

Falmouth Track Club

Annual Meeting January 18, 2015

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the Quarterdeck on January 18, 2015. Present were Officers of the Board of Directors, Maggi and Bob Yates, Kris Tholke, Russ Pelletier, Traci and Tom Bushy, Brian Matthews, Shannon Rauch and Tim Brown.

At 6:00 appetizers and beverages were available. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

President's Report- Kevin Leach –New members along with present members were welcomed. The Board of Directors introduced themselves and identified their position.

Secretary's Report-Gloria Leach- The minutes from the previous meeting, which were sent out earlier, were accepted as presented.

Treasurers Report-Financials were emailed out to all board members prior to the meeting. Bottom line cannot be determined but would guess that there is a \$10,000 loss by the CCM, the largest in a very long time. A budget meeting is planned for February. There will be a short meeting prior to that meeting regarding the finances of the club and what changes have to be made. A two week notice should be sent out before the meeting.

The following Slate of Officers and Board of Directors for 2015 were presented for election:

Kevin Leach-President

Jack Carroll- Vice President

Gloria Leach-Secretary

Michael Falcone-Treasurer

Doris Beatty-Membership

Tom Davis-Main Street Mile Director

Mike Norton-Seagull Six Director

Ken Gartner-Friday Night Five Director

Helen Kennedy-Half Marathon Director

Carl Gustafson-Coach/Wednesday Night Track Workouts

Jim Preisig-Youth Programs/Summer Running Camp

Courtney Bird-Timing

Julie Waite-Web Master

Jennifer McKay-Special Events

John Banner-Member at Large

Paul DiAngelis-Member at Large

Matt Auger-Cape Cod Marathon Director-pending contract signing for 2015

Motion made and seconded that the slate of Officers and Directors be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

The President thanked everyone on the Board and acknowledged those stepping down: Carolyn Bird, past Cape Cod Marathon Assistant Director for 30+ years, Hindy Richards, Treasurer for 8 years and Bob Richards as past President for several years.

Annual Appreciation Award-An award given every year to a member who has contributed to the club in a significant way. By the vote of the Board of Directors, this award was given to Carl Gustafson, who holds the weekly Wednesday track work outs and who is the Director of the Cape Cod Trail Race now in its second year, along with the inspiration he shares with all.

Seagull Six-Mike Norton-The race will be held on March 29th in Woods Hole. Sign up is on the FTC website.

Cape Cod Trail Race-Carl Gustafson-The race is sold out at 350 runners. More sponsors are coming on board, the expo will be held the day before the race at Ballymeade Country Club and special guest speaker will be Astronaut Suni Williams. Suni has local connections in Falmouth; she ran the Boston Marathon in space.

Cape Cod Marathon-Matt Auger-Report given and Board noted that it was a good report.

Russ Pelletier stated that Wayne Soars, a local motivational speaker, is looking for a \$200 donation and in return he would have a FTC banner at his motivational speaking engagements. Wayne has spoken to schools across the country with his anti-bullying program. He is looking for sponsors for the same program in Falmouth. With our sponsorship, the FTC banner will be on stage at each of the schools where he speaks. He will also recognize the FTC as a sponsor. Motion was made by Doris Beatty, seconded by Courtney Bird to appropriate \$200 to Wayne Soares. FTC banner will be displayed on stage at his four motivational speeches this year.

Jim Presig reported that the Falmouth Artist Guild acknowledged that they are very thankful for the donation they received.

Carl Gustafson reported that the 2014 CCTR donated \$5200 to charities from the net proceeds of the 2014 race event.

Ken Gartner reported that 20 kids went to NH and did very well. A 13 yo went on to a New Balance cross country meet for kids. He is looking into a cross country race for kids.

Kevin Leach-Race Reimbursement Program-he would like to eliminate that program and in its place get FTC members involved in going to at least 3 races as a group, ie: rent a van, reimburse entry fees, eat on way back, as an example, James Joyce Ramble, Beach to Beacon, etc. Just pick 3 that a group would like to go to.

Another suggestion is a bowling event in February, proposed by CCAC, a rematch at the Mashpee Lanes.

Courtney Bird addressed the reimbursement program. He would like to see reimbursements to members participating in races as a group rather than individual people doing races. A group would promote the club, ie: timing people are a group of past runners who give their time to promote the club, and there is a lot of comradery, which is what the goal should be in FTC activities, using CCAC as an example.

Jack Carroll in favor of sending groups to area races, but he is not in favor of scrapping the reimbursement program as it keeps people involved.

Kevin Leach said that he would spearhead the group to organize any local trips to area races.

Carl Gustafson said he has a traveling tent that could be used at away events, have FTC logo on it.

Suggestion made by member **Tom Bushey** that a calendar of meetings be sent out to members so they can plan ahead to attend meetings. I.e: get babysitters, etc. and that the notice of meetings be sent out earlier. Good suggestion that will definitely be put in the works.

The President introduced the new members and asked them to tell us why they decided to join the FTC:

Shannon Rauch said she joined the FTC because she is looking for someone to run with and is also interested in our events.

Tim Brown said he is interested in FTC as a group and it has good activities, likes the reimbursement program, finds members to be very friendly.

A suggestion was made that perhaps the FTC could hold blood drives as a way to give back. There are blood drives at Mullen Hall School.

Mike Falcone talked about the Thirsty Irish Runners who has groups that come to the Seagull Six, CCAC has more structured fun runs-8 weeks-Dec-Jan, pay \$10, casual races, winners given popsicle sticks at the finish, run out of members homes or bars, every team counts. John Banner knows about this as he is involved in both clubs. Mike Norton said the Seagull Six gives discounts to groups like the Thirsty Irish Runners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm