

Lake Merritt Joggers and Striders
April 28, 2010 Board Meeting

Present: Karen Andrews, Jim Eckford, Barry Hotchkies, Marie Gee, Len Goldman, Peter Murphy, Jack Zakarian

Last month minutes were approved

Financial report

April's 4th SR race fees income looked low at first count; Jack will review again. Tilden race fees have been coming in and looks very healthy.

Discussion Items:

- Chip System: April's 4th SR used the chip timing system as a trial. No official report from the head race director was given, however some comments were sent in from Juliann, one of the April race director. Aaron (chip system vendor) was on hand to solely operate and capture the chip timing for the 5k race only. The cost per runner for using the chip system is \$.75. The race improvement committee needs to meet to review the pros and cons of this system and what changes in the 4th SR race procedures would be required to use chip timing for all races (eg., common finish lines, preregistered runners and more trained volunteers).
The Board decided to go ahead with using the chip system for the Tilden Tough Ten race. Len will contact Aaron and let him know.
- Time Clock: Len reported that the time clock doesn't work anymore; Jim noted that they had some problem last Sunday at the 4th SR. The board discussed whether to fix the old clock or buy a new one. The old clock is becoming very unreliable and may cost a lot to repair. Len has researched new clocks and recommends the flip numbers style instead of the digital. Also recommended was a one sided display and some accessories such as a case. Len, will look further into the final cost and details of the purchase. The board approved an expenditure of up to 3K for a new clock.
- Potluck: The Spring potluck will be held at the Orinda Masonic hall on May 22nd. The current LMJS org chart will be displayed at the Spring potluck in hopes of getting some attention and sign-ups for volunteers for the subcommittees. It was suggested that the club not buy drinks for the potlucks going forward (perhaps just water and juice), and ask members to bring their own sodas and alcoholic beverages instead. This is to reduce costs as well as to simplify the organizing and setup efforts for the event. For the next potluck in May, we will provide drinks. We expect about 100 people to attend.
- Donation Guidelines: The board made a few revisions to the latest version of the guidelines. A suggestion to eliminate the wording around the one donation limit to a single donee per year was made. Len will edit it again and then finalize the guidelines. This will become an internal document and not put out on the website.

- LMJS Women's Racing Team: They competed in their first race of the year, the Zippy's 5K, and placed 3rd in the seniors categories. The next race is the Marin Memorial 10k. The board is discussing whether or not to pay for part of the team's apparel.
- Membership: The marathon brought in about 25 new members. There were only a few renewals last month. Peter will send a short email message to the Oakland festival marathon runners advertising our club membership on behalf of the club.
- 2011 Oakland Marathon: Next year's planning will begin with a meeting next week.
- Newsletter: Len asked if we should print 200 copies of the newsletter instead of 100. There will be no mailing out of hardcopies to members this time. They will be given out at the potluck and at the 4th SRs. The board approved 200 copies to be printed.
- RRCA national convention: Len and Karen went to the convention in Florida last week. They attended many seminars. Len attended sessions on club liabilities and insurance coverage. Karen attended sessions on a variety of topics such as social media, women's advocacy, older runners, newsletters. She also won the masters and seniors women's categories at the convention race.
- Yoga for runners class was conducted at the last 4th SR. John mentioned to Len that it went well.
- Running classes starts on June 22nd and goes for 6 consecutive Tuesdays at Piedmont High track. The Intermediate running class has approx 20 people signed up. Beginners class has about 13 people signed up thus far. Expecting 50-60 runners in total. A permit has been purchased.
- 2010-2011 Board elections: Need to advertise new year elections in the bulletins; Len is requesting that we write up something appealing to drum up more interests for board positions.

Next meeting May 26th at location Zcafe restaurant. To begin at 7:00 pm.