

**Rochester Track Club Board of Directors Meeting**  
Thursday, May 8, 2008, 6:00 PM, RAC Conference Room

Members present: Lin Gentling, Kit Hawkins, Tom O'Leary, Laura Lenz, Jean Murray, KC Reed, Renee Saxman, Mike Schmitt, Dave Sletten, Kevin Torgerson

Members absent: Larry Pederson

Guests: Jill Scheid, Jim Mason, Jenny Bushman, Chris O'Brien, Fred Woolman, and Reggie Nichols

1. **Upcoming Race Updates**

- a. Med-City Kids Classic, May 24- Jill Scheid: Will use some RTC equipment.
- b. Chester Woods Trail Run, June 7- Jim Mason: Jim made pencil/pen holders for awards. 30 registrations already.
- c. Pine Island 5K Ribbon Run, June 14- Jenny Bushman: Has own timing system, no RTC equipment needed.
- d. HFD Fun Run, May 17- Johann Sonnenburg is race director. Not at meeting, but has arranged equipment with RTC. Has own insurance.
- e. Bear Creek 5 mile, November 3- Chris O'Brien: Has timer, registrations out already, door prizes, lap throws for participants. \$20 fee, \$2 discount for RTC members
- f. Viola Gopher Count Run, June 18- Jerry Wooner- Not at meeting
- g. Hal Martin All Comers & 1 mile run- Fred Woolman: New cinders on the track. Need 12-15 volunteers per night.
- h. Autumn Ridge Church Run, April 2009- Reggie Nichols: Did a race this year day before Easter. Next year plan is for 5K on April 11, 2009. Thinking of a summer race. Board advised on race director training, information on RTC website, time needed to organize a run. Jeff Verkerke will be working on this event.
- i. Lace Up Against Breast Cancer Run, Laura Lenz: John Shonyo is race director. 2009 event will be on Sunday, Feb. 15, last day of Winter Fest. Have communicated with Frozen Goose people on this. Making application to go under RRCA as a club for tax and insurance purposes. Will be an event-only club, not membership- based.

2. **Approve Agenda**

Dave made a motion to approve agenda for May meeting. Kit seconded. Motion passed

3. **Approve Minutes**

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from April. Lin seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Finance Update- Jean Murray**

Jean sent out financial update earlier in the week.

5. **Membership Update**

Update sent out earlier in the week. Discussion on membership expirations: Kit made a motion to set a policy at the June meeting on how long we continue to carry members and send out

newsletter after expiration date. Mike seconded. Motion passed. Need feedback from Larry Pederson on this before or at June meeting.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Website update, David Sletten: Site is being tested on Go Daddy to make sure it's working properly. Hope to have everything complete within a few days. Mike Schmitt is also going to have access to managing website and can be contacted with questions/concerns. David feels Go Daddy will be very responsive and good to work with. David purchased 2 years of hosting (\$113). If have to stop contract, will get full refund.
- b. Advertising update: Jean Murray. Ad is out in Rochester Women's edition right now- looks great- congrats to Dave Phillips on a job well done. Ad will be coming out in Rochester Magazine in June.
- c. RTC Scholarships: Mike Schmitt has done an application to the Charitable Gambling Fund. He researched other clubs to see what they do about scholarships- some use portions of race proceeds for them. We need to develop criteria for applications and get a subcommittee to work on this project. Will advertise this opportunity to RTC community through website and newsletter- Mike is contact.
- d. Membership materials: Mike Schmitt is working on display for races/events.
- e. Youth Grand Prix Series Update: David Sletten/Kevin Torgerson. 10-15 signed up already. Discussion of how to defray some of the costs for families since running several races gets expensive. Suggestions: early-bird discount, voucher system for races. Ideas will be presented to youth at banquet this year, then present a plan at race director's training and hope to implement something for Youth Grand Prix in 2009. Dave will get feedback for RDs on how costs could be managed.

#### 7. New business

- a. RRCA Convention update from Renee Saxman: Renee sent out a detailed report earlier in the week. About 100 participants there. Insurance was a big topic. Should really get volunteers to sign waivers at races: will include this in race director training. Renee said it is a very expensive convention to attend and probably not worth investing in the future.
- b. RRCA Membership status: Jean Murray. We were inadvertently dropped from RRCA and Jean has filed an extension with the IRS. Jessica of RRCA is working on clearing it up. Happened with other clubs as well.
- c. Banquet discussion: David Sletten. Tentative Dates are 1/16, 1/17, 1/23, 1/24. David researched a lot of places. Discussed increasing fee, Canadian Honker catering somewhere, Friday versus Saturday night, opportunities at Somersby and Kahler. No decision made. David to do some more investigating. Lin had an idea for presentation: a few RTC members could talk about their running heroes, who has motivated and encouraged them in their running endeavors.
- d. Run at Work Day is September 19. Mike Schmitt working on promoting through IBM. Discussed organizing noon runs from other locations as well.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next meeting is Thursday, June 12, 6:00 pm, RAC Conference Room.**

