



## **FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

*Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Rushmore Conference Room (114 MVR), Cornell University*

**Board members present:** Renee Kenney, Don Tily, Joe Reynolds, Christine Reynolds, Chris Irving, Katie Stettler, Karen Grover, Tim Ingall, Alan Lockett, PJ Peterman, Shelly Marino, Lorrie Tily, Evan Kurtz, Josh Cross

**Meeting called to order 5:41 pm.**

**Additions to agenda:** Katie Stettler requested adding the Triennial and a followup on the Ithaca Youth Bureau track program to the agenda.

**Approval of the March Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

### **Race reports:**

**March indoor track meet -Tim Ingall:** The meet was excellent, with a great obstacle course.

**Skunk Cabbage Classic - Lorrie Tily:** There was a record turnout for the race, with 540 people registering, and 500 finishing. Tshirts were sold out in preregistration.

**Thom Bugliosi Trail Runs – Evan Kurtz** (delivered later in the meeting, as Evan arrived late): The race went smoothly, and Evan received comments on the marking (though several people did get lost). [It was suggested that chalk markings on the ground, particularly at the first turn, could be helpful in future.] There was lots of help, fun and cooperation. Two ankle injuries were reported. Overall, the race came out ~\$100-\$200 ahead, though the figures are not yet confirmed. Two issues arose that Evan has already addressed in his flyer for next year: One runner had an unleashed dog running with him, and there were several complaints about runners wearing headsets. Joe Reynolds raised the issue of runners dropping their cups far from the aid stations.

### **Upcoming races:**

**Rec Way 10K- Josh Cross** (delivered later in the meeting, as Josh arrived late): The portopots have been ordered, some volunteers rounded up, a few more needed. The course has been changed to start and finish at the park, so it now goes to Burns Road first, then to Hudson (down the hill), then to Coddington, then finishes at the park.

**Tortoise and Hare Trail Run:** Neither KC nor Tessa were present. Lorrie will contact them.

**Summer Track Series – Tim Ingall:** There will be no June meet. The first meet will be Tuesday, July 1, at the Dryden HS track, with thanks to Evan for arranging this with Dryden HS. Both the Cornell and IHS tracks are not available to us this summer. The August meet, to be held on the first Tuesday, will be in Dryden unless Tim can get Lansing's track; another possibility is Newfield HS; Joe Reynolds will check on this.

**Finances – Katie Stettler**

The 2007 tax return was mailed today. As of the end of April, we had ~\$25K in cash, investments and scholarship funds.

The Skunk Cabbage Classic made more than \$5K; we paid ~\$6.25 for Tshirts, and sold them for ~\$10.

FLRC contributed \$1200 to the Hartshorne Memorial Master Mile race.

### **Membership – Renee Kenney**

Memberships: Complementary 11, family 196, individual 145, life 26, team 4. This is an increase of 1 comp, 11 family and 13 individual members.

### **Webpage**

Casey was not present.

### **Equipment – Chris Reynolds**

Karen suggested we buy chemical ice packs to have in the first aid kits.

Chris is still interested in a battery-operated Sawzall to help with trail maintenance. Lorrie suggested that FLRC purchase one.

### **Ithaca Festival Mile – Alan Lockett**

The race will take place June 19. Some FLRC equipment may be needed. Ian Golden is worried about registration: there will be 6 heats, so race day registration may be a problem. Kids are free, but must be registered. There are links to the application form at Ian's store's website and the Ithaca Festival website, and FLRC website. Leone is timing. Eric Smith is working on certifying the course. This is a fundraiser for the IYB.

### **FLRC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Evan Kurtz**

There will be a tie-in to the Ithaca Festival: Jeff Juran and Torrey Jacobs plan to create a float, which will close the course before the mile race begins.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet right after the board meeting.

The current plan: Friday, August 8, 6pm, dinner at the Elm Tree Inn, with 3 dinner options, \$15/ticket, which just covers the cost. Members and their guests are invited. They'll need a head count by August 1. Katie Stettler suggested that this be done as for Hartshorne's banquet, where members can download a form and send it in with a check and meal preference, so a list and count can be kept. No paying at the door – all money must be paid up front.

Festivities will continue on Sunday, August 10, 10am-8pm at the pavilion at Upper Treman, commencing with a trail run at 8:30am and a 5K run at 10:30am. Cooking will begin at 11am. Track events will be held on a grassy field. Wilderness Search and Rescue has been invited as our guests. The Sunday events will be free and open to the public. No one is in charge of food as yet; Katie Stettler suggested that the committee consider hiring a caterer.

Advertising these activities: Lorrie Tily suggested we send a postcard to members to advertise this. The postcard could also contain a form for the Friday night dinner. Katie Stettler would like to ask the Triathlon Club to spread the word as well. There may be flyers to hand out at the Ithaca Festival.

### **Scholarship Fund Discussion**

Chris Irving thinks that the issue should go to the finance committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the finance committee will meet this summer and invite anyone interested to join them for pizza and

discussion. They will brainstorm and also look into what other clubs have done with their scholarship funds. Their goal will be to bring to the board ideas and options for using these funds.

### **Other Vice President's business**

Trails: Joe Reynolds: Be checking your trails. Watch out for 'hazard trees'.

Track: Tim Ingall: Tim thanks Evan for getting the Dryden HS track for the July meet.

Roads: Jim Miner: Jim was not present. Jim handed in his resignation to Lorrie, but she did not accept it.

### **Other Business**

Triennial: Caleb Rossiter thinks we will insure their race. Katie Stettler said that if he gets the permits, we will do so. Permits are necessary because, fees are charged and the race has been publicly advertised (in *Trail Runner Magazine*). Katie will email the Rossiters concerning the permits. Lorrie will ask Joe Dabes to attend a board meeting to represent the Rossiters.

Youth Bureau Track Program: No one ended up using the scholarship money FLRC was prepared to provide. 45 children signed up for the program, and there is a waiting list of 30 more. Katie Stettler may apply to RRCA for a small grant to help with the program.

Cross Country: Pete Glavin wants to do one of the XC series races in our area, perhaps at the CU golf course. Ithaca College's XC trails would be a better venue. Karen has contacted IC but hasn't yet heard back.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm