

**Traverse City Track Club**  
**Board meeting minutes for Sunday September 14, 2008**

**Present:** Bryan Burns, Therese Schaub, Karen Wells, Dave Taylor, Eric Houghton, Jason Saarm, Jane Miller, Jason Whittaker, Daniel Siderman, John Kostrzewa, Arianne Peterson  
Meeting called to order: 5:22 PM

**1. Guest Speaker Jason Saarm, TC Childhood Obesity Program:**

Jason presented the Youth W.O.W (Working on Wellness) Program that is designed to reduce the number of overweight children in the Grand Traverse Area. It is a 4 month program that has been developed collaboratively between Dr. Pat Friedli, Munson's Weight Loss Clinic, the Fitness Center and the YMCA. The program will be kicking off within the month. There is some state funding available and they are currently developing a scholarship for the program. It will cost \$400 per child for the 4 month program to participate. Referrals will initially come from physicians. There is currently nothing in our community to focus on obesity in ages 10-21. The adult weight loss program through Munson is very popular. Bryan mentioned that TCAPS had been awarded a grant to re-vamp their physical education program. Patti Tibaldi is the contact person.

The recommendation of the board is to have Jason return in December with specific requests for funding when their program is up and running.

**2. Election Process:** Bryan and Daniel had contacted potential people who would be of interest to serving on the board. They received no letters of interest. Jane Miller attended, interested in joining the board. Discussion was as follows: Dave has finished his term as president. The only nominee for his replacement was Eric Houghton. He was nominated into the position of president. The treasurer position will now be split in to two positions, one to handle deposits and one to handle payments. Arianne expressed interest in this position as did Jane Miller, as the at large position. Both women were accepted into these positions as treasurer and assistant to the treasurer. Also discussed having a summer series race director and John offered to fill this position. He was accepted also, as a current at large member of the board. At the conclusion of this discussion, the new board members are as follows:

President: Eric Houghton

Vice president: Karen Wells

Secretary: Therese Schaub

Treasurer: Arianne Peterson

Treasurer assistant/At large member: Jane Miller

At large member/summer race director: John Kostrzewa

Bayshore director: Bryan Burns

**3. Financial Report:** Eric reported that we currently have about \$100,000 in the TCTC account. This is before the middle school coaching positions have been paid and that is approximately \$6000. We had discussion about separating some of the funds out in to a CD. This will be on the agenda for the next board meeting. Arianne and Eric will talk with the bank and make a proposal at the next meeting.

**4. Summer Program Review:** Overall very successful summer. It was great to have the school teams involved. John did agree earlier to fill position of summer series race director. Karen suggested that we all continue to help John and rotate into the schedule also. John suggested working on getting better maps and understanding handicaps. John motioned to purchase another two sided clock. An LED 6 inch is just under \$2000 and a 9 inch is over \$2000. Dave motioned, with Karen seconding the motion that John would look in to the purchase of the same size clock that we have currently and also to purchase a case for it.

**5. Old Mission Track Request:** Bryan stated that in May we had a request to help pay for a 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile walking track at Old Mission. Eric will call Mrs. Olson to discuss how much is needed. Eric motioned that we pay up to \$1000. Therese seconded the motion.

**6. Bayshore Report:** Bryan stated that he will soon be scheduling a committee meeting. The November runners party will open registration for local runners for that day. Open registration will perhaps be on December 1. Bryan is looking at sponsorship opportunities. He has had lots of interested businesses approach him. A letter will be going out this month to see if the current sponsors are interested in continuing for this year. About \$10,000 was given out this year in awards, cash and gear prizes. The race fees and number of runners will remain the same. Bryan proposed the idea of holding the 10K on Friday evening to do away with some of the congestion problem. There are about 1100 runners in the 10K. This will be discussed at the committee meeting.

Bryan also proposed that an assistant Bayshore Director be added. Currently the Director is paid \$5000. The Registration coordinator is paid \$2500. Dave proposed that perhaps the assistant could be paid another \$2500. Bryan has talked with a potential assistant.

**7. Louis Rasho Course Maintenance:** Annual request of \$500 for the maintenance of the course was approved. This request was from Lisa Taylor as a means of thanking Louis Rasho for all the time he puts in to maintaining the course.

**8. Remembrance Run:** Karen reported that the run will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Bill Marsh has gone above and beyond their sponsorship. Lunch on the Run will be offered again Friday September 19. Michelle Witkop has been the director of the run and is currently in her doctorate nursing program. Karen has agreed to co-direct this event with Michelle. An email water donation was approved earlier in

the month for this event. Volunteers are needed on Thursday October 2 to erect a tent at Timber Ridge at 5:00. Please come if you are able to.

We also discussed website issues. Karen was wondering if it would make sense for the Remembrance Run to have it's own website that could be linked to from the TCTC website. This could also be the case for Girls on the Run. Jim currently does the Bayshore website. Jason is willing to do this for TCTC for our events.

**9. November 2 Party:** This party will be at the Park Place Dome on Sunday Nov. 2. It will be a party for the local running community with many purposes. It will be an opener for local runners to register for the Bayshore. Sponsors could be asked to have a booth as well as other vendors for an expo of sorts. It will basically be a fun, family-oriented evening for our runners. Dave and Karen will meet to plan this.

**10. Other Biz:** Bryan mentioned that he has compiled a list of emails for all the area coaches and athletic directors. Daniel will put together a shoe request form and get it to Jason.

**Words from the President:** Dave closed his last meeting as president of the track club by thanking his wife, Lisa. He also read a letter from 1997 from George Kuhn, the original TCTC founder. He commented on how George had such a grand vision of simplicity and created the framework for the track club being an organization for people to come up with their own ideas of what our community needed. May we never forget George's mindset and do this right.

**Thank you Dave, for all that you have been, and will continue to be, to our running community. All the best to you and your family.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm  
Respectfully submitted: T. Schaub