

## Falmouth Track Club

### Board of Directors Meeting November 19, 2015

**The Board of Directors Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the Falmouth Track Club office on November 19, 2015. Present were Mike Falcone, Jim Preisig, Carl Gustafson, Courtney Bird, Doris Beatty, Tom Davis, Bob and Hindy Richards, Julie Waite, Jack Carroll, Ken Gartner, Danielle and Josh Hill, Bill Bingham and Kevin and Gloria Leach.**

**President's Report-** Kevin Leach – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Introductions were made by Board members to the new members attending the meeting. Marathon Sports in Mashpee would like to host another Holiday party for all members of the FTC on a Thursday night in December and offering a 20% discount. The agreed date for this is December 10, 2015

**Vice President's Report** – Jack Carroll – Courtney and Jack met with the owner of the building that the FTC rents from to see where we stand in regards to renting the space for 2016. There were rumors going that the owner was selling the building and we have to make sure if this was true, what our next step would be. The owner is keeping the building so we asked for a contract for a reasonable amount of time to move when and if the building gets sold. We are keeping the rental contract up to December 2016. The rent will be \$900 p/month as of January 2016.

**Secretary's Report** –Gloria Leach- The minutes from the September 15, 2015 and October 22, 2015 meeting were presented and approved with changes as noted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mike Falcone- Please see Mike's financial report which was emailed to everyone.

**Membership** – Doris Beatty- reported 343 total members as of this date for 2015-2016. 301 memberships paid through 12/31/2015 and 42 memberships paid through 12/31/2016. In November 2014 we had 283 members and in November 2013 we had 209 members. We have 155 family memberships, 166 individual memberships, and 22 junior memberships with 5 new members signed up at the FTC booth at the CCM Expo.

**Web Site/On Line Services**-Julie Waite-Cape Cod Trail Race registration doing well. 155 registrations already.

**Seagull Six** –Mike Norton –No report given

**Main Street Mile**-Tom Davis-Still some outstanding bills. Thanks to the volunteers at the FTC booth at the CCM Expo.

**Cape Cod Trail Race**-Carl Gustafson-

- Will be using the Navigator for the pre-race dinner which seats 240 people which will cost \$300
- Sea Crest has come on board as a sponsor and will supply us a room for breakfast
- Pies A La Mode may possibly donate 40 pies as pies will be given out as prizes for the age group winners

- Carl has a lead on another key speaker and is still trying to get Frank Shorter but nothing definite yet
- Holiday Inn will sponsor a free public relations person to take care of the social media aspect and press releases for the CCTR

**Cape Cod Marathon-** Matt Auger-per Jack Carroll we should have a separate meeting to discuss the profit and loss of the CCM with Matt being present. Courtney Bird received a thank you note from the coach of the Pittsfield HS Girls Cross Country team, Theresa Apple, saying the girls had a wonderful time running the relay at the CCM. They volunteered their time at water stops and at the finish line and were given \$500 from the FTC for their club. Courtney and Carolyn Bird hosted this team at their home, allowing them to set up tents, which they have been doing for many years in the past.

**Oversight Committee-**Jim Preisig-No report given

**Wednesday Track Workouts-**Carl Gustafson-Going well. Thanks to Mike Falcone we were able to get a room in the HS to do yoga

**Newsletter-**Carl Gustafson-looking for a member of the board to volunteer to be highlighted in the newsletter

**Coffee O-**Ken Gartner-Still going

**Youth Track-**Ken Gartner-Going well. There are about 30-40 kids who participate.

- All youth teams did well in the CCM
- New England meet in RI, 5 kids advanced to the top 30. Will be going back next week
- National meet is in Alberqueque, NM We have \$7000 in the youth budget, 4 kids would go if they qualify with air fare being around \$400
- Could we use the youth money towards expenses if these kids qualify? We would use up to \$3000 per Kenny's discretion
- A motion was made and approved that Kenny could use up to \$3000 for expenses to the trip to NM

**Youth Running Program-**Jim Preisig-the Cross Country race in Smithfield, RI was a great event. Perfect weather and kids had fun. The in school program is going well, with 3 schools participating. The Summer Running Program netted \$2884 which goes towards funding for the in school programs.

**Race Timing-**Courtney Bird- Next race timing event is the Jingle Jog in December.

**Members at Large-**John Banner and Paul DiAngelis-John reported that for the fourth year running, **Falmouth Track Club** organized and hosted the Cape Cod Invitational Cup (CCIC) Club Relay Challenge held during the 2015 Cape Cod Marathon/Relay in Falmouth on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Last year, including FTC, a total of six eastern New England running clubs competed against each other for the right to hold and display the Cape Cod Invitational Cup Trophy for twelve months, until this year's Cape Cod Marathon.

The format for the competition is that each Club nominates at least two Relay teams, one from at least two of the following three Divisions:

Men's Open

Women's Open

Mixed Men's and Women's Open

Each team's score is determined by their overall placing in their Relay Division (aka "cross country" scoring), and the Club with the lowest total score from their last two best teams wins the Cape Cod Invitational Cup Trophy.

Based on a similar but slightly different scoring methodology, the winning Club for 2014 was the **Cape Cod Athletic Club**.

This year seven regional running clubs competed.

The three winning club scores were very close, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place separated by 1 point each! The winning club was for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year, **Cape Cod Athletic Club**, scoring an amazingly low 3 points in the **CCAC Mixed Open** team was the 1<sup>st</sup> overall in their Division and the **CCAC Women's** team was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in their division.

The **Wampanoag Road Runners** placed second overall with the WRR Women's team placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall in their division and the **WRR Mixed** team placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for a combined score of 4!

**Falmouth Track Club** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with the **FTC Men's** team placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall in their Division and the **FTC Mixed** team placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall for a combined score of 5!

Total Club scores for the top three places were:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Cape Cod Athletic Club-3**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Wampanoag Road Runners-4**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Falmouth Track Club-5**

Comparing this year's top three final scores of 3, 4, and 5, to previous year's top final three scores clearly shows that the Cape Cod Invitational Cup Club competition is getting more and more competitive.

Top three scoring Clubs also receive a discounted entry fee in 2016.

One of the other clubs competing, **Somerville Road Runners** scored a very impressive 6, and this was only their first time competing in the CCIC Relay Challenge! **Thirsty Irish Runners**, **Greater Boston Track Club** and Colonial Road Runners made up the rest of the field.

Cape Cod Athletic Club will hold the Cup until October next year and will return the cup to FTC prior to the 2016 Cape Cod Marathon so that it can be presented to the winner of the 2016 CCIC Club Relay Challenge.

For the 2016 competition, FTC plans to expand the number of Clubs invited and it is expected that there will be 10+ clubs competing for the Cup.

Congratulations again to Cape Cod Athletic Club and to all the runners who participated in the 2015 Cape Cod Invitational Cup Club Relay Challenge!

**Special Events**-Jen McKay- No report given. Courtney and Carolyn Bird will host the Hangover Classic on January 1, 2016

**New Business**-An Executive Session Meeting for Board members only has been scheduled for December 17, 2015

Carl Gustafson brought up an idea that the FTC should host a Chamber Business After Hours meeting in the spring or fall with a walk/fun run and gathering afterwards to let people know what the FTC does for our community. This would be an easy way to market the FTC. It is something to think about.

**Old Business**- Julie Waite - Deadline for all grants is Feb 1, 2016. Only 2 people have applied to date. Per Jim Preisig and Jack Carroll, we will have to wait to get the financial reports from the CCM to see if we have made enough of a profit to offer any grants.

We are going to proceed with scheduling Sunday Fun Runs for 2016 with possible waivers being signed by participants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm