

Minutes - LMJS Board Meeting

March 11, 2008

Attendees: Karen Andrews, Jim Buck, Marie Gee, Len Goldman, Juliann Sum, Jack Zakarian

- Approval of last month's minutes
 - Approved
- Treasurer's Report - Jack
 - February financial report was reviewed. Bank balance is still healthy.
 - Jack should do a profit/loss statement for the Couples Relay Race
 - The tax status e-postcard filing info was posted on the on the IRS website; the limit is \$25K income to be eligible for postcard filing. We are eligible for 2007 but may not be for 2008
- Membership - Marie
 - The total number of member units is 181, renewed and new members
 - There are less than 70 members from 2007 that have not renewed.
 - Marie updated the membership form and sent it to Paul to upload to the website
 - Marie will prepare new membership cards for mailing (see newsletter section)
 - We discussed annual fees and renewal considerations on anniversary dates versus calendar year renewals. We will check into this at the RRCA convention for tips
- Publicity/Social Activities - Karen
 - The next potluck is April 12th. Karen contacted Marc B. and he confirmed availability for hosting it. Jim Sorensen, world class runner and Masters 1500m record holder, will be the speaker.
 - Beginners running class was advertised in the bulletins and is ready to go. We have materials and a course outline. 11 people have signed up. The class begins on March 29th.
 - Karen signed up to register our team for the SF Half Marathon. The race is on August 3rd, 2008.
 - Last Saturday run had approx 20 runners. The Saturday group is getting larger and seems to be very popular.
 - Saturday, April 12th is the Saturday Fun Run with Sports Basement WC hosting us. They will also have a seminar on speed and endurance.
 - Intermediate class being offered this summer around June at the Piedmont high school. This will be offered on a fee base as well. Len will be one of the instructors.
 - Brickyard Run coming up in April will have a swarm of LMJS-ers and maybe a team or two
- RRCA report - Len
 - Len and Juliann will be attending the RRCA convention in Ohio this May.
 - They visited three candidate hotels for hosting the convention and talked to their sales staff. The Hyatt is very interested in being the host and they have larger capacity banquet facilities than the Marriott.
 - The western regional meeting was convened and representative shared the results of the voting and bid for the 2009 convention.

- There is a new RRCA logo for the 50th year anniversary that we should put on our website.
- Race Director – Jim
 - No new race directors have signed up for filling up the vacant months in 2008 schedule for the 4th Sunday Runs
 - Still need to confirm if Pam and Karl are going to be race directors for the TIOYS race. Marie and Jack will be their backups.
 - Also looking for a race director for Tilden Tough Ten for next year.
- Race Volunteers – Juliann
 - Volunteer training will be scheduled for two hours before the Spring potluck from 4:00pm – 6:00pm
 - Juliann will organize the training and call previous race directors to see who are good volunteer candidates to invite
 - Would like to publish the list of volunteers on the website with the total credits earned for each volunteer. Marie will need to update the spreadsheet of the volunteers monthly for this to be published; she agreed.
 - Suggestion about the volunteer banquet is not to downgrade the event next year but to more spend time acknowledging the different volunteers and what they did, e.g., race director, other special efforts and contributions.
 - Super volunteer event is still being planned. Some ideas include: chocolate tasting, wine tasting, or cooking class. This will be a surprise reward/award event to be announced later. The super reward event is annual.
 - The coffee and bagels at the 4th Sunday Run is very popular and we should continue to support that. The cost is less than \$30 each time.
- Newsletter - Celina
 - Articles are still being collected for the next printing which will be in early April. Deadline for articles is by mid March.
 - Shooting for the 25th to get the newsletter out to the printer.
 - Marie needs to produce the mailing list for the newsletter labels.
 - The membership cards will be mailed with the newsletter. Marie will print the cards in the same order as labels for easier collating.
 - Celina and helpers will fold and mail the newsletter out instead of using the printing company
- Website – Len & Paul
 - Paul made changes to the website that were requested. The Tilden Flyer was also uploaded to the website
 - A suggestion to have a member profile section on the website to feature our members, eg race directors, volunteers, other members, is being considered to encourage getting to know our members
- Apparel - Len
 - Corey has indicated that she will be resigning as the apparel chairperson. A new chairperson is being sought.
 - Len will check on the Café Press online store; we haven't received a check for any items ordered
 - Where are the ordered tattoos? Have they been received from the vendor? If so, we should bring them to the next 4thSR.

- Relay & LMJS Team races – Patrick
 - Need to send out message in bulletin to see if there is any interest in the upcoming Mud run race in Monterey in March
 - Tahoe Relays is approaching fast on June 14th, 2008.
 - Tahoe team cabin rentals: Should we put down a deposit to hold reservations for a cabin? There are medium and large cabins available. We need more info on the total rental costs including cleaning fees and taxes. The board agreed to make a deposit to reserve the smaller cabin.
- RRCA 2009 Convention Planning – Len
 - Meeting this Saturday to continue planning; close to signing contract with Hyatt hotel; Len is trying to negotiate a low rate and is also looking for a back up hotel.
 - The expected convention attendance is about 300.
 - Consortium umbrella contract is still being worked out, going slower than desired
 - Len is sending out a survey to ask what kind of seminars people would like to have at the convention
- Other – Len
 - Kids race will go ahead in March; we'll try out the youth race and see how it goes.
 - Couples Relay on February 24th went very well despite the weather. There was a glitch in the active.com registration for two people who signed up at the last minute. Need to have an cutoff time for enrolling racers on-line.
 - Len purchased a pop up tent for the Couples Relay because of the rainy weather that was forecasted. LMJS will reimburse Len for the cost of the tent
 - We collected donations of \$200.00 for Hershey track and field. This will be passed along to the City of Oakland. Jack needs to make a check payable to City of Oakland as a donation.
 - Tilden Tough Ten Race:
 - We expect between 250 – 300 finishers. T-shirt order from previous year was reviewed. A new vendor in Oregon will be used. We will not order shirts after the race.
 - Juliann will look for volunteers according to the list of stations to be manned;
 - Len, Juliann and Marie should try to get bagels from Noahs; we don't need as much as last year.
 - Skyline 50K race is on Aug 8th. They are requesting an LMJS aid station at this race in lieu of some club promotion. Board voted not to participate in this event.
- Next meeting will be held on April 15th at 7:30 at Marie and Jack's house.