

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Board President Morrie Rice at 6:32 PM. Members present were Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Kerry Ryerson, Angi Bugg, Adrian Bleidistel, Joel Massa, Lee Altenes, Carol Schreiner, and Marcy Good. Guests were Bob Chiota, Linda Barker, and Phil Duthie.

Carol made a motion the minutes be approved as read and Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Morrie began a discussion on the Bocce Court Project. He read a summary of FTEA's involvement with the project and the Bocce committee. July, 2011 FTEA agreed to be the holder of the committee's donated funds. In August, 2013 FTEA began working on a grant from Boeing. Later in August and early September the Bocce committee also began working on a Boeing grant. This has caused controversy. Morrie suggested the two groups separate with the Bocce Project committee being their own non-profit organization. Discussion followed. Bob explained his view. He feels we would do better working together. He knows an employee from Boeing and was applying for an employee funding grant. Morrie brought up that we are careful of the companies we apply to so that we don't conflict with any other group. For example, we don't contact companies that support Special Olympics. There was much discussion on this subject.

Marcy made a motion that FTEA and the Bocce Court Project committee separate. Carol seconded the motion. Bob suggested the City of Torrance be informed of the Board position. Morrie answered Joel's question that donations can be solicited pending the state approval for non-profit status. There was a secret ballot and the motion passed. How the Bocce committee's donations will be handled will be decided after a meeting with John Jones.

Lee gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$31,123.49 in the Treasury. Of that \$11,257.82 is for the Bocce Project. We have \$15,557.75 unencumbered funds.

Lee discussed the 2014 budget. We no longer have the use of the City vans because of new city regulations that forbid us from transporting athletes or having the vans go outside the city limits, so transportation is a new item in the budget. In making up the budget Lee used a priority list from Phil Duthie. Lee presented a budget of \$11,000 for 2014. There was discussion and the budget will be further discussed at the January meeting.

Marcy passed out the year-end donation letter she composed. Marcy would like all PALS members, athlete or not, to receive this letter. Phil cautioned he will have to check with the city attorney. He is worried that some families would resent that their personal information (address) had been given out to another group. Since it will be sent out on e-mail, board members could forward it to family and friends. The letter will go out the week after Thanksgiving.

We discussed the Comedy and Magic Club event. The South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club is now partnering with the El Segundo Rotary. That is a large group and we are not sure of the extent of our participation.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the Sunrise Rotary Club (SBSR), will present us with a check for volunteering at the Bike Race.

The Women's Club gave us a very late notice for the Rascal's fundraiser. Not many of us could attend. However, The Women's Club has indicated they would like to volunteer for FTEA in some way. Morrie gave a suggestion that their volunteers could each sponsor an athlete at our Walkathon and get donations for that athlete to turn in.

We will split 50-50 with the Bocce Court committee for the California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser.

There was discussion on PayPal. Lee checked with Chase Bank. A non-profit organization has to share their audited books. Lee feels more research is needed by talking with other banks.

There was some discussion on the T-shirts for our various sports but no final decision was made.

CherylIn moved the meeting be adjourned and Kerry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM. Our next meeting will be on January 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary