

SMAC Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 19, 2007

Meeting brought to order at around 7:10 PM.

Members present: Carrie, Scott, Donna, Cathy, Mark, Chuck, Ron and David

Secretary's notes from prior meeting were not read and accepted because they were unavailable. Donna did offer her review.

Treasurer's report. \$4, 600 in the bank. Income thus far exceeds expenses by roughly \$1,000. Last year we were over \$6,000 in the red. We hope to have a good year. This all depends upon the results for the balance of the year.

Budget and spending were topics which wove through the conversations for the evening. This included our wish list of 35 items.

Carrie needs more clothing. (No, not her, since she was well-dressed for the meeting. She put us all to shame.) Some discussion of cost. Possible deal with Noho Running Company to help fund this expense. Mark will follow up.

Ron requested and got a \$200 donation (grant for IRS purposes) for his Turners Falls XC team. Was part of 10-miler proceeds. Continued talk about spending.

Summer Youth Track League: Kids now have to join SMAC. Parents looking for liability protection. Coaches are needed. (Perhaps a parent?) Things are not in limbo, but are progressing, with possible new director down the line.

Scott will talk to Harry Brooks about getting Spaulding (Harry's former employer) to sponsor kids track.

Membership: Ron said we are up by 30 or so, primarily due to new youth members.

Ron said that if you join after October 15<sup>th</sup>, your membership is good for all of 2008.

Laurie Parker has moved or is moving to the Cape. New teaching job. She will no longer be on the Board. We need a new volunteer to be on the Board. Donna feels we should honor her participation in SMAC affairs in some appropriate way at a later date.

Chuck and Cathy will hold Laurie's part of the clothing inventory. Her departure will also require a new person to handle the SMAC table at events.

Discussion of a racing point system.

Speaking of incentives, Chris Dickerson of the Northampton Running Company will take \$5 off a purchase at his store if you run five selected races. (That is, a \$5 discount five

times, or \$25 max. THIS IS SUBJECT TO STORE MANAGER APPROVAL.) The races are: Bridge of Flowers (Buckland); Bramble Hill (Amherst) x-c race; Purple Valley Classic xc (Williamstown); Saratoga Masters (and open) 5k championships (NY); Mayor's Cup (Boston) xc; Talking Turkey (Holyoke 6 miler); Team Nationals in December (Ohio). YOU HAVE TO BRING IN YOUR RACE NUMBER.

Cathy mentioned a race series which awards jackets. We do not know the cost of this benefit.

Carrie said that Ben needs story contributions. She suggested we have a questionnaire prepared at the end of each race which participants could fill out and out of which we could write an article. She will work on the questionnaire with Donna.

Track workouts have exploded in numbers. 15-20. Barry would like runners who want to go to the Nationals, to participate not only in the track workouts but also a few (3 min?) of the above mentioned races preceding the Nationals. Some discussion about paying for all this, in addition to taking funds from the collections which Barry has received for the track workouts. We need to talk to Barry about the expenses of the Nationals meet.

There was discussion about the future of the Lake Wyola race. We agreed that SMAC would help out the Association if needed.

Ron reported we have four fully functioning printer timers. This includes getting all the tape removed and the timers rehabilitated.

Future races: The Meadow Run 5k and 10k will occur on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mark Mazzola for info.

The Bridge of Flowers race (8/11) is looking for volunteers. Contact Michael Hoberman at mhoberman@fsc.edu.

Scott Hunter's Mt Toby race occurs on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Scott has an inventory of 120 unused t-shirts which precludes him from having to order and pay for new ones.

We received "thank you " notes from the two winners of an essay contest held at last year's Don Maynard Race, plus a thank you note from their guidance counselor. (The topic is lost on the secretary.)

The 2008 Jones 10-miler will be discussed at the next meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:45 PM

David Martula, Secretary Pro Tempore