

## **Rochester Track Club Board Meeting February 24, 2008**

Board Members Present: Lin Gentling, Kit Hawkins, Tom O'Leary, Laura Lenz, Jean Murray, Larry Pederson, KC Reed, Renee Saxman, Mike Schmitt, Dave Sletten

Absent: Kevin Torgerson

Guests: Peg Arnold, Wally Arnold, Teresa Byland, Steve Courts, Representative from Race for Research (Kristen?), Rob Mitchell

**Race for Research:** Update received. Race to be held March 29. They have necessary permits and have notified Park and Rec. They have their route and are working on getting donations and fliers out. This will be a fun run but they will use the RTC timer. The "Get your rear in gear" race is the same day but the course/time won't conflict with this race. They will be insured by RTC.

**Mother's Cross-Country Run:** Update received from Rob Mitchell. This will be held on May 10 at Eastwood Park. Permits needed are done. Entry forms have been printed and it's on active.com and the RTC site. They will get on Running Room site. Will be using RR's equipment and Peg will help score. No equipment needed from RTC. Getting own insurance this year. Proceeds go to Tri Club.

**Med-City Marathon:** Update received from Teresa Byland, race director. The course will be the same (certified for 10 years), 10 water stops, buses to the start in Byron, Champion Chip MN timed, ends at Y. She has a committee- Kevin and KC are on it. Needs to work on assigning specific roles for volunteers, needs to find course marshals. Will contact past water stop volunteers to see if they want to do it again. Kevin has a past list of 400+volunteers to work from. Race will be advertised on more websites and in the Post Bulletin. Lin suggested getting a PR head for the event. Teresa is working on the brochure and can give multiples copies out if needed. There will also be a "green" slant this year- planful about recycling, using compost-able cups. Eureka Recycling helps with making events greener.

Jean and Laura will coordinate the RTC water stop for the event.

Peg Arnold and Teresa met to discuss the event and details. Peg feels confident with how planning is going and asked the board to spread the word that the race will be a quality event. Steve Courts, Executive Director at the Y, said they are committed to making Med City a quality event and are in it for the long haul. Call Teresa or Steve with any questions/concerns.

Insurance: Teresa reported that the Y's insurance policy will not cover the Med-City events so asked if the RTC will insure. Later, during the strategic planning session, it was decided that the RTC will provide insurance. Jean will notify Teresa. Teresa was asked to come to April RTC board meeting to give another update.

**Mayo Clinic Pathways to Prevention Health Fair:** Saturday, March 29 from 9-3.  
Discussed if we want to have a booth there for RTC. Laura will post on RTC website to see if anyone wants to do it- they can contact Dave if interested.

**A Litter Bit Better 2008:** Garbage collection effort from April 19-26. They provide bags. KC will contact so RTC can join/register.

**Financials:** “Lace up against breast cancer” totals weren’t in for Jean’s last report. Laura and Lin gave final money today.

Brief discussion about how to possibly cut costs for banquet. Maybe a new site? Put on next month’s agenda to discuss.

**Newsletter Assembly:** Larry is organizing. Will be Thursday night, February 28 at 6:30 at his house.

**Youth Grand Prix Pizza Party:** Dave reported this will be Friday night, February 29 from 6:30-8:30 at Godfather’s He has RSVP’s from 6 families.

**Minuteman Press/other big sponsors:** Renee reported that Minuteman is donating all the entries for the Fetzer. Discussion about recognizing sponsors who give very generously to RTC events but are not Grand Prix sponsors. Dave will create a separate page on the website for these types of sponsors (separate from the Grand Prix sponsors). Discussed including Minuteman Press, Great Harvest. Dave will get the page up by Wednesday and you can contact him with further suggestions.

Meeting Adjourned to begin Strategic Planning Session. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lenz