

## Traverse City Track Club – Board meeting minutes for October 6, 2009

**Present:** Karen Wells, Jason Whittaker, Arianne Whittaker, Therese Schaub, Enid Hagerty, Brian Hagerty, Jane Miller, John Kostrzewa, Bryan Burns

**Update GT Foundation:** Karen indicated this is on hold due to lots of business for this meeting. We still need to look more closely at the money coming in for each event before we move forward.

### **Grant Requests:**

*Benzie Central Cross Country Middle School Coach:* Amount requested - \$1000 to fund middle school coaching position. Team did help at the Summer Series. Jane motioned this be approved and John gave it a second. \$1000 approved.

*Traverse City West Track and Field:* Eric Houghton requested \$3500 for new landing pad for their high jump mat and also for starting blocks. Suggested that we approve \$2500 so that a portion of each could be paid for. \$2500 approved.

*Traverse City Central Fitness Facility:* Doug Gle requested \$2229.09 for a used Pro Series Hip and Glute machine. Bryan gave an update on all that has gone in to this facility. Decision was to table discussion until our December meeting as the board meeting will be held at the facility.

*Hoops for Hope:* Heather Simpson, TC Centrals 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach requested any amount to go towards an event on December 9 between Central and St. Francis's girls basketball game. She is raising money for athletic shoes. Jane motioned that we donate \$500 and John gave it a second. \$500 approved. Karen and Therese will meet with her regarding this event.

*Turkey Trot:* Brian and Enid Hagerty, owners of EverywhereUGO, were present to discuss the potential of either a \$1000 grant from the Club to go towards rental of a timing device for their Turkey Trot, or helping with the Clubs purchase of a timing system. Arianne motioned that we donate \$1000 towards their event, if a timing device is not purchased in time for their event. Therese gave this a second. \$1000 approved.

*Timing System Purchase:* Bryan led discussion on purchase of a timing system. We work with Classic Race Management currently for the Bayshore. The range of pricing for systems are \$23,000 - \$35,000. Interest in purchasing a timing system would be for the smaller races of up to about 1000 runners. We would continue to work with Classic for the Bayshore. Brian and Enid are very interested in researching options and looking in to training if the Track Club decides to move forward with a purchase. A committee of Brian, Enid, Bryan Burns, Jason and John agreed to look in to our options. We may decide on purchase via email, or call another special meeting once they are ready to report.

*Other grant requests:* \$1000 was given for police support for the Traverse City Film Festival. Also, the Remembrance Run website set up cost was \$2850.

**Presentation:** Lou Coulter from the Grand Traverse Conservation District presented the board with a beautiful picture of the Beaver Pond as a thank you gift for the Track Club's donation to the Boardman River Nature Center. Thank you Lou!

**Storage:** Discussed that the yellow barriers are currently being stored at 2 separate sites. Some were used by the Cherry Festival and are being stored by them. Some are on M-22 in a storage unit. The Turkey Trot will be using some of them for their event. Also

discussed that Track Club has purchased inflatable arches and these will also need storage space. Bryan reported that TCTC will have a place for storage on the grounds with the new construction underway. The hope is that the project will be completed before the snow. Discussion leaned more toward the track club purchasing a 20X20 storage building and having it built on Central's grounds. Bryan will look in to prices for this.

**Bayshore Speaker Series:** Karen stated that Dave Taylor has lined up Dick Beardsley as our speaker for the January date. We are not sure on what the charge will be at this time. Speaker is in January, the evening before the Frozen Foot Race.

**Bayshore Stipends Proposal:** Karen made a motion that the Bayshore Coordinators stipend be raised from \$5000 to \$7000. Jane made a second to the motion. New Bayshore Coordinator stipend will now be \$7000.

Karen also motioned that the Bayshore Stadium Coordinator be given a stipend of \$1000. John made a second to the motion. Stadium Coordinator stipend will now be \$1000.

- Note: Following the board meeting, an email was generated through the board regarding other races (Remembrance Run, Jingle Bell Run etc) and whether we should also be addressing stipends for their race directors. A lot of time goes in to these events as well. It was suggested that perhaps this is a matter of further discussion and that it would be helpful to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to walk us through this matter.

**Remembrance Run Update:** Karen reported that this year there were 191 pre-registered and 49 day of registrants. Money brought in was equal to or greater than last years event. The difference was that pledging was pushed via the new website and done through active.com. This alone brought in \$3000.

**Membership:** Jane reported that there are currently 49 members to the TCTC. Discussion regarding incentives, logo change and marketing help occurred.

**Accounting/Treasurer:** Karen and Arianne will be working with Lee Torrey's office to move the Track Club's accounting in to his office. Also, we looked at forms for requests for reimbursements, check requests, and equipment requests. It is understood that the club needs to look at accountability issues as we continue to grow and loan out equipment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Schaub, TCTC Secretary  
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