

# Falmouth Track Club

## Monthly Meeting July 14th, 2016

**The monthly Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the FTC office on July 14th, 2016. Present were Kevin Leach, Court Bird, Jim Presig, Mike Falcone, Helen Kennedy, Ken Gaynor, Tor Clark, Carl Gustafson, and Kris Tholke.**

**President's Report** – Kevin Leach discussed his recent trip out to the Boilermaker in upstate NY. Seven FTC members were in attendance along with hordes of Thirsty Irish Runners. Discussed possibility of making this a club trip next year which will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

Discussed the reminders covered in the June meeting regarding communication with the club book keeper and the submitting of reimbursement forms for monies spent out of pocket for club events. He will send out a word document covering the information

Reported that all scholarship checks (5) had been issued and mailed with the exception of one sent to Ashley Estrella, which had to be re-issued and would be mailed in the morning.

**Vice President's Report** – Jack Carroll – No reported issues to discuss.

**Secretary's Report** – Kevin Leach – The minutes from the June 14th, 2016 meeting could not be accepted due to a lack of a quorum. June's minutes will be formally accepted at the August meeting. There were no exceptions to the June minutes previously reported from those in attendance

**Treasurer's Report** – Mike Falcone – Financial reports were not available for the meeting. Judy Demario father had been gravely ill for some time and had recently passed. Judy did report that she can have reports generated at any point should the need arise and was grateful for the understanding which will allow her to catch up with her other work which had fallen behind given her situation...The club will send a 100.00 donation to the Falmouth Family Senior Center in his memory as was requested in his obituary.

Mike reported that his request for budgets was not successful. Please forward your budgets to Mike as soon as you can conveniently do so....He will send out "another reminder" with those that he has, so those who have not submitted them to him will know he doesn't have them. That may have been the confusion

**Coffee O / Youth Track** – Ken Gartner – Ken reported that his youth group has been going very well, running weekly on the track and grass at Falmouth H.S., as well as some trail running. Plans are underway to compete in several youth x-cntry events around New England this fall.

**2016 Student Scholarships** – Covered earlier in this report. Note that we need to get more exposure for this donation. An effort to round up the student athletes after the awards night was unsuccessful due to a variety of reasons. A photo in the Enterprise would provide substantial positive exposure for our club in our community. This really helps when we go in front of town officials and organizations to request permission for various activities

**CCM Weekend** – Tom Davis/Helen Kennedy - A separate meeting was held in early July. In attendance were Tom, Helen, Jack Carroll, Kevin Leach, and Courtney Bird. Tom and Helen provided a detailed review of where they stood relative to many aspects of the event. With the exception of a few areas of concern, everything seems to be on track. Sponsorship is down and it was recognized that earlier efforts are vital to secure sponsorship as many companies set their budgets a year or so in advance. This didn't happen given the timing in change in leadership. This was noted as a lesson learned for next year. One area of concern was water donations, as there had been no commitment from Poland Springs to provide water as they had in the past. (Helen reported at this meeting that Poland Springs had since committed). It was noted that in the last few months leading up to the CCM weekend, a separate meeting dealing only with the CCM may work better than reporting out at the monthly meetings. This may become a practice going forward whereby we conduct separate CCM meetings for the BOD and race director(s) to allow more focus in achieving a successful event. Please provide any thoughts or feedback you might have regarding that to Kevin

Number of CCM entries to date; (These are June #'s, updates will be provided)

Marathon:	298
½ Marathon:	488
Marathon Relay:	28 Teams
Chowder Challenge:	36
Total # of entry's	896 (14% increase from last year at this time)

**Cape Cod Trail Run/Track Work Outs/Etc.** – Carl Gustafson – Carl has spoken with a potential speaker for the CCTR by the name of Paravonah Moayed. She is an Iranian woman who will soon complete her 1000<sup>th</sup> marathon. He described her as an exceptionally positive motivational speaker who would be an excellent candidate to come and talk at our CCTR. He did ask the club to consider offering her one of our BAA waivers for the Boston Marathon as a bartering chip to have her come and speak. There would be no additional cost to the club, only one of 4 club waivers. It was noted that there was some negative press on the I-net regarding this woman's accomplishment that may or may not be true (as is the case with many news worthy reported events or accomplishments). It was suggested we all take a look at this and so we can discuss further the benefits (or not) of having this woman speak at the CCTR. Carl reported that his interactions with her had been extremely positive but was open to discussing her merits openly. More discussion is warranted and please feel free to provide input either way.

The Wednesday night track work outs celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary (with Carl leading) this past Wednesday. It included special events, music, food, a shoe vendor, and of course running. Kevin reported receiving feedback from several folks regarding the exception effort and fun that was provided.

Carl reported that the recent bus trip to Mt Washington was very successful. 28 people made the trip with no one getting lost or injured. Kevin reported that feedback he had received on the trip from those who went was extremely positive.

Carl reported that there will be a "Full Moon Fat Ass 25K" evening run/walk at Sandy Neck coming up. There is limited space for this event, please contact Carl if you have an interest.

Carl reported that the club newsletter is going well and asked that folks submit any photos and or stories that would be appropriate for the publication.

**Temporary Membership Director** – Kevin will touch base with Jill to ensure the transition is going smoothly. It was suggested that a reminder go out to those members who have not yet paid their dues.

Courtney Bird requested that a reminder go out for our monthly meetings 10 days in advance. Kevin noted that there is a monthly schedule posted on our website, All BOD members know we have monthly meetings, and that schedules were mailed to all bod members. Reminders currently have been going out 1-3 days in advance. Please provide feedback on best time to send out a reminder for the monthly meeting.

**Youth Running Program** – Jim Presig reported all is going well with the Youth Running. They have been getting 40 or so kids a night (slightly down from the past) but still in good shape. No issues or problems reported

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

**FTC Clothing** – Mary Tolland - No report.

**Main Street Mile** – Tom Davis / Dave Corbett – No report. Mike Falcone reported discussions with Tom had indicated no major issues

**Special Events** – Jen McKay reported that she is working on a Fall 2016 FTC Golf Tournament possibly at Holly Ridge Golf Club in Sandwich as a change of venue. Court Bird reported that plans for the 2016 FRR Post race party are progressing along very well with no issues noted

**Old Business – New Business** – Kevin Leach will work on finding a person to be in charge of the FTC booth at the FRR Expo. This will involve coordinating and lining up volunteers for the set up/takedown of the booth, assigning volunteers for 2-4 hr. slots manning the booth, and being the general person in charge of the FTC booth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm