

SMAC BOD Meeting, March 13, 2008 - Held at The Bement School

Members present (lots!): Auskern, Beard, Bensen, Farrick, Grant, Hansen, Hebert, Henthorn, Honderd, Hunter, Martula, Scott, Stone, Utakis

Pre-meeting schmooz was about *New England Runner* and Dave Martula's exploits.

Minutes: Pronounced "awesome," thanks to Dave, who wasn't about to miss the eclipse.

Treasurer's Report: "Awesome." Also "cool."

10-Miler Report: Maestro Auskern observed that, in his opinion, things seemed to go pretty well. We needed more cones. Chuck and Cathy offered good feedback. The times were good, and timing was well done, but Bob Hodge (Bib #1) was recorded as "unknown." Kudos to the Director for providing such splendid racing weather. Kathryn felt that the water stations needed four servers (or perhaps she wanted four water stations?). The mugs were good. The cafeteria staff was good. The T-shirts were very good. There was concern expressed about the possible excessive regulation of post-race eating; people were sent away and there was a lot left.

Membership: At this point we're down @70 mailing addresses from December, more than half of these youth members. Normal. Don Grant asked about Boston Lottery winners, but this wasn't a membership question. We now have a member in Australia!

The SUN: Coming out soon (honest, it was. But then there were some mailing snafus; however, it was sent out in late March.

Calendar: Mailings for the Ron Hebert race and Highland Park challenge will be forwarded to Chuck and Cathy for the calendar.

Website: A subcommittee will be and/or has met at Dave Martula's. We've got to get more sponsors if we want Mike Yargeau to do more work. Lotta work here.

Youth Track: Much to talk. T-shirts for kids should be purchased through the club (as a non-profit). It was proposed, moved, seconded, voted on and carried that the program be fronted for early expenses, including \$500 for the youth coach from April through June. Practices 2x per week; this is good. All were urged to get USATF-NE registration #'s for liability insurance.

Separate but related (sort of): Derek Beard will pull what strings he can to get favorable attention from Smith College re. SMAC use of the indoor facility for our winter youth track program. Since they want SMAC's help with a 5k race this fall, perhaps we can get some wheels greased.

Track Workouts: Will start the week after Boston, at Eaglebrook, possibly on Wednesday. \$20/regular participant, and "some slightly different stuff," "lactate threshold work," and "cold beer." One of these has to appeal. Joe Fois will be leaned on to join SMAC if he plans to be as regular as he has been. Kathryn Honderd promises exciting things - "exciting girlie things" for psyching up the women, like pre-race toenail painting parties. Donna refused to paint her toenails pink, but maybe in SMAC colors. Or was it fingernails?

Don Grant pointed out that winners of (races? age divisions?) who run for the SMAC racing team can win \$5/race, up to five races per year from the Northampton Running Company. This could add up; details are worth confirming.

Don also wondered if we should join RRCA for the benefits of race insurance, which he believes is cheaper than through USATF-NE. Many people really weren't opposed, but no one knew what the answer was. Someone's gonna look it up.

More questions: Where's the clock (the big, visible one)? Who has it? No one knows, and everyone's going to look, and ask. If we can't find it, we'll get a new one.

Upcoming SMAC or local Races:

- Bill's Challenge III 5K Road Race in Northampton (March 15)
- Holyoke St. Patrick's Day 10k (March 29)
- Frank King III 5k in Northampton (April 5)
- The Olesak 5k and Half-Marathon in Westfield (April 6)
- Ron Hebert 8-mile Road race in Florence (April 6)
- Highland Park Challenge in Greenfield (April 27)
- The Rafters 5-College Classik 5 miler in Amherst (April 27)
- 19th Annual 7 Sisters Trail Race in Amherst (May 4)
- Cave Hill Classic (or will it have a different name?) (Date?)
- And the NoHo 5k race series starts April 1!

The next BOD meeting will be at Bement School, as usual, on April 16, at 7:00p.m. Movie Night will be April 17, at HoJo's in Hadley, and details are still needing to be firmed up. But the movie will be "St. Ralph" (not "St. Bart's"), and there will be ice cream.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Bensen, Scribe