

**FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Morrie Rice. Board members present were Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Karen Geyer, Kerry Ryerson, Elmer and Adrian Bleidistel, Carol Schreiner, Lee Altenes, and Barbara Zelin.

The minutes of April's meeting were approved as read.

Morrie gave the President's report. In the future, he suggested that we have an advisory committee composed of influential members of the community, future board members, and interested volunteers. He stressed that our mission is raising money for our special needs sports. He felt this committee could give us new fundraising ideas as well as make contacts for donations. Elmer mentioned that fundraising is most successful when it for something specific, such as uniforms or events.

Lee stated that he showed the receipts from the Sports Festival to the Del Amo Rotary so they would know how their \$2000 donation was used.

Adrian thought we should send out our monthly minutes to our e-mail list. She felt our parents, coaches, and volunteers would support us more if they knew what we were trying to accomplish. Discussion followed as to how to best inform everyone. Cheryl suggested we put the minutes on our website and send out a summary of each meeting to the e-mail list. Cheryl said she would put the minutes on the website and send out the summary to the e-mail list. She will start by including in this month's summary all that we have accomplished so far. Adrian will get the minutes to her as soon as possible after each meeting.

Spring is time for our Board elections. There are four members who have completed their terms. They are Cheryl, Adrian, Carol, and Lee. There was discussion on future members. Those up for re-election consented to serve another term. It was felt that next year, after everyone has had a chance to read the year of minutes of our meetings, there will be more interest in serving on the Board, and we will have several candidates for participation. Lee mentioned that he may need to leave the Board before his 2-year term is up because of personal reasons. Barbara moved that we re-elect the four members up for election and Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lee said he would stay on for the time being. Morrie had served as Treasurer for a non-profit and he feels the Treasurer should

always be a member of the Board. The Treasurer could have someone to help with certain aspects of the Treasurer's duties, however.

Lee gave the Treasurer's report. Our balance on hand is \$6,557.03. Lee needs to go to the bank with Barbara and Morrie to change the signatures on the FTEA bank account.

Discussion about our website. Cheryln talked with Scott about putting the Walkathon on our site. There are a number of items that need to be added or changed. Cheryln would like to see the athletes looking at the website to see the pictures of themselves. Cheryln is doing a good job with Scott to keep our website current.

Karen gave the schedule for the Walkathon and the layout of Columbia Park. She went through the jobs assigned and what the duties are. We need to buy a roll of paper for signs and covering the tables. Food was discussed. We will have hot dogs, macaroni salad, chips and ice cream sandwiches. Lee has 6 cases of water and will purchase 2 more to total 200 bottles.

All interested people are invited to the Annual Meeting. It will be held on June 5th at 7:00 PM at the Harbor Regional Center. The Board will meet at 6:30 for preparation.

Karen talked about a fundraising event that a parent, Barbara McLaughlin, talked about to her. Barbara offered to handle orders for stadium chairs that people could use when sitting on benches at basketball and soccer games. The stadium chairs unfold with a back support and will have FTEA printed on the back. The chairs will cost us \$30 and will sell for \$45. She will have a table at the Walkathon and will take orders there.

We need to find out from Phil the date of the Softball/Soccer tournament he is planning in September. Then we can set the date for our annual picnic. The prizes for the Walkathon will be awarded at the picnic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary