

Rochester Track Club Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2008, 6:00 PM, RAC Conference Room

Present: Lin Gentling, Kit Hawkins, Laura Lenz, Jean Murray, Larry Pederson, KC Reed, Renee Saxman, Mike Schmitt, David Sletten, Kevin Torgerson

Absent: Tom O'Leary

Guests: Cathy Iverson, Chris Frye, Jerry Wooner

1. Upcoming Race Updates:
 - a. Abby Run, Aug. 1-3, Cathy Iverson. 3 day run from Mpls to Rochester, 6 running this year, fundraiser for Cancer Research Fund for children. Suggested that on the last day runners from Rochester meet 10 miles out and run back in to finish with group. Advised Cathy to put an article in our newsletter and a posting on our website to advertise
 - b. Chatfield Western Days Stampede, Aug 9, Chris Frye. 10K, 2 mile, 1-mile fun run. Kenny Parker to score. Have good sponsorship. Discussed having parents sign a waiver for fun run.
 - c. Viola Gopher Count, June 18, Jerry Wooner. 5K and fun run. Raising funds for Eagles Cancer Telethon. Have 12 sponsors, insured through township. They will get equipment from the shed on June 17 after the All Comer's Meet.
 - d. Mac Attack, June 22, Lin Gentling. Everything is in order. Have sponsors, cinch sacks this year, great prizes.
 - e. Stewartville Summerfest, July 4, Kevin Torgerson. Same sponsors and course as last year. Concerned about some flooding, but hopefully will be okay by then.
 - f. Rochester ½ Marathon, August 23, KC Reed- Plans are progressing. Working on doing more advertising.
2. David made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, Jean seconded, Motion carried.
3. David made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Kit seconded, Motion carried.
4. Finance update- Jean reported that we have a few things due to pay soon- the balance on the website and the Kentico license.
5. Membership update- Larry reported several memberships are expiring. Board agreed that 2 renewal notices by mail and 1 by e-mail are sufficient before dropping the member.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Website update- David reported that we are off High Monkey and on Lunar. He and Mike will have access/control over the site. High Monkey has to fix a few things before payment is made.
 - b. Advertising update- RTC now has great ads in both the Rochester Women's magazine and the Rochester Magazine. Thanks to Dave Phillips for developing these and Jean for her work in the process as well.
 - c. RTC Scholarships update- Tabled
 - d. Memberships Materials- Tabled
 - e. Youth Grand Prix Series-
 - Discussion about finding a solution for the high expense for youth entering races, especially when families have more than one child running. Some suggestions: offering a pass/voucher packet at a set/reduced price that race directors would treat like a check (would need to get race directors to support this) or just trying to keep prices for the youth events low (for example, Fetzer 2 mile is \$5, no shirt)

- Revisit whether we want to continue with the YGPS for next year. Is it bringing in lots of youth participation? Is it worth all the management involved?
- f. Banquet is scheduled for 1/10/09 at Willow Creek

7. New Business

- a. Shed Volunteer. Chris Kujath, RTC member, said she is willing to help with management of the shed. Laura will check in with her on her availability to do this, especially on weekends. If it works, Laura will give her a key and training.
- b. Picnics in 2009- tabled.
- c. Run at Work Day is Sept. 19. Various people will look into hosting runs from their work sites or other places- keeping it informal. Mike will work with IBM, Jean is checking into a run from Mayo, KC from the Rochester Y.
- d. Renee brought up the idea of getting a mascot for the RTC and will look into prices for this. Could be used at our events, especially All Comer's Meets.
- e. The board decided that the RTC should not be listed as a supporter for WIN Multisports. At this time we are not comfortable being recognized in this capacity; David will follow up on this issue.

8. Picnic is set for Thursday, August 21, 6:30 pm at Slatterly Park

Next meeting will be Thursday July 10, 6:00 PM at RAC Conference Room.