

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Vice-President Barbara Zelin. Those present were Barbara Zelin, Lee Altenes, Elmer and Adrian Bleidistel, Cheryl Rice, Carol Schreiner, and Karen Geyer. Morrie Rice and Kerry Ryerson were absent. Also present were Phil Duthie, our Torrance liaison, and guests, Will Gagner and Joel Massa.

Carol moved the minutes be approved as read and Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

Phil announced the April Sports Festival has been cancelled. Special Olympics have scheduled the South Bay Area Games in Carson that same week-end. Phil said we will have a softball and soccer tournament in August or September.

Cheryl asked about ordering the shorts for our Special Needs uniforms. The shorts will be black. No one liked the white logo, blue was preferred. (The shirts are purple, so the logo will probably be purple.) We will order 75 shorts, the same number as the shirts, and the sizes will also be the same. She will order them so we have them for the San Diego tournament on March 16th.

Lee gave the Treasurer's report. We have received a \$500 donation from the Gardena Elks to help pay the expenses for our snowshoeing team to go to the Winter Camp. Our total cash on hand is \$17,822.38. Expenses in January were \$955.98. There is \$2,978.82 in our Bocce Court fund.

There will be a fundraiser all day at Mimi's Café on Thursday, February 21st.

Our Walkathon will be June 8th. Adrian will make the reservation and Lee will pay the fees with a check. Barbara reported the firemen are planning a fundraiser for us in March, but we do not know their plans for it yet.

Outreach: Phil reported that our athlete numbers are good. Carol would like to do outreach with her students, perhaps talk about Special Needs Sports at IEP's, etc. Phil said the ages for Special Needs start at 13. Younger athletes may go to Special Olympics for track and field. To participate in Special Needs Sports the athletes must pay \$20 if Torrance residents, and \$25 if out of city, even if the sport is Special Olympics part of the year.

Joel Massa told us there will be Bocce booths at the Torrance Cherry Blossom Festival in March and at the Senior Fair in May. He said many companies are not interested in promoting sports. He is now going to medical facilities to promote Bocce as a rehabilitation sport. He is getting publicity in a widely read Italian newspaper. The Bocce committee also would like to have a booth at our Walkathon.

Phil announced he would like photos of our athletes, perhaps from the website, to use for a slide show at the Kick-Off dinner.

The next meeting will be March 19th at 6:30 PM. The location is to be announced. Cheryl moved the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted