

Triple Cities Runner Club
Annual Meeting
Relief Pitcher
March 16, 2010

Present: Tom Hamlin, Kara Hendley, Rachel Murphy, Michael Murphy, Dave Talcott, Erin Taylor, Jim Miner, George Joseph, Tom Carter, Kevin Pasterchik, Grace TabEEK, Suzanne Myette, Vince Kelley, Ed Jenner, Steve Page, Dan Dofton, Mark Hughes, Dan Dougherty, Fran Fitch, Brendan Flynn, Debbie Grassi.

1. President Tom Carter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. Voting took place for new board members and officers. The results are as follows: Board members are Brendan Flynn, Sue Cain, and Vince Kelley. Officers are President – Tom Carter; Vice-President – George Joseph; Secretary – Debbie Grassi; Treasurer – Kevin Pasterchik.
3. Grand Prix – Michael Murphy suggested that the TCRC examine the points system in determining the Grand Prix results. After discussion of various inconsistencies and inequities in the present system, the board suggested that Alan Jones be involved in any adjustments.
4. Health and Fitness Fair – The Raymond Corporation is sponsoring a Health and Fitness Fair on May 14 and would like to display the TCRC banner and distribute some applications and membership forms at the fair. The board will provide Raymond with the materials.
5. Chip Timing System – Mark Hughes spoke to the club regarding a system that he would like the TCRC to consider. He would be willing to advise the club or answer any questions about the system. Discussion followed. The TCRC will determine whether this can be used at any local races.
6. January Freeze – Tom Hamlin asked if the January Freeze could be certified. Vince Kelley offered to certify the course. The board approved \$175 for Vince to certify the course and \$25 for the application fee.
7. Walking Division for Races – Dave Talcott and Erin Taylor asked the board if a walking division could be included in local races. Discussion followed. The board suggested that individual race directors be contacted, since the decision would ultimately be theirs.
8. Wednesday Night Track Meets – Tom Carter and George Joseph are working on getting another site for the meets. Chenango Valley,

Binghamton and Vestal may be possibilities. Some flexibility may be necessary in determining dates and times. George Joseph will follow up.

9. Secretary's Report – The minutes from the January 12th board meeting were approved.
10. Treasurer's Report – Kevin Pasterchik distributed copies of the report and explained expenditures, revenue, etc. The report was approved.
11. Half Marathon – Fran Fitch presented an idea for a half marathon to be held on September 12, 2010. A tentative site for start and finish would be the B-Mets Stadium. The City of Binghamton and the B-Mets have expressed an interest in the event, however, no funding is available from them. The date is the same as the Ithaca 5 & 10 mile runs, an FLRC event. Discussion followed. Planning for the half marathon is in the preliminary stages. The board will continue discussion at the May meeting, at which time a decision is needed.
12. Grand Prix Youth Division – The board discussed possible changes to the Youth Division to make it more equitable. The board approved the following change, effective immediately: The upper age for the Youth Division remains at 18, but only ages 14 and under may use the 400 and 800 distances for the Grand Prix.
13. Snow Fever 5k – The race will be held on September 26 this year at Otsiningo Park. Dan Dougherty requested that the TCRC do the finish line again. The board approved the request.
14. Jim King race – The TCRC will do the finish line on June 26, in Athens, PA.
15. Tent - Dan Dougherty indicated that one of the TCRC tents is in disrepair. Dan will obtain pricing info for future board consideration.
16. President's Award – Bob Backus will attend the annual dinner on March 20. He is the recipient of the award.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.