

Falmouth Track Club

Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2014

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the Quarter Deck Restaurant on October 21, 2014. Present were Kevin and Gloria Leach, Mike Mueller, John Banner, Matt Auger, Tom Davis, Ken Gartner, Bob and Hindy Richards, Carl Gustafson, Larry Kline, Julie Waite, Courtney and Carolyn Bird, Doris Beatty, Jack Carroll, Jim Preisig, Helen Kennedy, Russ Pelletier, Bill Andrade and Tracy Crager (VIP-Volunteers in Public Schools)

President's Report- Kevin Leach -The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. A brief presentation was made by Bill Andrade and Tracy Crager from VIPS, Falmouth Volunteers in Public Schools, about the Elementary Track Meet which was brought back three years ago and the possibility of the FTC becoming a sponsor again this year. The date of this event is Saturday, November 15, 2014 and is held at the FHS Field House. Last year there were over 350 kids participating and this year they would like to add 5th and 6th graders to run a mile on the outdoor track which would be an added expense for kids who participate. In the past the FTC has been a sponsor donating \$250. This year the VIPS is looking for \$500 for t-shirts and ribbons. There is no entry fee for the families with the only "profit" coming from food sales. This consideration will be determined by the board after talking it through.

Vice President's Report – Jack Carroll – No report given

Secretary's Report –Gloria Leach- The minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Hindy Richards- The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. There was some discussion regarding an error in the Main Street Mile calculations, which was corrected with the balance sheet showing the correction.

Membership – Doris Beatty- reported 266 paid members, 22 members who signed up at the FRR and 36 new members. Members who signed up at the FRR were told they would get the remainder of 2014 free with their \$20 upon signing up with the monies paying their annual dues in 2015. Therefore anyone signing up to become a FTC member from August forward would get the remainder of 2014 as a free membership with their monies going for the annual dues for 2015. A motion was made and approved for this to happen.

Nomination Committee for 2015 Board of Directors-A committee is needed to find people to fill in the positions of the President, Treasurer and Secretary. A committee was formed with the following people: Jack Carroll, Carolyn Bird, and Ken Gartner. An email will go out to the Membership to let them know of the positions that are opened and need to be filled. This must be done prior to the Annual Meeting in January.

Members at Large & Race Reimbursement – John Banner-the Annual Fall Golf Tournament was Saturday, September 20. There were 16 players and it was a good time. The winner of the Cape Cod Invitational Relay Cup will be announced on Sunday. Race reimbursements for 2014 shows we spent \$1263 out of a \$1400 budget.

Cape Cod Marathon-Matt Auger- Looking good. Construction was supposed to start on Surf Drive this Friday but was adverted until after the race.

- Police on board
- 15 vendors for the Expo including Marathon Sports
- Sharing the Expo with FHS due to Homecoming on Friday evening, therefore volunteers are asked not to park at Gus Canty but can use Island Queen parking lot on Scranton Ave
- There will be 3 participants in the CCM that are running this marathon as part of 50 states running
- There is a new “news tab” on the web site
- An appreciation party will be held at the Falmouth Yacht Club on Sunday from 4-7 pm. There will be a band and Offshore Ale provided.

Check disbursements for the runners winning prizes at the CCM- It was decided that the checks will be signed by Kevin Leach after verification of eligibility and the checks will then be presented to the winners on the day of the race.

Seagull Six –Mike Norton –No report

Main Street Mile – Tom Davis-Adjusting fee schedules for 2015. Applying for a grant for medals. Softball report-FTC beat CCAC 9-7 at Falmouth Heights Field. It was a fun time. Possibly a bowling match in the future.

Coffee O – Ken Gartner – Going well. Behind in the results. Working on it.

Youth Track-Ken Gartner-Took 15 kids to Wayland. Event went well with kids ages 6-13 years old. The next race is in southern NH with the top 30 qualify to go to Augusta, ME in late November. Asking for room comp from FTC for possibly 3 families at this point. This amount would be roughly \$300-\$400 for hotel costs. The Nationals will be in Myrtle Beach with airfare being around \$200.This will be discussed at a later time. FTC authorized money for hotel rooms in ME in late November.

Track Workouts – Carl Gustafson – Still collecting food donations for the Falmouth Service Center. Great turnouts. There were 13 participants at the 5:30 pm group and 12 participants at the 6:00 pm group and 10 kids participating.

Cape Cod Trail Race-Carl Gustafson- Registration is opened for Sunday, April 12, 2015 for the Trail Race and the Expo being Saturday, April 11, 2015. The Brag Book is a huge success as people can be shown what the Trail Race is all about while trying to get sponsors. Carl has a hot lead on a sponsor for t-shirts. Hanlon’s, EMS are on board and hoping to hear soon about Marathon Sports joining as a sponsor. The grant writing for charities was not successful this year. It took far too much time to get it underway, hopefully next year. The charities to date are as follows:

Wounded Warrior (returning Vets)
Medical/Lyme Awareness
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Cape Wild Life (wildlife rescue)
Falmouth Bike Lab (rehabbing bikes)
After Prom Committee
Jack’s Pack

These charities were voted on and approved

The course marking is done, will talk to Courtney about the timing, mile markers are for sale

Will limit entries to 350 with 50 slots saved for special circumstances

The race fees are as follows: 10K-\$30

Half Marathon-\$45

Marathon-\$55

50K-\$55

The projected net budget for 2015 Trail Race is \$9672 with 20% of net to go to FTC with the remainder going to charities.

Carl is also looking for a "Quick Books person" to help with the Trail Race. Julie will check with a bookkeeper.

Expo-Carl got Ballymeade on board, with the help of Paul Hartel, to host the Expo for \$1500. There will be four activity areas with the following activities being presented:

Gymnastics

Spinning

Meditation

Why I Run? (Marathon Sports and Pete Springer)

Outdoor Soccer, LAX, Iron Man Training

Archery exhibit

Hiking, Rock and Ice climbing

Stand Up Paddling

Presenting Areas

Participants can choose their activities with 20 minute increments for 4.5 hours for \$10.00 plus food sampling. This will be a kid friendly event.

There are four premier Expo spots with Hanlon's securing one along with 10 smaller spots.

There will be a Pre-Race dinner set up with stations with help yourself areas with chafing dishes with Thai food, Italian, salads, potatoes, rice, cookies, coffee all for \$10 from 5-7 pm.

Help is still needed for the Expo.

Youth Program- Jim Preisig – Focus on cross country in NH. Mullen Hall getting a track, crushed gravel, which will be installed by the end of the year. Applications due by Nov 1 for donations .Morse Pond student committee ready to go. This is a student run program. Working on getting a track. Need an IT volunteer and a data entry volunteer. Looking into NY Road Runners System for computers

Web Site/On Line Services – Julie Waite – The Cape Cod Trail Race registration opened on Friday and we have just shy of 70 people who have signed up.

Race Timing –Courtney Bird- Timed the Bourne race at the end of September. Will time the Jingle Jog at the beginning of December. Certified 3 courses, 2 Zumba courses and the new half marathon course. Certification was approved.

Special Events –Carolyn Bird-Golf tournament was a success. Looking forward to setting up the winter Fun Runs.

New Business – The Grant Program deadline for next year is Nov 1. It was mentioned to extend the deadline to Dec 1. Advertise through the website as the grant program process is available on the website. A motion was made and approved to move the deadline to Dec 1.

A motion was passed to give the VIPS \$500 out of grant monies as the money for youth oriented running programs do not have to go through the grant process.

Are the Fun Runs covered under the FTC insurance? Someone to check with Leslie about the liability and report back.

It was mentioned by Carl that it may be a good idea to have a legal counsel on hand if we need legal advice on matters. There is someone from Worcester who attends the track work outs that is a semi-retired attorney that may be able to help us. Will look into this.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.