

Falmouth Track Club

Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2016

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Falmouth Track Club was held at the Falmouth Track Club office on October 13, 2016. Present were Jack Carroll, Helen Kennedy, Julie Waite, Courtney Bird, Jim Preisig, Carl Gustafson, Kris Tholke, Mike Falcone, Tom Davis, Ken Gartner, Brian Bourque, Steve Morris.

President's Report – Kevin Leach – No report.

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

Secretary's Report – Gloria Leach – September meeting minutes approval has been moved to November meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Falcone – Account balance is down ~\$14,000 from last year. Mike is looking through past accounting reports to see what is contributing to the deficit. It was noted that Seagull Six and Main Street Mile profits were down from last year, and also the Marathon sponsorship of NovoNordisk is much lower than last year.

Membership – Jill Polvinen – No report.

Members at Large – Paul DiAngelis and Kris Tholke – Kris reports that interest in the Challenge Cup competition amongst clubs has been weak this year.

Special Events – Jen McKay – No report.

Seagull Six – Mike Norton – No report.

Main Street Mile – Tom Davis – He was happy with the new course route and earlier time. Registrations were down from last year though. It may better to move it back to the 2nd Sunday in September, rather than the 3rd Sunday, as was done this year.

Since Tom is stepping down as MSM Director due to his new job, a new Director is needed. A motion was made to appoint Brian Bourque as the new MSM Director. Motion was seconded and passed.

Cape Cod Marathon – Tom Davis – As of today we have 1655 participants signed up vs 1632 same date in 2015.

1/2 Marathon – 1,537 entrants (full)

Marathon – less than 700

Relay – 162 teams

The old FRR office next door is being used as a staging area. Shirts and bibs are in, medals soon.

A decision will be made on whether to close registration on Friday or have on-site registration.

Helen is working with the police on timeline and route safety. A problem of a missing police detail in 2015 has been addressed for 2016. There will be 25-26 officers working the course.

There is a wheelchair athlete participating this year who will have two cyclists with them through the course, as well as a police escort to close cross streets on approach.

Ken Gartner is putting together a men's team and a youth team. Mary Ryther is putting together a women's team.

Food and tents have been ordered, liquor license secured, Court has 16 volunteers to assist at the beer tent. For the beer tent, the intention is to allow runners, volunteers, and relatives/friends into the tent and to sell beer at \$5 to non-runners and \$3 to runners after first complimentary beer.

Concern was raised of people coming to see the band (Crooked Coast, which is popular locally) and not being able to differentiate between those people and those associated with the race, essentially making the beer tent open to the public. There was also strong concern that selling beer and allowing others besides runners into the tent had not been presented to the board until this meeting. Motion made to allow one beer per runner only and to runners only. Motion seconded and passed.

Director Search Committee: six are interested in serving on the committee: Kevin Leach, Mike [], Court Bird, Nicole [], Geoff Nickerson, and Leslie DiAngelis. There was concern of conflict of interest with Leslie serving on the committee, as she is a paid employee of the Marathon. It was suggested she could act in an advisory capacity. The committee will modify the job description, interview, and put forward a candidate to the board. The committee will decide a timeline and how they will proceed, with the goal of having a new director hired by the end of summer 2017.

Coffee O – Ken Gartner – No report given.

Youth Track – Ken Gartner – FTC youth did very well at the Wayland Cross Country meet. Two events won and a course record set.

Youth Running Program – Jim Preisig – With Teaticket Elementary temporarily closed, one of the teachers who is instrumental in the program at the school, is now at Morse Pond and working with 6th grade teacher Rachel Zaino. There is a lunch running group, in addition to the after school group Rachel leads.

Wednesday Track Workouts – Carl Gustafson – The Women's Night held on October 5 had about 12-15 women come.

Cape Cod Trail Race – Carl Gustafson – The charitable organizations to be supported by the 2017 race have been decided: Martin Richard Foundation; Children's Integrative Therapies, Pain Management and Supportive Care (ChIPS) program at Hasbro Children's Hospital; Massachusetts Outdoor Heritage Foundation; Cape and Islands Police K-9 Relief Fund; and a partial support of Calmer Choice. A 5K distance has been added, to be run at 1:30 pm, with the kids fun run moved to 12 noon. There will be a Boston Strong element to the pre-race dinner with Bill Richard as keynote speaker. Thinking ahead to 2018, there will be fundraising opportunities for kids and adults: "Kids Give Back" and "Runners Give Back".

FTC Adventures – The next adventure is running the Moraine Trail – either loop or one-way – on November 20. Plans are being made for a trip to next year’s Boilermaker in Utica, and Full Moon Fat Ass in August. Carl intends to ask permission for 75 runners.

Winter Warrior Challenge – This will be the third year. Plans are being made to have four or five events through the month for Challenge members to participate in.

Newsletter – Now that the newsletter is consistently put out once a month, business advertisers are sought for advertising - \$75 for an ad.

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce event – Now scheduled for May 4, 2017. There will be a 1 mile walk / 3 mile run, yoga at Innerglow Yoga, and bowling for 20 and food at The Lanes.

Race Timing – Courtney Bird – Upcoming races are Chatham in the Fall on November 20, to be measured and timed, and Weary Travelers in January, to be timed.

Old Business – Discussion of absentee voting is held until November meeting.

New Business –

- 1) The Annual Elementary School Track Meet, organized by VIPS, will be on 11/19 and a donation has been sought. FTC donates to the event every year. Motion was made to contribute the same amount as last year, but not more than \$500. Motion was seconded and passed.
- 2) Helen would like apply for the Marathon to be a USATF Championship. The application is due October 28 and requires prize money totals to be included, along with a rights fee to USATF. Motion made to submit the application with prize moneys totaling \$20,000. Motion seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm