

Falmouth Track Club

April Board Meeting

April 22, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

Present: Matt Auger, Chris Langlais, Austen Thygesen, Jack Afarian, Mary Tolland,
Lindsay Benson, Ken Gartner, Steve Morris, Leslie DiAngelis

7:11 - 9:20 PM

FTC BOD February Minutes: **motion - seconded - no objections - passed**

FTC BOD March Minutes: **motion - seconded - no objections - passed**

Officer Reports

President - Matt Auger

Personal update regarding covid-19 impact on family and employment. Disaster loan assistance has been filed. Steve Morris updates FTC BOD that 1099'ed independent contractors can now apply for unemployment (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance - PUA) after the passing of the Cares Act.

Leslie diAngelis and Matt Auger are in continuous (virtual) contact to ensure the signing of checks, if needed, and provide assistance where possible.

Julian Suso thanked the FTC for adhering to the social distancing guidelines and refunding everyone who registered for the Seagull Six - the gesture was recognized.

Falmouth Town - Special Events Committee

No meetings being held

CCM permit - meeting scheduled for May 11th

Financials

Handled by Leslie diAngelis.

Considering moving Quickbooks online (would require a subscription). At the moment, the FTC is not paying for the program as the software is on a computer. CDs have matured and are currently sitting in a MoneyMarket account - The FTC does not envision that money will be spent in the next five months. Additionally, the FTc would like to take advantage of any favourable interest rates it can get.

Current financial outlook: No major outstanding payments on the horizon, only office rent and utilities. CCM has no outstanding payments as of April 22, 2020.

CCM Financial outlook amid covid-19

Registration company used by CCM is holding some deposits back (approx. \$7,000) in case there is a demand for event refund requests. FTC BOD asked CCM RD - Jack Afarian - for a monetary estimate if the CCM were to be cancelled tomorrow (April 23, 2020) and 100% of registrants were refunded. His answer: \$30,000. The FTC would need to dip into the reserves. Jack Afarian has been conservative with his expenses.

CCTR Refund deadline May 19, 2020

CCTR RD - Austen Thygesen - to check on **chargeback requests** by credit card companies with Chronotrack to avoid the possibility of refunding participants twice.

CCM Report

No bump in registrations this year **-62** from 2019

Ahead in Chowdah registrants

Registration still coming in

No covid-19 emails to be sent yet, will monitor the situation instead

CCM to included in June magazine (New England Runners) if there is one

Behind in sponsorship

Reluctant to ask given covid-19

Email 2019 sponsors

Email to help hotels sent out

No sponsors have written checks as of yet

Permit - May 11th

5K to take place after the CCM ½

8:00 AM - CCM ½

8:15 AM - 5K (same course as CCM ½ and thinking of certifying the course)

Final decision on cancellation to be made around July 1st. The NBFRRR's covid-19 strategy will be considered. Date was chosen as most of the big decisions/ purchases would need to be made then for the event to take place on the projected date of **October 24-25, 2020**.

Federal and State decisions will overrule any RD decision.

If items are to be ordered, the question of having a date on them hasn't been considered as of yet.

Ken Gartner is in favor of patience in regard to covid-19 developments.

Youth Running is still not taking place
Friday Night Five is still ongoing, but the traditional 5:30 PM start is no longer being implemented. No sign-up sheet provided either.

Social Media Update

Activity level: quiet.

Membership

Registration for 2020-2021 year deadline end of April.

Gentle reminder to membership to register

Amid Covid-19 options:

Waive membership fee for 2020-2021

For the 70 people who have already paid suggest extending their membership period to April 2022.

Option to not feel obligated to pay the fee if it's a hardship

Old business

CCM Race Series

Concern raised that "this may give one person too much power"

CCM RD - Jack Afarian - proposed the attached proposal (unedited version)

Arguments supporting the introduction of a race series and executive director:

- Structure and guidance for new RDs
- Another set of eyes
- Opportunity to revitalize FTC races: Seagull Six and Main Street Mile
- Opportunity to get more FT members involved
- Opportunity to get more vendors and sponsors
- The consolidation of events can give the series a title, but more importantly an identity.

Arguments against an executive director (but not necessarily the race series):

- Some RDs may feel micromanaged by the executive director

A race series would build a structure where RDs are still seen as essential components to the running of the event.

The BOD was asked whether the creation of a Race Series and the creation of the executive director (ED) require a change in the by-laws. It was mentioned that RDs is an appendix and in the past the CCM ½ was added as a position. The ED would be a coordination position.

Jack Afarian would like a vote on what he has presented to the FTC BOD.
Matt Auger, President asked “is the motion to accept the concept of the race series?”

A motion **to support the draft version of the CCM Race Series** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted by all BOD members present.

Matt Auger (President) to speak to individuals who expressed their concern then call a separate meeting to work on the wording of the Race Series document

FTC Office

Jack Afarian believes that the lease for the Main Street office should be signed

Mark B will build the way the FTC wants it

Numbers shared by Creig Muscato in previous meetings are accurate

Five to six months for the building to be done

FTC to move after the CCM

Five-year lease makes the most sense

Creig was part of the conversation, but Jack agrees that there is no way that there will be 80 parking spots. Jack believes that the parking situation will be better than it currently is therefore the parking question should not be an issue.

Starting rate: \$1,250 (1st year) → \$1,628 (5th year) (excluding utilities, tax and insurance)

A motion **to sign the lease for the 661D Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540 FTC office** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted by all BOD members present.

Matt Auger (President) and Chris Langlais (Treasurer) to sign.

Women Run 5K (2021)

Jack Afarian working on approval

Mary Tolland has got her guide to starting a successful race and is ready to get this going.

There are a few dates in May that can work - other town events to consider before settling with a date

Bucatino's event may be postponed

Children up to 12 years old to be free

Young Lady initiative

A motion **to establish the Women Run 5K at a date in 2021 to be determined** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted by all BOD members present.

Falmouth Cares

Mary Tolland proposed the initiative to donate a sum to Falmouth Cares.

A motion **to make a \$500 donation to Falmouth Cares** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted by all BOD members present. The FTC is to make an announcement of this decision.

Scholarships

FHS School sent out the FTC's decision to provide scholarships even though we did not explicitly tell them that we were.

Ken Gartner updated the BOD about the applicants (both are in financial need)

In the past, \$500 was attributed to each applicant, but in times like these the FTC BOD acknowledges the financial situations some applicants may find themselves in. The BOD agreed to allocate the following amount:

5 x \$1,000

A motion **to fund up to 5 x \$1,000 in scholarships for applicants of the 2019-2020 academic year** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted by all BOD members present.

Meeting adjourned.