

# **FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 18, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Morrie Rice. Those present were Barbara Zelin, Lee Altenes, Elmer and Adrian Bleidistel, Kerry Ryerson, Morrie and Cheryl Rice and Karen Geyer. Carol Schreiner was absent. Also present was our Torrance liaison, Phil Duthie. Guests were Bob Chiota and Joel Massa.

The minutes were read. There was one correction. PenPal was changed to PayPal. Barbara Zelin then moved the minutes be approved as corrected and Kerry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morrie had sent by e-mail the names of the suggested new board members. He felt he did not receive back enough comments to call for a vote. Therefore we will discuss the prospective members at this meeting.

Angi Bugg – was first interested a year ago, and is still interested.

Marci Good –has expressed a sincere interest and would like to help with the picnic. She will volunteer to contact all athletes to get the Walkathon donations turned in.

Michael Louis-Has expressed interest, but has to talk with his wife. He has not called Morrie back.

There was discussion on what is in the future for the Board. Karen would like to be sure that the new board members would be active and help move the Board forward. Kerry stated that many people do not realize our board meetings are open to interested people.

Lee made a motion that we elect Angi Bugg, Marci Good, and Joel Massa to be our new board members. Cheryl seconded the motion and the motion carried. Lee moved we table the selection of a Vice-President until the next meeting since it was now time for the Annual Meeting to begin. Kerry seconded the motion and the motion carried. Before we adjourned, Lee reported our

checkbook balance as of June 18<sup>th</sup> is \$30,404. The Bocce Court Project has \$10,949.81. He reminded us that sometime ago \$200 was donated for the swim program and that has not yet been spent.

Morrie adjourned the board meeting and the Annual Meeting could now begin.

# **FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES ANNUAL MEETING**

**June 18, 2013**

**President Morrie Rice welcomed everyone to our third Annual Meeting at 7:05 PM. Those attending were board members Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Lee Altenes, Adrian Bleidistel, Kerry Ryerson, retiring board members Elmer Bleidistel, Karen Geyer, Barbara Zelin, and new board members Angi Bugg and Joel Massa. Also in attendance were Phil Duthie, Bob Chiota, and Will Gagne.**

**Morrie explained the difference between our Special Needs Sports and Special Olympics. Our Special Needs sports have extended seasons and summer sports. We also support some sports that Special Olympics have discontinued, such as cycling and snowshoeing. Also, all our people are volunteers, no one is paid. All our funds go to our athletes. There was much discussion on fundraising and how to handle it without competing with Special Olympics. Most of our athletes participate in both Special Olympics and Special Needs sports.**

**Lee and Morrie talked about how we spend our money. In 2011 we started the committee for fundraising for Special Needs sports. We purchased medals and t-shirts. In 2012 we supported the Kick-Off dinner, the Sports Festival, and the annual picnic. In 2013 we funded tournament fees for Special Needs sports, bought shorts to go with the t-shirts, paid for the Kick-Off dinner, and will supply the meat, condiments, drinks, and paper goods for the annual picnic. The picnic will be on September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Phil reminded us that all the athletes participating in Special Needs sports need to join PALS. Since Torrance city is self-insured, the PALS membership fee enables our athletes to be covered with Torrance insurance.**

**Morrie spoke about some of the things the Board does. We are invited to speak at service clubs. We held a fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach to benefit the Bocce Club Project. Karen Geyer, Joel Massa and Bob Chiota were the organizers of that and it was quite successful. Karen Geyer, with help from Adrian Bleidistel, organized the Walkathon, our main fundraiser. We have a lot of support from the Torrance Firemen. They organized a fundraiser at Sully's that was almost too successful, as Sully's was overwhelmed by the turn-out!**

**Will suggested we might acknowledge our sponsors in some way publicly.**

**Morrie mentioned we might consider an end of the year donation letter to take advantage of the tax benefits.**

**Angi asked if we could have a booth at some event in the city. Phil suggested the Health Fair. Bob and Joel have set up at the Farmer's Market at times. Bob Chiota gave a report on the progress of the Bocce Court Project. He told of the activities he and Joel are doing to bring our name and the Bocce Court Project out to the public. They both have joined the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. This has given them several contacts that may help organize events.**

**Kerry reported that the Sunrise Rotary Club has a Bicycle Run on September 21<sup>st</sup>. She will speak with them about a donation. They may want volunteers from our group to help with their event.**

**There was discussion regarding our summer meetings. Some of us felt two months off were too long. It was decided that July would be dark, and the meetings would resume in August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cheryln moved the meeting be adjourned and Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8i:15 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Adrian Bleidistel,  
Secretary**