

**Falmouth Track Club
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
September 20, 2012**

The Monthly Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the new FTC Office on September 20, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bob Richards. Present were Bob Richards, Hindy Richards, Kevin Leach, Courtney Bird, Doris Beatty, Matt Auger, Mike Falcone, Jim Presig, Jim Ainsworth, and 2 perspective track club members, Joe D'Antonio and his son.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bob Richards discussed the Main Street Mile and the success of the event. Most feedback was very positive and that Jack Carroll did another great job as race director. Hindy Richards mentioned that she had not yet received deposits from the race. Courtney Bird indicated it was in some paperwork he had just given to her

Vice President's Report – Kevin Leach reported that the recent Wednesday night track workouts he had attended, (the last 3) were well attended and that Carl Gustafson was doing a great job keeping the program going, as well as keeping runners of all abilities involved and interested. Kevin emphasized that this was not a reflection on Jim Preisig's previous efforts which also had been excellent. Jim indicated that our insurance might not cover any minors if the workout is held off of the school grounds, such as on road ways or town streets? This was in response to Carl indicating that every 4th week the workout would be off of the track such as a hill repeats, etc, Jim Preisig will send the insurance form to Kevin Leach who will follow up with Carl.

Secretary's Report – No report. The minutes for the August meeting were not available for the meeting and thus were not accepted and approved, Not all members had had the opportunity to read them prior to the meeting. It was determined that formal acceptance and approval could be done at the next meeting

Treasurer's Report – Hindy Richards provided all with the FTC balance sheet. The figures did not include the Main Street mile. There were few questions/comments and the report was approved.

Members at Large – No report.

Seagull Six – No report

Cape Cod Marathon-Courtney Bird reported that the half marathon has been sold out since early August. There are currently 1173 registered runners for the ½ marathon, including 70 that have withdrawn, and an additional 34 on a wait list. The full marathon has 1119 registered runners (down a slight bit from previous years) with 16 withdrawn, leaving the number of entries currently at 1103. He expects to be right around 1300 registered runners for the full marathon by race day. The relay sold out on Sept 19th at 200 teams. Courtney is holding an additional 15 slots for teams that are expected to still enter. This includes some of the club teams entering the club team challenge. To date there are 3 confirmed club teams... The Chowdah Challenge has

87 registered runners. Courtney reported that the transition to the new race director has been moving forward. There have been a few bumps as would be expected, but mostly positive progress

Youth Program- Jim Preisig reported that summer program went very well. Positive feedback was received on having the longer sessions and most other feedback was positive from the coaches, the parents and the kids. The school programs continue to flourish but some schools are in need of new parents stepping forward to volunteer to head up the program, Parental attrition due to graduation is the issue. He reported that both North Falmouth and Mullen Hall will need new leaders next year.

Membership – Doris Beatty reported 199 paid members

Race Reimbursement-John Banner- No Report

Race Timing – Courtney Bird discussed the Ed Gill 5K in Orleans, 10K Oktoberfest in Mashpee as upcoming races for timing. He also discussed certifying the “Run to the Rock” ½ marathon in Plymouth and measuring the Zooma ½ marathon course in North Falmouth a couple of weeks ago. He indicated the Zooma race was looking for people to work at the race for reimbursement. \$100.00 for 5 hours of work.

Special Events-Carolyn Bird – No Report

Website – There was some general discussion on how to improve the process for getting information onto the web site and how or who would control/approve the content. Matt Auger indicated the Julie may only be interested in administrating the site and not so much editing or determining what goes onto the site. He suggested it may need an editor..It was agreed that more input from Julie was needed prior to discussing what if anything needed to be done.

Track Workouts – Discussed earlier in the VP’s report

Coffee O – Ken Gartner-No Report

Clothing – No Report

Newsletter – No Report

Main Street Mile – Jack Carroll was not present to report out, but by all accounts the MSM was a huge success. The 251 finishers may have been an all time high or at least higher numbers than the recent years. Despite some equipment malfunctions timing went very well. Courtney recognized Mike Falcone’s efforts and expertise in handling the technical hurdles that were encountered.

New Business – Bob Richards discussed the fact that we do have an oversight committee whose function is to oversee the transition of and actions of the new cc marathon race director. Courtney explained why this was important and all members agreed it had value including Matt.

Jim Ainsworth talked about The Mended Hearts, Inc., Chapter 315 of The Cape Cod Hospital, and their doing a TV promotion with Jim in it. He requested some FTC running wear to be used by him in the promotion and indicated it would also be good press for the club as well as benefit a good cause. It was unanimously approved. He also was interested in seeing if the club had

any interest in race walking or entertaining the thought of including it as part of the cc ½ marathon. It was agreed that while walking was not discouraged, race walking would bring a whole new dimension to the race along with numerous technical logistic difficulties that did not seem warranted given the small number of race walkers.

Old Business –No report given

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned ~ 8:30 by club president Bob Richards