

**SMAC BOD Meeting** at Bement School Thursday, October 20, 2007

Present: Adams, Bensen, Coutu, Hansen, Hebert, Martula, Mazzola, Plaza, Scott, Utakis

Minutes: The minutes for September were accepted, with surprise, since they had been done promptly. In fact, being sent nearly a month ago, no one remembered them. Some earlier months are still "out there."

Treasurer's Report: A quiet month, with some new memberships, good sales of gear, and about \$6700 stashed away. Relative to last year, we're \$11,000 up. This kind of "quiet" is not bad!

Membership: See above. Renewal drive will be happening soon, with those signing up getting a membership good through 2008. Ron and his wife Katherine ("she did just as much as I did") have updated all the club's records, which are now stored in Google Documents and available for automated mailing, etc.

The SUN: Will be sent out via Customail, with inserts for MOR nominations and Boston Marathon lottery. Should be cheaper, will be easier and maybe even quicker. More thanks to Ron and wife (see above).

Website: Now under Mike Yargeau of Northampton Cycling Club's management. As Dave Martula says, "at least it's working." We'll refine and improve as we go along, but it ain't dead! [N.B. - Mike has been very responsive to a couple of my suggestions, and sounds like he's a can-do guy. We are all relieved. See second sentence of this paragraph]

Track and Workouts: Wrapped up nicely; all involved had the fun that only runners can describe as such [The coach was absent tonight because he was in Sodom and Gomorrah - oh, excuse me: Las Vegas - for some reputedly valid reason].

*HEADLINE!* Rich Larsen won the national 5k title in the 55-59 age group at Saratoga. Huzza! However, since we still can't seem to field a team, Rich will be running for GSH (we think). And Rodney Furr will take his official spikes, or singlet (or whatever you take when you switch teams) back to Connecticut.

Fun Runs: Will we or won't we? Lots of thoughts and considerations (our esteemed president joined the club after taking part in some fun runs, and look where she is now!). But, despite some vocal interest in maintaining them as a feature of membership (accompanied by fond memories of dozens gathering weekly), it does seem like a lot of work for very few people showing up. Though we might bring the topic up at the Annual Meeting. Or maybe we'll offer them at the same time and starting place as track workouts. Or maybe we just don't know yet (or still).

Race Reports: The Don Maynard Race was great (though with lower numbers than last year's); ditto the Spirit of Women. Covered Bridge Classic (last under Andy Jaffe's direction) may have cut into Spirit's #'s, or maybe Tufts, or who knows? Jeff Hansen will be talking to Rich Clark about the Sawmill River Run. Jeff will also be directing the Highland Park 3.5 mile/7 mile Trail Races in Greenfield on April 27.

DH Jones 10 Miler: Talk aplenty. Motion made and carried to hire the janitor at the Middle School to make sure things all run properly. Questions about what sort of prizes are appropriate/desirable. Gift Certificates? Prizes? Trophies?

Annual Meeting: Coming up soon, and the place will have been reserved. MOR nominations and such will be sent with the next SUN (and they were!).

No further notes, so we couldn't have done anything binding after this point. Could we have?

Respectfully submitted, and just in time for tonight's meeting!

Ben Bensen,  
Scribe  
6:43pm