

Florida Striders

Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2009

7:00 PM

Orange Park Library

Board Members Present: Lisa Adams, Vicky Connell, Glenn Hanna, Mike Ford, Mary Ann Steinberg, John Steinberg, James Vavrina, Kim Lundy, Regina Sooley, Ann Krause, Bill Krause, Kellie Howard, Randy Arend, Dan Adams, Melissa Saunders

Quorum Present? Yes

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order by Kellie Howard at 7:03 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was passed.

Officer Reports:

President Report – Kellie Howard:

National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer Water stop-February 21, 2010: We have supported the water stop at Mile 25 the past 2 years, and they have asked us again. Dave Bokros has agreed to coordinate. Motion made to support the water stop again in 2010 and seconded. Motion was passed.

Email Vote- Children's Running Club T-shirt. Last month there was an email vote to approve \$195 for children's running t-shirts. The vote was as follows: 13 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstained.

Mike Ford said that there is no provision in our bylaws for an email vote and that we must have monthly meeting to conduct business, and publish the minutes. He further stated that we must follow Roberts Rules and Bylaws may be amended. We are publishing full minutes on website

Dan Adams said that Roberts Rules governs how we conduct business, and their 10th edition states that we can have email votes. We are not violating the bylaws by having an email vote.

Mike Ford stated that organizations get in trouble by email voting, and went on to give reasons and examples.

Mike Ford opposed the way that this email vote was done for the record.

Nominating Committee Selection: Kellie read from the bylaws. A nominating committee and chairperson shall be selected at this meeting. Officers discussed the procedure for selecting this committee. The committee will consist of 3 current board members. The Chair is an officer. The other 2 will self nominate and have a ballot vote. Officers have chosen Dan Adams to chair that committee. Mike Ford stated that Kellie must be an ad hoc member of any committee, and so if she is a voting member of this committee there would be 2 officers. Kellie stated she would be a non-voting member. Kim Lundy made a motion for Dan to chair the committee and Melissa Saunders seconded. Motion passed. Kellie opened the floor for people to self nominate themselves.

Self nominations are as follows: Mike Ford, Vicky Connell, and Regina Soeey. Kellie passed out ballots. Randy will tally the votes. The nominating committee will consist of Dan Adams, Vicky Connell, and Regina Soeey.

Treasurer's Report- Randy Arend:

Beginning Cash Balance as of, 2009 was \$9,218.94

October Income was \$491.00

October Expenses were \$624.46

Ending Cash Balance as of October 31, 2009 was \$9085.48

Randy moved the CD into the main account and put the Guinness World Record attempt into the budget. Not much really changed. James suggested we make a donation to Bishop Snyder for usage of their school and track. Randy stated that we can discuss later when we get to that budget. BS School is donating their track to get publicity. We don't really know what our expenses will be.

James moved that we consider giving extra money from the event to BS HS as a thank you. Kellie stated that we need Mike Marino to be involved in this decision. Mike F. made an amendment and motion that the World Record committee considers donating \$1500 to BS HS for use of their track and lights. Randy stated he is not comfortable with setting an amount, but we should consider a donation later on. Randy feels \$1500 might be too much to give, considering what revenues we will get from the event. Mike F. stated that we should not dip into Strider funds, and maybe we could dip into the Donna funds. Someone said that we can't dip into the Donna funds because we are advertising this as a fundraiser to finish breast cancer. Vicky stated that she has no problems dipping into Strider funds. Motion passes.

Budget Preparation: Randy is working on the budget this month. Next month he plans to present the budget at the meeting. He will meet with all who have a say in the budget for their input. He will send out the proposed budget before our December meeting for all to consider. Mike asked about how the \$10,000 Publix grant for Children's Running will be used. Randy said that many of our events don't change the bottom line, and he plans to leave those items out of the proposed budget. He's not going to put the 10k grant in the budget until we have written notification, and will not include things that we are not sure about yet. In many of these programs participation drives the cost, so the event is revenue neutral and therefore not necessary to be in the budget.

Committee and Director Reports:

World Record 100 x 10K event-Randy Arend for Mike Marino: Some already discussed. As of Sat. we have raised over \$2200 for the Donna foundation. FSCJ has volunteered to film whole event...2-3 people there at all times. Our only expense is \$200 for film. Security: Darin Bickle will communicate with officers to stop by. Witnesses are the biggest problem. We are sending out emails to JTC and others. Want to get volunteers to sign up for 3hr shifts or so. If anyone knows someone who can volunteer to be a witness, please let us know. A witness cannot be a Strider, an employee of BS HS, or the Donna Foundation, or a relative of the runner. Vicky will ask the HHTC. Witnesses must be 18. You can drop the baton, as long as you pick it up. FL Running and Triathlon Magazine may profile the event. Certificates for participants are \$15. We have 8 alternates, and are seeking more. About 15-20 of the initial participants have not paid the registration fee yet, so we might need some alternates to step up. We really want 25 alternates, and they don't have to pay. We plan for technical shirts for runners and cotton tees for volunteers.

Hog Jog-Kellie Howard for Steve Bruce: Steve emailed saying that registration is higher than normal, with many youth participants, including 19 from Sacred Heart. Shirts are purple, and towels to give away from Clay Co Health Dept. He needs volunteers. Email about fun run sent to schools. Law enforcement to run for free for safety. Board members please come.

Social Update – Glenn Hanna: November 15th social is cancelled. December 13th @ 4:30 p.m.-Prediction Run Mellow Mushroom is on. Lisa to talk to MM. December 20th @ 6:00 p.m. will be Robert and Janet Irvin's open house in Avondale. Preview for next year: 4 months empty: Jan, Feb, June, and Sept. He asked for ideas in Strideright, but no ideas yet. A lot of the socials we do every year. How about a speaker dinner? Having trouble getting speakers. Social at someone's house? No one wants to volunteer. Let's pick a month and really try to get a speaker. We had a speaker social at the Brewery and it was great. January is a hard month for a social. February @ MM on Southside for prediction run.

Old Business – None

New Business –None

Fun Runs: James V. said that there are 2 races coming up: Christmas Cards of America Fun Run in Green Cove @ 1:45 on Dec 5. We have supported in the past. Vanessa is coordinating. Board approved this last year. Vanessa to coordinate volunteers, and James V. to coordinate equipment. Mike Mayse is going to handle for James. Randy said our equipment is not insured. Mike F. said that there has to always be a board member present when our clock is used. Mike F. said that for 2 years we supported Dr. Otto's run at Middleburg HS. There is a Middleburg lighted parade and fun run on Dec 5 @6:15 p.m.

Kellie said that items need to be added to agenda ahead of time so we are prepared and have all the facts. Kellie said that she tries to get everyone out of here by 8pm, so we need to stick to our agenda, and keep moving. Mary Ann Steinberg mentioned that other track clubs have longer meetings, and if people don't want to ever stay longer than an hour they should not serve on the board if they cannot make that type of commitment. She added that we often have to table important discussions because the meeting is adjourned in the middle of a discussion.

Report on Youth Running-Jon Steinberg: Jon read the Mission Statement of the Striders and gave a history of the Children's Run/Walk Program which started at Paterson Elementary by Carol MacDougall, Chris Brindle and Mike Ford. He stated that it is a school run and sponsored program, not a Strider program. The Striders and other community partners generously support these programs. He believes that this fosters the mission and there are 27 programs in Clay County. Mary Anne Steinberg stated that she has concerns about one of the members of the Children's Running Committee and the inappropriate behavior of this individual towards various board and community members.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Mike F. opposed the motion to adjourn.