

Minutes - LMJS Board Meeting

December 9, 2008

Attendees: Karen Andrews, Marie Gee, Len Goldman, John Momper, Juliann Sum, Jack Zakarian

- Approval of last month's minutes
 - Approved
- Treasurer's Report - Jack
 - The RRCA renewal fees of \$1187 paid.
 - City of Oakland fees of \$1200 was paid.
- Membership - Marie
 - Current count of member units is 250 far more than last year.
 - RRCA renewal for 2008 was 220 units compared to 156 in 2007. Total number of members was under 400.
 - Len noted that our club along with the East Front Runners club are the only two clubs growing, in the East Bay. Other clubs seem to be shrinking in memberships and or eliminating their flagship races, e.g., Lk Chabot Half Marathon and Brickyard Run.
 - The early bird discount rate for membership renewals will be extended to January 31st, 2009 due to the lateness of the December newsletter.
- Training and Weekend Runs – Karen
 - New 2009 training program was discussed. A new beginners' class could start on February 21st continuing for 4 weeks and to finish with a 4th Sunday Run in March. Karen will write a little paragraph about the beginners' class for the next bulletin. Same fees would be charged as last year.
 - Schedule of special runs for next year not completed. In January there is a winter race at Lk. Chabot. Waiting to hear back from See Jane Run as to whether they want to sponsor another next year. There may be some members that will host a Saturday fun run as well. Karen may organize a sprint triathlon event since a few people have mentioned their interest in it.
 - Possible Races to swarm: January-Kaiser Half; February-Chinese New Year Run; March-Across the Bay or Dublin Shamrock 5k or Presidio 10-10; April-Big Sur.
- Publicity/Social Activities – Ken & Len
 - Ken will send out a survey for desired features of a sound system to the board members.
 - 38 people at the potluck. He also has a breakdown for the cost of each person.
 - Kickball has arrived for the kickball tournament to be organized in 2009.
 - Ken mentions that we should consider more social events during the year. Len will send us Ken's detailed report.
 - Spring potluck should be scheduled for after the RRCA convention, therefore sometime in April. Possibly Saturday, April 18th.
- RRCA Renewal
 - The annual renewal fees and forms has been submitted and paid for.
- Race Director – John Momper
 - Race directors are booked through March. Karen Andrews and Jim Eckford in January; Patrick and Jessica McKinney in February. Paula Kindinger-Wilcox in March (still need to find a co-race director).
 - November's race had some minor problems; the usual stuff. Overall it seemed to go well. The rented sound system was used and seemed to work very nicely
 - John revised all the race forms and instructions for the 5, 10 and 15k races.
 - Next 4th Sunday race, eliminate giving finishers ribbons at the finish line. We should place them on a table where they can help themselves to the ribbons, if they want it.
 - Len is the race directors for December. Paul will mark the course. There is a fence along the edge of the sidewalk along Lakeshore Ave which needs to be announced to the

- runners at the beginning of the race. Also, Juliann will update the announcements that needs to be en to runners before the race.
- John will send the new documents to the board members. John will also take care of stocking the forms for all the 4thSRs.
 - We have enough supplies for a while. Len ordered a set of pennant flags. We're missing some chairs.
 - Race planning committee – Marie
 - No progress on race planning; the group was not able to meet again.
 - Newsletter – Len for Celina
 - Newsletter has been delayed by the printer. This is the third time we've used this printer but we may need to look for another company for the next one. This printer does the layout and print. We may want to advertise for a new printing company in the next bulletin.
 - Website – Paul
 - Updated the total time report and uploaded the Couples Relay flyer. The volunteers list was also uploaded.
 - Jeff doesn't have time to update the website. Len will check with him to see when he would have time to work on the site.
 - Apparel
 - We had good apparel sales last month.
 - Volunteers Recognition- Juliann
 - We discussed the various restaurants, costs and options for the regular and super volunteer events. Juliann will follow up with an email so that we can vote on the options.
 - Other Business:
 - RRCA Convention – Discount rates will be published for sponsoring clubs' members. Regular rate is \$250 for all days, not including food.
 - Permit fees need to be submitted to the City of Oakland.
 - Xmas Relays – club will not buy food for the teams so teams need to bring their own food and drinks.
 - Couples Relays flyers are available now.
 - T-shirt logo for the Tilden Tough ten will be the same as last year although we will pick a different color shirt.
 - Next meeting will be held on January 13th, 2009 at 7:30 pm.