

## **Rochester Track Club Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 11, 2008**

Present: Lin Gentling, Tom O’Leary, Jean Murray, Larry Pederson, Renee Saxman, Mike Schmitt, David Sletten

Absent: Kit Hawkins, Laura Lenz, Kevin Torgerson

Guests: Duane Price, Donna from RCVB, Bon Bergsgaard

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM. We delayed the start of the meeting due to the 5K Cross Country Grand Prix event at Eastwood.

Duane Price presented on the Spirit Run to be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The 10K race is the final Grand Prix event of the season Duane had some questions about navigating the RTC website and retrieval of the RTC equipment for his race following the XC high school sectionals. With our new policy of return all equipment to the RTC shed within one day following the race, he should not have any difficulty tracking the RTC equipment down.

Donna from the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau (RCVB) has been working with Larry and David with respect to looking at the possibility of bidding for the 2011 RRCA National Conference. This is a spring event and would utilize the already existing races of either the 20K/2 Mile Fetzer or the 15K/5K Spring Classic. Donna mentioned that we could expect between 300-500 conference attendees. RCVB would take care of contacting the downtown accommodations and providing room rates. She did say with a conference already scheduled in Rochester the first week of May, it may be difficult to schedule with adequate meeting space. If RRCA utilized the Mayo Civic Center for space allotments, the RCVB would be responsible for renting that space. If the conference used the meeting space in the hotels that space typically is provided without charge by the accommodation. With respect to availability, April may be a better month than May

The RTC had lots of questions including raising the requisite money, obtaining sponsors, volunteer needs, and the organization necessary to pull off a conference of this size. The board decided we really needed a listing of all the responsibilities expected of Rochester and the RTC to stage a national conference, including a breakdown of volunteer jobs, the number of volunteers per job, and the time necessary for each volunteer responsibility; and then determine which entity is responsible for what (RCVB, RRCA, RTC). We also expressed concern about generating sponsorships locally and within the upper Midwest.

The bid will be placed the end of October, and Rochester would then present to the RRCA conference in March. The bid needs to come from the RTC and supported by the RCVB. Presenters at the March conference would be a RCVB and a RTC representative. Conference attending fees would be paid for by the RCVB to present the bid.

Bob Bergsgaard attended the RTC meeting to report on the first (hopefully annual) Bluff Run in Spring Grove, MN. His presence was all about developing a relationship with the RTC. He is not asking for any other type of support other than to ask questions and seek advice. The Bluff Run will support the arts in Spring Grove.

The RTC August meeting minutes were approved (Lin made a motion to approve. Jean seconded. Motion passed.) with one question concerning the license for Kontico. David indicated the license has not been received yet due to Virgil being out of town and David would attend to this.

Jean provided a financial update. Lin and David visited with Jean last week to audit the financial process. Both came away from that meeting very impressed and extremely satisfied with the whole process. Jean is to be commended on her organization, attentiveness to detail, and her conscientiousness. All questions were satisfactorily answered and all appears in excellent order with respect to the RTC financials.

Larry provided a membership update. RTC currently has about 325 members. Past due notices will be sent out my President Sletten this Sunday.

The nest RTC Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 9,2008, 6 PM in the RAC Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Gentling  
Acting Secretary