

**Falmouth Track Club**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
July 11, 2017

**Present were Helen Kennedy, Jack Carroll, Courtney Bird, Julie Waite, Jennifer McKay, Paul DiAngelis, Brian Bourque, Steve Morris, Lindsay Benson, Steve Morris, Jim Preisig, and Mary Tolland.**

**President** – Courtney Bird – The meeting was brought to order at 6:37 pm. Pleased with people stepping forward to take leadership of programs. It's still an unsettled time, but things will settle and move forward.

**Vice President** – Jack Carroll – In agreement with Court.

**Secretary's Report** – given by Courtney Bird – Motion made and seconded to accept minutes of June 13. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Discussion focused on how much detail to include while keeping the notes neutral and objective. Brian & Jack will provide edits of June 13 meeting minutes to Courtney. Motion made and seconded to table June 13 meeting minutes until August 15 meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept June 26 special meeting minutes. Accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jessica Whritenour forwarded financial reports; given by Courtney Bird – Goal is of a balanced budget or small surplus; discussion of creating a formula for race contributions back into the club will begin next monthly meeting.

Related: New events should have a written agreement of ownership/authority with parameters of expectations. Motion made and seconded to create a temporary committee for establishing guidelines for events. Accepted. Jack, Brian, and Jen will collaborate to create a framework of an agreement.

Jack has an URL of a web pamphlet geared towards non-profit organizations on being an umbrella organization for events/organizations. Will forward to the board.

**Membership Report** – Jill Polvinen, by email – Membership is at about 140 members. At the end of June an email was sent to 190 email addresses letting them know that we had not received payment for 2017. To date, 22 renewals in response were received.

Question on how memberships are being counted: i.e. are family memberships counted as one, or each family member counted as members.

It was suggested that a simple policy on membership be written; Brian will write up.

Next year Falmouth Road Race will offer FTC members who are rejected from FRR waivers to run. This will likely boost membership if/when we advertise the offer.

**Website** – Julie Waite – Main Street Mile registration is available.

**Cape Cod Trail Race** – Julie Waite – An email has been sent to Jason Zimmer of MA Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife to confirm permission to use Crane WMA is still given for 2018. Once confirmed, email to volunteers will be sent and work will begin on preparing for the 2018 race. Janet Walker-Aronson has volunteered to co-direct the race.

**Wednesday Night Track Workouts** – Lindsay Benson – First week only 2 people showed up. Second week 8 people showed up. The next workout will be with older participants in the Youth Summer Running program.

**Main Street Mile** – Brian Bourque – Reaching out to local sponsors who'd previously supported the race 3+ years ago; they are very receptive to sponsoring the race again. Printed registration forms will be ready soon and will be distributed. Posts have been put on Facebook pages.

**Youth Summer Running** – Jim Preisig – Going well; 31 registered, though some come day of. Numbers are down this year. Format changed from 4 weeks of 2 days a week to 2 weeks of 4 days a week to keep continuity through four straight days.

**CCM Weekend** – Helen Kennedy – 1214 total registrations to date: 643 Half, 411 Marathon, 53 Chowdah Challenge, 107 Relay. Up about 60 registrations overall from last year; attributed to more paid advertising. LL Bean, after agreeing to be a sponsor, has backed out. Runner shirts: Relay will receive short-sleeve shirts, all others will receive long-sleeve shirts.

**Coffee O** – Ken Gartner – No report given.

**Youth Cross Country** – Ken Gartner – A large group this summer, with some new summer kids along with the normal group. Kids are from at least ten different schools, including the top distance runners from several off-Cape high schools. The older and faster kids often run with the fast Wednesday evening adult group. There are also some ex-collegiate runners who they run with as well and are a big help.

The kids ran very well in the recent local road races and a couple of the kids were featured in the recent New England Runner magazine.

We hooked up with the newly formed Maratha's Vineyard youth running group, who helped us out on the Island at a race earlier this summer. In return, we took care of them at the local Flag Day 5k. In August the plan is to return to MV and run the Chilmark road race.

There are a couple of local road races on the agenda this summer, including a large group running the Falmouth Road Race. Also looking forward to fall cross-country and anticipate at least two very strong full teams.

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

**Special Events** – Jen McKay – Golf Tournament set for July 15 has been moved back until September and more people can participate.

**Race Timing** – Courtney Bird – Upcoming races are the Woodlands Run in Mashpee on July 22, a 5K at Ballymeade on August 12, and a 5K in Pocasset on Labor Day. A course measurement and certification is also on the schedule.

**At Large** – Paul DiAngelis and Steve Morris – The 5 scholarships have been awarded. Steve sent the letter to include with the checks to Leslie; will check to be sure the checks have gone out. Request was made to contact the recipients to see if they can come to the next Board meeting to have their photo taken for the Marathon booklet. (Also photos of the Marathon Committee and the Board will be taken.)

## **Old Business/New Business**

**Newsletter** – Tabled until next month.

**FTC Booth at Falmouth Road Race Expo** – Mary Tolland will organize, the biggest part of organizing is recruiting volunteers to man the booth in shifts.

**Support of VIPS Kids Track Event** – Request for support; there is a line item in the budget to support the event at \$500.

**Support of David's Swim** – What do they need? Courtney will contact to find out what sort of support the event would like from FTC. Can publicize on the website.

**Facebook Page Guidelines** – Discussion tabled until next month when the member who has concerns will be present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm