

Falmouth Track Club

**Annual Meeting
January 14, 2016**

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the Quarterdeck on January 14, 2016. Present were Jack Carroll, Doris Beatty, Tom Davis, Ken Gartner, Carl Gustafson, Jim and Anne Preisig, Julie Waite, Carolyn and Courtney Bird, Larry Cline, Denis Renna, Kasey Melloni, Sam Morgan, Norman Atchie, Mananjo Jonahson, Bob and Maggi Yates, Dianne Klitian, Russ Pelletier, David Corbett, Karen Bearick and Julene Augusta.

At 6:00 appetizers and beverages were available. The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

Vice President's Remarks- Jack Carroll-New members along with present members were welcomed and thanked for coming and being part of the track club. It was a good year in which all events were profitable and thanks given to the organizers. It was also the best year ever for membership. All non-board members briefly introduced themselves. Several were Winter Warrior participants and it was noted the FTC Winter Warrior team is in second place in the standings.

No elected officer's reports were given.

The following Slate of Officers and Board of Directors for 2016 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 Coordinator

Courtney Bird-Timing

Julie Waite-Web Master

Jennifer McKay-Special Events

Paul DiAngelis-Member at Large

Mike Norton will remain as Seagull Six Director, but will no longer serve on the Board.

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

John Banner stepped down as a Member at Large. Motion was made to retain the position and for it to be determined at the next Board meeting who will fill the position for a 1-year term. Motion passed.

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 Julie Waite, who is the webmaster, a large help to Carl in putting on the Cape Cod Trail Race, is strongly involved in the grants program, and contributes in her quiet manner in many other small ways.

Jack spoke a bit about each of the events the Track Club puts on or with which it is involved in, such as the Jones Road clean up.

Membership Report-Doris Beatty reported an all time record of 353 members, 219 whose membership is up for renewal in 2016 and 134 whose membership is up for renewal in 2017.

The floor was then opened to new ideas from those present. Those ideas included:

- FTC "Iron Man" in which members gain points by participating in a selected group of eight events, with something like a t-shirt earned if seven of the events are participated in.
- While not a new idea, Carl was encouraged to continue with the revived FTC newsletter and others were encouraged to contribute/help in some way.
- Year round fun runs, though as once a month events during the spring, summer and fall. The socializing with other members after the fun runs is much enjoyed and is a big draw.
- Students at the scientific institutions in Woods Hole are an untapped group. They could be encouraged to become members and participate in Friday Five runs or Wednesday Track workouts.
- Make the Facebook page open, rather than a closed group. If it's made open, would need to post rules and moderate. Russ, as admin, is willing to try having it as an open group.

Larry Cline gave thanks for being selected a recipient of a Boston Marathon waiver.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

