

SMAC BOD Meeting at Bement Tuesday, May 19, 2007

Bob Romer's "retirement" as Recording Secretary appeared to have come to a premature conclusion (which, if it isn't, ought to be some sort of self-contradiction) because he was there taking notes when I arrived (late). We made nice, however; he handed over his legal pad (and can have it back whenever he asks) and I resumed recording, as a good secretary should. A few baleful glares from our chief executive notwithstanding, we had a good time commenting on the commentary.

First, however, we were treated to a breezy recap of Donna's leg-breaking (her own) at the Laurel Highlands 70-miler in western Pennsylvania. Not immediately convinced that it was (as it was later determined to be) a clean break, Donna trudged a mere two miles to the next rest stop, withdrew reluctantly (especially since a guy running near her speed sprained his ankle but finished, looking "like he was running on a watermelon"). The doc sez four weeks and the cast is history; she can race in September.

Present this evening: Adams, Auskern, Bensen, Coutu, Martula (Treasurer), Parker, Romer, Scott, Stone, Utakis (President), Woods. Dave brought his own white board, and was lucky enough to stand up and record our thoughts, as everyone else professed lousier handwriting. Everyone was somewhat subdued by the minutes, which had only been finally transcribed minutes before, so they read them. Apart from my misspelling of "Coutu" (no second "o") they seemed acceptable.

This meeting, by prior agreement, was scheduled as a brainstorming session. However, Irene Woods needed clarification about the issue of insurance for her race, "The Spirit of Women 5k." With Barry Auskern's advice that the wording of her entry clearly indicated that Health New England and the Baystate Franklin Medical Center had primary responsibility, Irene till concluded that the cost of insurance through USATF-NE was pretty reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Bensen