reynolds, Katie Stettler, Tina Slater, Joel Cisne, Karen Grover, Tim Ingall, Bruce Roebal, Casey Carlstrom, Renee Kenney, Lorrie Tily, Shelly Marino; and members Sandy Gregorich and Gary McCheyne.

Additions/deletions to the agenda: Race director notebooks.

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

Race reports

5 & 10: Karen Grover reported that the race had a standard turnout, with no complaints. Katie Stettler added that the race made \$3600. Lorrie Tily and Katie Stettler said that Bangs Ambulance billed us for \$120 for an hour of standby. In the future, the race director must call to engage them – this time they weren't called, but knew the date and showed up.

Danby Down 'n Dirty: Dave Burbank was not present. Chris Reynolds said that the trails were immaculate. There were 85 runners. Dave is the only director who did not follow the guidelines suggested at past board meetings for buying shirts this year. \$1200 was spent on shirts.

Upcoming Races

Turkey Trot: Director Bruce Roebal is all set with the high school. He has garnered many donations for the race, including apples and cider, a \$50 Wegman's card, and food from Cornell Dining. He would like to use the old clock and is looking for a volunteer to write times on the runners' tickets. Lorrie suggested he put out a request on the listserv list. Bruce will also need Gatorade, and Chris suggested Walmart as the best place to buy it. He will need 2 containers for water and Gatorade; Joe Reynolds and Bruce will arrange this. Bruce will also need to check the RR crossing, as work has been going on there lately.

December Track Meet: Tim Ingall is ready. Bruce would like a starter gun that fires, as ours are not dependable. Katie said to buy a new starter gun, the expense will be charged against the track meet budget.

Finances – Katie Stettler

FLRC had \$33K at the end of October, and shows \$11K profit so far this year. We still need to make our \$1.2K contribution to the Ithaca Youth Bureau, and our contributions to Search and Rescue and to the Finger Lakes Trail Conference, and we need to pay our insurance for 2009.

Donation to Search and Rescue and FLTC: Last year we gave Search and Rescue \$1,200 for their operating fund and \$300 to their equipment fund. We gave FLTC \$35 in dues and a \$300 donation. Lorrie suggests we continue the FLTC donation at the same level, and give \$1500 to Search and Rescue. **Katie Stettler moved that for 2009 we donate \$1500 to Search and Rescue and donate \$300 plus \$35 in dues to FLTC. Chris Reynolds seconded the movement.**

Discussion: Evan asked if the S&R donation would rise every year. He also asked why FLRC supports FLTC. Joe responded that S&R does a great deal for the club. Katie noted that FLTC has new policies regarding the use on private land. We want to maintain good rapport with FLTC. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Membership – Renee Kenney reports 7 comps, 212 family memberships, 120 individual memberships, 26 life memberships and 3 team memberships. Renee is on the slate for treasurer for next year and needs someone to take over membership duties. Lorrie will ask for volunteers via the listserv list.

Newsletter – Renee reported in lieu of Ann Kohls, who was not present. The newsletter went out yesterday. Lorrie noted that the newsletter doesn't need to be monthly; the schedule depends upon the editor and the news available.

Web Page – Casey Carlstrom asked about the status of the race schedule for 2009. It is ready. He hopes to be able to go forward with the database-driven site update for next year and subsequent years; old data will not be moved to the new format. Casey is looking for a graphic designer for the site. A request should be put in the newsletter and on the listserv list. Joes Cisne said that perhaps an IC student would take this on as a school project. He will contact IC about this.

Equipment – Chris Reynolds described the club's new clock: double-sided, 8" LED. It was used at the IYB XC race with success. It is easy to use, multi-function, light in weight, and cost \$2400, which is much less than the \$3500 allocated for its purchase. The battery weighs 30lb. They "McGyvered" the old tripod to fit the new clock. When she and Joe picked it up, they also dropped off the old clock to see if it can be repaired.

Other Vice President's Business

Trails: No report

Track: Tim is prepared for the winter meets.

Roads: Jim Miner was not present. Karen Grover asked if our courses need to be recertified soon. Lorrie will check the dates.

Other Business

Election of Officers for 2009: Chris and Shelly presented the board with the following slate of candidates:

PRESIDENT: LORRIE TILY

TREASURER: RENEE KENNEY

SECRETARY: SHELLY MARINO

VP ROADS: JIM MINER

VP TRACK: TIM INGALL

VP TRAILS: JOE REYNOLDS

HISTORIAN: DIANE SHERRER

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

BOB TALDA

MARIA COSTANZO

ANDY JORDAN

GARY MCCHEYNE

PJ PETERMAN

KATE SUPRON

DON TILY

MICHAEL WUNSCH

Joe Reynolds moved that we accept the slate as given. Evan Kurtz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelly will send the slate to Ann for inclusion in the newsletter, and she will post it on the listserv December 1. Voting will be from Dec 1-15 via phone, email or snail mail. All FLRC members may vote, and may do so by sending their votes to FLRC Secretary Shelly Marino, who will verify membership with the membership chair. Results will be announced at the January board meeting.

Calendar finalization: Becky Harman and KC Bennett will direct the Tortoise and Hare Race. The Turkey Trot, scheduled for 11/26/09, will be added to the calendar. A few errors were corrected and changes made to the list. Thus far there is no director for the club picnic, to be held 8/9/09. Lorrie will put out an inquiry on the listserv and in the newsletter.

Race Director Notebooks: Shelly made a plea for race directors to keep notebooks, with timetables and contact information, so that it will be much less daunting for a new director to take over a race. Tina Slater will bring hers to the next meeting as an example.

**Next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.
Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm**