

Falmouth Track Club
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2008

The Monthly Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at Bob Richards' on March 17, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by President Jack Carroll. Present were Don Facey, Ken Gartner, Glen Rogers, Wendy Carroll, Courtney and Carolyn Bird, Bob Richards Doris Beatty, Mike Norton and Jim Preisig.

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jack Carroll reported that a number of people have approached him about various items. The Senior Olympics is going to be held at Southport, Mashpee the weekend of June 20th. There is going to be a track meet, a 5k and 10k road race and a number of other events for people 50 years and older. He is looking for volunteers for the finish line and timers. They will hire the FTC to do the timing for the 5k and 10k and pay us for the use of our timing machine.

Jack said that Ken Gartner wants to hold the summer solstice mile again, it was a great success last year. Ken would like to put it in the paper to attract more people. Last year we had a range of people from 5 year olds up to adults. He wants to get a permit for official use of the FHS track for the race so he can advertise for it. The race would be June 21st.

Billy Andrade contacted Jack about the Turkey Trot and fall racing program he had in the fall last year where Courtney Bird gave him medals. Jack suggested we supply medals this year for 50 kids. Billy Andrade said we could be a co-sponsor of the event. A motion was made for the FTC to donate \$400. * (*Courtney said if Billy Andrade gets the program going we'll donate more if he needs it) and medals to the Morse Pond Turkey Trot.

Jack read a letter from the FHS "Together we can" after prom party organizers requesting donations. A motion was made to donate \$500. to the "Together we can" fund.

Doris Beatty said we should have a meeting about the (FTC) club's donating capacity. Members at the meeting agreed. A meeting for March 31st at 7:30 was scheduled. Courtney said he would contact Russ about getting the financials from 2007 and that he would e-mail the information to club members to review for the meeting.

Ken Gartner mentioned that we should buy a \$50. advertisement in the Mullen-Hall yearbook. A motion was made to pay \$50. for a FTC half page ad in their yearbook.

Courtney Bird said we reserved a corner room at the Lenox for this years Boston Marathon. We have the room for one night this year. Anyone who is running the Boston Marathon, who is an active member of the club can use the room if they clean up after they are done. If we have more than one person who wants the room, we'll draw straws. Courtney said he will send out an e-mail about the room being available.

Jack Carroll brought up the subject of the FRR party music. Courtney Bird said last year it was about \$2,100. for the New Black Eagle jazz band. Courtney said he sees it as a social aspect of the club which he thinks is important. He said we have money to fund both running events and social events. A motion was made to discuss the Black Eagle jazz band at the March 31st meeting.

Jim Preisig reported for Ann on the summer youth program. Ann is working on the timing of the summer youth program. She doesn't want it to be too short or too long. We may go 4 days a week for about 4 weeks this year. She wants something about the program in the newspaper before May. We'll discuss the program at the budget meeting.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wendy Carroll- December 2007 and January 2008 Meeting minutes approved.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Treasurer's Report. - Joan Pelletier was away. Doris reported on behalf of Joan that we have a \$25,000. checkbook balance. Ann Preisig didn't get her \$300.00 check for her girls volunteer work at the Seagull Six last year. \$300.00 went to the Falmouth High School but we don't know where the money went at the high school. Ann will track it down. The officers and directors insurance needs to be paid, Jack said he would make sure its paid for. Courtney Bird told Jack he should call USATF and speak with the insurance company and get the insurance for one year. Doris gave an accounting for the Seagull Six 2007 race Of: \$4,032. Income, \$3,727. Expenses, a Net of \$304. A timing machine was purchased for \$1,400. with the Seagull Six 2007 race proceeds.

Vice President's Report - Bob Richards No report.

Seagull Six - Mike Norton reported things are going well for the race, he's lining up his volunteers. Carolyn Bird said she is rounding up her volunteers and Ann Peters will be helping her. She has about 6-8 people inside and a finish line crew.

Membership - Doris Beatty reported 202 members, 112 Paid for 2008, 90 Unpaid for 2008.

Newsletter - Ken Gartner will be putting it out after the Boston Marathon, so he'll have Boston and Seagull Six stuff and photos.

Main Street Mile - No Report.

Friday Night Five - Ken Gartner reported that he's moving the start line for the Coffee O so we don't have the mass of people in front of Leary's.

Special Events - Carolyn Bird said the Bridge run is scheduled for March 30th.

Cape Cod Marathon - Courtney Bird reported both of our major sponsors are coming back. We have \$30,000. in sponsorship Uncle Bob's storage and Soft as a Grape are back. Courtney is working on a health care sponsor. We currently have 94 Marathoners which is a 40% increase over last year, and 7 relay teams. We have a road detour issue. Courtney talked to George Calise about making a detour along side of the bridge and on a persons private property. He has a call into Tom Cahir. He's looking into a temporary bridge for walkers and bicyclists.

Coaching - Bob Richards - No report.

Member At Large - Glen Rogers discussed his Falmouth Track Club proposed Runner Support programs:

1. Retain total race fee reimbursement for members completing entire USATF Grand Prix series.
2. NEW PROGRAM- FTC members gain free entry to FTC running events (CCM, Mile & Seagull)
3. NEW PROGRAM- Ratio Based reimbursement FTC race fee reimbursement for members on a ratio basis at calendar year end for calendar year races. Propose: 2:1 ratio refers to the participation in 2 club events for every 1 race reimbursed. 4:1 ratio for participation in Wednesday night workouts and Friday "Coffee-O" runs. "Club event" refers to volunteering at club races, Jones Rd. Clean-up, and attendance at club meetings. Members must submit valid documentation to 'member-at-large' board member. "member-at-large"

will verify with club documents, race reports, and any other means necessary for confirmation prior to submission to club president for reimbursement.

Eligibility rules:

1. Must be current, paid member of Falmouth Track Club
2. Must wear Falmouth Track Club outerwear at race
3. Must identify on race application that you are competing as a member of the FTC

We'll discuss the proposal more at the March 31st budget meeting.

Courtney Bird said we ought to consider other series aside from the Grand prix, for example the pub series, reach the beach. Courtney said he would like to see down the road not only reimbursing entry fees, but also travel and lodging expenses. He said we may consider discounted entries instead of full reimbursement because of the financial impact on smaller races like the Seagull Six.

3. OLD BUSINESS - No Report.

4. NEW BUSINESS - No Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.