

Rochester Track Club  
Board Meeting  
Rochester Athletic Center  
Minutes for October 8, 2008

Present: Larry Pederson, David Sletten, Kevin Torgerson, Lin Gentling, Renee Saxman, Tom O'Leary, Kit Hawkins

Absent: Laura Lenz, Jean Murray, Mike Schmitt

Guests: Ms. Erin Moore and company, Mrs. Torgerson

Meeting called to order at 6:02.

Agenda was approved and guests were invited to present on their upcoming events and plans.

Erin Moore and Nicole Usset are co-directors for Race for Research. Provided a written letter of request for RTC Insurance. Date of race is March 28 2009 (Changed date to avoid conflict with another race). Purpose is to raise funding for the Physical Therapy Foundation for PT research. See website at [rochesterraceforresearch.com](http://rochesterraceforresearch.com). Will attend next race directors' meeting. Anticipate 100 participants. Course set up behind Mayo Civic Center on bike/running paths.

Mr and Mrs. Kevin Torgerson presented update on Beacon for Babies, sponsored by the Stewartville Kiwanis to support the March of Dimes. Race date: October 17, 2008. Equipment and course are set up. Discussed course and lighting. Will have luminaries at turns. Route is adjusted slightly for start and finish. No walkers this year. Celebration at Soldiers Field Hotel afterward. Equipment will be returned same night.

Minutes from September 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

Membership: Larry reported that updates on membership were sent to Board members by email. There are 27 memberships overdue. An email reminder will be sent out with updated follow up about decision to non-renew. Will provide option to renew through Active Online or by sending in a check.

#### Old Business

David reported on the website content deleted. He is slowly replacing files. Should be able to recover all data but it will be a slow process and take a lot of time. Board discussed concept of changing format for listing of races. This led into a discussion of changing the practice of sending out a hard copy of the race calendar. Many options were discussed for publizing races and the calendar. Result of discussion was to make no changes in practice at this time.

The email from Jean was discussed as part of our website concerns. Board discussion included frustrations with website and limits of the software program. Considered different options. With investment in program now it was decided to stay with current vendor and program for now.

Dave will remain webmaster through 2009. Mike has volunteered to set up an e-newsletter and mass mailing. Thanks Dave and Mike!

Pause for wisdom: "There I confuse myself, and therefore I confuse others". Quoted by our own Kevin Torgerson.

Skipped over YGPS to address quicker items first.

Mascot: no update.

Banquet Speaker: Renee reported that Ed Cragen is our confirmed speaker.

#### New Business

New Board members: We need to advertise and recruit. Should consider some diversity in running interests. Renee will ask Chris O'Brien and John Shonyo to consider a position. We will post the vacancy on the website and put it in the newsletter. Dave will draft a hard copy letter and send it to the Board for review by email before sending it out to membership. Discussion was held on criteria for Board membership. We have 11 slots for board members. Should be 18 years or older. Tom O'Leary's term expires by desire, on Dec 31.

December meeting: No formal meeting unless business is urgent. Pot luck at Laura Lenz's new home. Spouses or significant others are invited. Dec 11.

Dave introduced discussion for follow up on the Race for Research request for insurance made earlier in the evening. Race is well organized. Date is good. Impressed with planning and leadership. Move of approval to provide insurance coverage. Motion approved unanimously.

YGPS Update. Dave noted that we need to find a new race director. Discussion followed, considered possibility of dropping it but it appears to be growing. Considered counting the mile at All Comers as part of YGPS. Decided to support YGPS one more year. Larry Pederson volunteered to be race director. Offered to recruit friends to set up a YGPS committee. We love Larry!!

Agenda items for next business meeting:

1. Equipment use and abuse. Update check in procedures for return of equipment.
2. Token item for membership.

Next meeting: 6:00 PM, Rochester Athletic Center, November 13, 2008

Treatmeister: Mike Schmitt

Shedmeister: David Sletten

Trashmeister: no one signed up. Guess I'll do it if we aren't under snow!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kit Hawkins, acting secretary, substituting for Mrs. Laura Lenz