



## **FINGER LAKES RUNNERS CLUB**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

November 11, 2015 5:30 pm  
170 Roberts Hall, Cornell University

*Robert's Rules Tip of the Month:* A special meeting is a separate session and happens between regular meetings to cover one or more specified items that need attention and cannot wait for a regular session. Notice of the time, place and exact purpose of the meeting must be mailed to all members a reasonable number of days in advance.

In attendance:

Board members: Gary McCheyne, KC Bennett, Mickie Jauquet, Joel Cisne, Katie Stettler, Denice Cassaro, Adam Engst, Steve Shaum, Chris Irving, Lorrie Tily, Mike Allinger, Scott Wehrwein, Gerrit van Loon, Alan Lockett, Bruce Roebal, Maria Costanzo, Andy Jordan, Sue Aigen

Called to order 5:30

(5:30) Welcome of Board

(5:32) Review of Meeting Materials; Revisions to the Agenda

- No revisions

(5:35) Approval of the October Meeting Minutes

- Gary requests that Katie's comment under programming (that the shoe program is not necessary for IYB runners) be stricken because Gary's response to her comment was not included. All agreed to strike the comment from the minutes.
- We discussed the section in red that Nancy wanted to be checked over. We added that the RD attendance requirement for board meetings will be incorporated into the RD job description in the bylaws.
- Motion to approve the minutes; seconded; unanimous approval.

#### **Unfinished Business (5:40)**

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Programming Proposals:

#### **Race Fee/Club Fee Changes—Adam Engst**

Goal: to standardize things, avoid confusion

- lower race prices do not encourage attendance
- proposed minimum price: \$15 pre-reg, \$5 member pre-reg discount, \$25 race day
- kids 15 and under – free
- only 2 prices, for pre-reg and race day (no more incremental prices)

Proposed membership changes:

- 20/yr for individuals
- 40/yr family = 2 adults and kids 16-18
- 50/100 indiv/family for 3 yrs
- 80 indiv 5 yrs

Discussion points:

- we need a count of all members, including kids, for RRCA
- is there enough of a difference between 16-18 and 15U? The program committee's reasoning is that 15U kids are doing things with their parents while 16-18 are driving, independent

Lots of discussion ensued with no clear conclusions. We agreed that Adam would re-write the proposal for discussion at the next meeting. We need to finalize race fees and membership dues at our next meeting.

### **Shoes for Ithaca Youth Running Program—Denice Cassaro**

Katie suggests starting small, with GIAC, and focusing on kids with need. Some GOTR girls need shoes. Katie argues strongly that kids in Youth Bureau X/C program do not need shoes.

Denice: does not want to single out kids with need. Everyone in the program should benefit.

Gary: Youth Bureau personnel pointed to X/C program as a place where kids need shoes

Lorrie: what about rural communities?

Denice: reason to focus on Ithaca is to foster diversity

Alan: would it make sense to check with the Department of Human Services?

Straw poll: do we support targeting communities in need for this program? Yes. People are generally supportive.

Would we be comfortable starting with GIAC and GOTR?

Katie: need to have overall budget before we can approve this

Discussion is tabled until the budget is prepared.

### **Annual meeting—Maria Costanzo**

Date – towards end of Feb?

Adam: maximizing attendance at annual meeting is good since we will need to vote on bylaws, therefore this is a good year to have the banquet which will attract more people.

Motion to go ahead with the meeting/banquet at Celebrations: seconded, unanimously approved.

**(update: Feb. 27 has been reserved)**

### **Speaker Forum—Gary McCheyne**

- Several speakers are interested in coming
- Margaret Webb wants to come and run Thom B; her fee is \$1000
- Other possibilities: Stacy Sims, Lauren Fleshman, Jack Daniels, Scott Jurek, Morgan Uceny
- Gary will provide info to Katie for budget planning

### **Reminder to RDs please get dates confirmed for 2016 Race Calendar—Maria Costanzo**

Andy: Danby will be 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in October (Oct. 1, 2016)

### **5&10—Alan Lockett/Mickie Sanders-Jauquet**

What is to become of this race?

Change distances? Change location?

Get rid of it?

Needs a Race Director

- Alan recommends changing to 5/10K, cut out Stewart Park loop
- He does not want to direct unless this change is made; it greatly simplifies the race
- Bridge construction may happen in 2016 – Alan recommends canceling if so. Alan will investigate the construction schedule.
- Date is set for 9/11/2016

### **Retreat Update—Mickie Sanders-Jauquet**

- 17 board members have responded to Doodle poll

- Most popular dates are Dec 5 and Jan 16

**Update: date is set for Saturday, Jan 16**

**Election Process Update—Joel Cisne/Denice Cassaro**

Slate is almost complete:

President – Mickie

Executive VP - Denice

Secretary – Nancy

VP track – Adam

VP trails – Joel

VP roads – Alan

Dan Longaker – interested in being member at large

Scott , Gerrit, Mike will stay as members at large

Treasurer/bookkeeper:

- Several people are discussing treasurer and bookkeeper positions
- One bookkeeper applicant so far
- If Chris becomes bookkeeper, she will leave board
- Mike is considering treasurer, will start attending finance meetings

**ByLaws Update--**

Still working on rough draft, will send out

**New Business (6:15)**

Current Meeting Time and how often to meet for Board Meetings: Do we really need to meet monthly? Could we go to fewer Board Meetings? Such as 9 or 10/year depending on if we have a Retreat or not?

- Mickie suggests that the retreat substitute for the board meeting that month
- Historically, we have not met every month – usually about 9-10 months/yr

**Wilderness Search & Rescue: Annual Contribution—full board decision**

- Usually give \$1500/year
- Last year we gave an extra 1500 because they split from the main organization, needed help getting started
- Sue moves, Joel seconds that we give them 1500
- Discussion: Steve suggests we raise to 1800
- Motion to give 1800, seconded, unanimously approved

**Support of FLRC Women’s Vet Team competing at Cross Country Nationals in San Francisco—Lorrie Tily**

- Team is Nancy, Deb Bliss, Sandy Gregorich
- In the past we have given \$150 each for distant meetings, 450 total
- Gary: could we ask them to present at annual meeting?
- Joel moves to give \$150 each, Gary seconds
- Discussion: will the number of team members increase? Probably not.
- Motion to give 450 total, not contingent on number of people
- Unanimously approved except for one abstention

**Current Events Reports & Business (6:20)**

Turkey Trot—Bruce Roebal

Expenses: \$300

Everything is arranged

Needs a few more volunteers at ~8AM

Raising money for Loaves and Fishes

Budget—Chris Irving/Katie Stettler?

They will need information from RDs and others who spend club money in order to prepare the budget.

**Vice-President's Reports & Business (6:40)**

Trails—Joel Cisne

Road—

Track—Adam Engst

No reports.

**Committee Reports & Business (6:50)**

*Finance*—Sophia Darling

Financial Statements

Katie needs to talk to everyone within the next couple weeks.

*Membership*—Katie Stettler

As of 11/8/15, the Finger Lakes Runners Club has 216 family, 235 individual, and 27 life members. Membership totals 478.

Membership forms can be forwarded to me at 227 Renwick Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850. Alternatively, forms can be sent to my husband, David Deitcher, via campus mail at W125 Mudd Hall.

We ran out of time for the items below. Meeting adjourned 7:18 PM.

*Programming*- Gary McCheyne

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*Marketing* —Mickie Jauquet

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*Web Presence*—Maria Costanzo

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*Equipment*—Gary McCheyne

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*Volunteer*—Denice Cassaro

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Board Governance- Lorrie Tily

**Good of the Order**

*Organized, timely, orderly and respectful meetings make for happy board members.*

**Next Board Meeting: December 9, 2015**