



FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 5, 2009 5:30pm

114 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University

President Lorrie Tily called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Present: Board members Renee Kenney, Shelly Marino, Chris Reynolds, Joe Reynolds, Melissa Hubisz, Casey Carlstrom, Maria Costanzo, Lorrie Tily, Gary McCheyne, Herb Engman, Jim Miner, Steve Ryan, Tina Slater, Tim Ingall, Sue Aigen; member Riley Hubisz; and guest Elaine Engst

Additions/deletions to the agenda: No additions or deletions.

Approval of the June and July Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker – Elaine Engst, Director & University Archivist, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Kroch Library

Elaine came to speak with us about the possibility of keeping FLRC's archives at Cornell. Lorrie displayed selections of materials from Diane Sherrer's archive (magazines, framed photo, articles, clippings) as examples of the kinds of materials that would need to be archived. Herb has material from Hartshorne, Booker and Gavris; the latter is disorganized and includes personal items. It was estimated that the FLRC materials would fill 50 boxes.

Elaine said that Cornell documents other local groups, and she felt it was appropriate for Cornell to take on FLRC's archives. The collection is open to anyone, but nothing circulates. FLRC would decide if we want to add restrictions (not based on the monetary value of items, but on confidentiality), i.e., more recent financial info could be restricted, perhaps with a time limit; or other materials might be restricted "during my lifetime". The only drawback to having the collection at Cornell might be the poor availability of parking.

Two choices are available: Make an FLRC collection with subgroups, or have individual collections.

How much overlap is there between the collections (Sherrer, Gavris, etc.)?

A record would be created in the online catalog for each item, plus more detailed listings, all Google searchable. Visitors to the archives are encouraged to bring digital cameras; else photocopies can be made at \$.30/page.

Once the collection is given to Cornell, Cornell would be the owner, and would provide insurance as well as storage.

To what extent does FLRC want to be involved in organizing the collection? Cornell has little staff available for this, so they'd prefer we do this, or hire students to do it. We can even do it in their facility, but only M-F 9-5, and perhaps Saturdays in Oct-Nov 2009. They provide boxes and folders and guidance on creating folder lists. There would be no problem with Diane Sherrer's stipulation that materials be maintained exactly as she prepared them.

Herb could help coordinate the organizing efforts at his house, inviting those interested in club history to help. Elaine pointed out that during this process we can't read everything or it would take forever to complete. She is willing to provide a workshop for us, giving guidelines and ideas for organizing.

Lorrie asked if we could turn it in a piece at a time. Elaine said that we could turn in one collection at a time. She suggested we label things in pencil, and look online to see examples of how things are catalogued. Publications, like a full set of newsletters, can be catalogued separately. It is important to avoid duplication. We should include things like summary financial records, but not cancelled checks. Shelly should check the minutes notebooks for such materials.

Joe wondered if grant money might be available to help with the cataloguing. Elaine said that that might be possible. Grant deadline would be winter, with a max grant of \$20K.

If we decide to organize and donate the materials to Cornell, there would be standard transfer forms and deeds of gift to be completed. Requirements can differ for different collections. We could contact Elaine to set up a workshop.

Elaine would be happy to give us a tour of the archives, perhaps at 5 or 5:30pm on a pre-arranged date. She mentioned that October 25 will be the opening date of a new exhibit on Lincoln. The current exhibit is on Charles Darwin, and there is material available on the web as well.

Race reports

Women's Distance Festival: The race was dedicated to the memory of Diane Sherrer. Sue Aigen, who filled in as race director in Chris Irving's absence, reported that the race was a great success, with 150 runners participating. She gave special thanks to Joe Reynolds for setup, and also thanked Jim Miner and others for their help.

Forest Frolic: Race director Steve Ryan said that the race went well for the 61 runners. He noted a reduction in participation, perhaps due to the change of date and thus a conflict with the Boilermaker. Times were a little slower than usual. Tim Ingall won the 15K running in the opposite direction. Two runners got lost. Finances: All the old shirts were sold. The single biggest expense is the porta-johns. Only 19 runners preregistered, so Steve didn't purchase a lot of food. 43 registered on race day. They took in \$700 and spend about \$305.

Fillmore 5K: Tina Slater was happy to report that there was no rain this year. She had a terrific turnout of community volunteers, along with Maria C, Gary M and Jim M. Registration and finish line went well. All receipts have been turned in. New records were established by Katie Aldridge and Nate Lockett.

August Track Meet: Tim Ingall: Despite threats of storm, the meet was a great one. A large number of kids ran in the meet. The new walkie-talkies worked wonderfully. The meet took in \$14, and spent \$3.99.

Upcoming Races/Events

FLRC Picnic & 5K, August 9: Kiko Alvarez is organizing the event this year.

Mountain Madness, August 16: Joe Reynolds could use some more volunteers. Aid stations will be at approx. 3 mile intervals. All runners will be advised to carry water.

Monster Marathon, September 6: Tim Ingall met with the owner at Gatherings. She'll provide the food from 10:30am at \$8/person. The building will not be open to us, but we can use the patio. They will have 1-2 porta-johns. Camping will cost \$20. Volunteers are needed. A van will be rented for the race (and also for the 5&10). Karen Grover will contact Kathy from Search & Rescue. Help will

be needed to mark the trail Friday or Saturday. We're out of entry forms; new ones will be printed with the correct restaurant name.

Finances – Renee Kenney

Renee distributed up to date spreadsheets showing the current financial picture.

Membership – Melissa Hubisz reported that FLRC currently has 155 family, 107 individual, 24 life, 7 comp and 2 team memberships, for a total of 295.

Newsletter – Pat Gillespie is on vacation. He is looking for a co-editor for the calendar and race results/reports.

Web Page – Casey Carlstrom thanked Tom Meyer for filling in while Casey was on vacation.

Equipment – Walkie-talkies are new. According to Chris Reynolds the Seikos are now working fine. She suspects that the problem was probably the extreme humidity.

Other Vice President's Business

Trails: In the interest of time, Joe R. requested that discussion of the use of Wilderness Search and Rescue versus Virgil Volunteer Fire Dept. be put off till the next meeting.

Track: Tim would like a set of equipment just for track meets. Tim would keep this equipment year 'round. This was fine with Chris R.

Roads: No report.

Other Business

Future location of board meetings. Tentatively here, but will investigate other possible sites.

Do we need a September board meeting? If race directors can decide upon their dates for next year, we should be able to get the 2010 calendar set at the next meeting, and forego meeting in October.

Next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm .