



FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 10, 2009 5:30pm

114 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University

President Lorrie Tily called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Present: Board members Renee Kenney, Shelly Marino, Chris Reynolds, Joe Reynolds, Melissa Hubisz, Casey Carlstrom, Maria Costanzo, Lorrie Tily, Gary McCheyne, Herb Engman (late), and member Riley Hubisz.

Additions/deletions to the agenda: Two additions to Other: Women's Distance Festival, and FLRC Archives.

Approval of the May Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Race reports

RecWay: No report.

Tortoise and Hare: KC and Becky not present. Joe, who put up the arrows, said that no one claimed to have gotten lost this year. Onsite registration was heavy, with a total for the race of 130 – a record. A new award was given this year to two females for finishing downwind of Joe Reynolds.

Upcoming Races

Twilight: Maria is the planner, Gary the carrier-out of plans. Maria has publicized the race at health clubs, with the IHS track coach, on lists, and on Facebook, among other places. Maria and Gary will get the race equipment from Joe. Alan Lockett has the insurance permits. A rush order for numbers was placed, and should be delivered on Monday. Pat Leone will prep bibs and chips on Tuesday. 64 registrants so far. For future reference, Lorrie suggested that the cut-off date for preregistrations be a full week, rather than 5 days, ahead.

There are now permanent toilets at the track, and the locker rooms at the high school will be open.

Volunteers have been lined up: The Voorhees family will handle the water stop, Tim Ingall and Karen Grover will be lead and lag bikers, respectively; Joel Cisne will give splits on the course. Others have volunteered for registration and will help with the finish line.

Lorrie suggested that 10-12 marshals will be needed. She also suggested that an email reminder about the race be sent to the FLRC listserv list.

70 shirts have been ordered. The prizes will be special mugs.

Forge the Gorgeous: No report.

Finger Lakes 50s: Chris Reynolds has sent her plan to the forestry service but hasn't yet received a reply. Renee has sent in the insurance forms, and will get a copy to Chris. Onondaga Search and

Rescue is planning to come. More volunteers are needed, especially to track race numbers as runners pass the outposts. Becky Harman is handling awards. Beer will be picked up; water will be delivered to the Potomac site. The campsite has been reserved from Thursday to Sunday. There have been two reports of bulls that were not in pasture.

Chris showed this year's T-shirt, which included a dedication to Diane Sherrer.

Registration so far: 11 for the 25K (3 local); 22 for the 50k; and 31 for the 50-miler. One registrant is currently serving in Afghanistan.

July track meet: No report.

Finances – Renee Kenney

Renee requested clarification for a couple of Gnomon receipts. It was determined that they were from Joe Reynolds and Tina Slater. A reminder was issued: When having printing done, please mark clearly on the receipt the race with which the job is associated.

Renee will renew FLRC's membership in the Finger Lakes Trail Conference.

Four people have registered for the Women's Distance Festival thus far.

See the attached horizontal detail spreadsheet. Lorrie raised a question about the listings for Meet Income vs. Race Fees. Renee will correct the listings. The finances for the Thom B are not broken down as not all details, such as the number of race shirts sold, are available yet.

Chris Reynolds requested that the cash box monies be increased, as making change is frequently a problem. Currently there is \$60 in the box; it was agreed to increase this to \$80.

Maria asked about Pat Leone's fees for timing. Lorrie said that Pat charges a flat fee plus a per-chip charge. He will send an invoice, which Lorrie estimated would run \$600-\$800. Renee will pay the invoice.

Membership – Melissa Hubisz reported that FLRC currently has 158 family, 103 individual, 24 life, 7 comp and 2 team memberships. This is fewer than last month.

Newsletter – No report.

Web Page – Casey Carlstrom will add office@fingerlakesrunners.org addresses on the web page for all officers listed, where "office" will be replaced by the office name, i.e., secretary@fingerlakesrunners.org.

Casey talked with Alex Wiggins about the web updates he is planning, but Alex will be gone all summer. Casey will need someone to fill in for the first 3 weeks of July, and will contact Tom Meyer to see if he will help.

Equipment – Chris Reynolds said that Joe has replaced the PA system's lost cord. Maria and Gary have already made arrangements to get the equipment for the Twilight race. Chris has ordered new numbers for trail races, but they're taking a long time to arrive. Joe will buy 5 more collapsible orange trash containers. Chris would like to purchase 2-way radios with a 15-mile range for the 50s, as cell phones don't work in that area. Joe would like to purchase a small generator for lights, etc.

Joe also reported that the Live Like Liz race, for which he sets up FLRC equipment, had more than 400 runners this year.

Other Vice President's Business

Trails: Joe suggested that we bring running maps to the Twilight race as giveaways.

Track: No report.

Roads: No report.

Other Business

Women's Distance Festival will be held July 9. Sue Aigen will take over race day duties as Chris Irving is in New Hampshire, where her brother is in hospice care.

Archives: A discussion ensued:

Joe said that Diane Sherrer has willed her 30-year archive to the club. There is an enormous amount of material, very detailed, both regional and national. Diane stipulated, however, that the archive must stay in its current form.

Herb already has other materials from Hartshorne, Barb Booker, and George Gavros. He has checked with Cornell's head archivist, who happens to be Adam Engst's mother, and found that the CU Archive is willing to take the FLRC material. Herb noted that if materials aren't archived properly, they will decay. CU hasn't asked for money, but Herb suggests we put up funds for acid-free boxes and similar supplies. The archived materials would be kept in storage, but would be available by request.

The History Center might be another possible place for Diane's materials, but they are having financial difficulties, and would need some help.

Another possibility is to keep Diane's archive elsewhere for a while, put the other FLRC archive materials at Cornell, and move Diane's materials there later, after they've been organized, as materials need to be organized and prepared for archiving. Preparation would involve putting things in folders and creating an index.

Herb suggested that if Diane's set of FLRC newsletters is complete, we do not need to store an additional set.

Joe wondered if would be possible to obtain a grant to hire a student to organize the archive. Herb said that in conjunction with other groups, it might be possible to get a grant from SUNY.

Lorrie suggested that perhaps the running hall of fame in Utica might be interested in Diane's archive. Joe thought we should keep the archive here, and let them borrow from it. Lorrie will email Mark Driscoll to find out how Ed Stabler's archive materials were handled.

Casey suggested that Diane's materials be digitized, and a "from the archive" column be added to the newsletter.

Herb noted that Diane probably kept extremely good records. How will this be done for FLRC from now on? Casey suggested archive.org.

Lorrie said that we should start with what we have and get it into CU archives. Herb said that this is done by contract, and they'll hold the materials "forever." Herb suggested that the board invite Elaine Engst to speak and a board meeting. She could explain the archive process. We could bring some samples of Diane's materials, and explain Diane's wishes. Herb will check with Elaine.

Next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

Shelly will be absent for the July meeting. Renee agreed to take notes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm .