

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Board President Morrie Rice at 6:30 PM. Board members present were Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Elmer and Adrian Bleidistel, Karen Geyer, Kerry Ryerson, Carol Schreiner, Barbara Zelin, and Lee Altenes. Guests attending were Bob Chiota, Joel Massa, Will Gagner, Linda Barker, and Debbie Becket. Also attending was Phil Duthie, liaison with the City of Torrance.

Barbara moved the minutes be approved, and Carol seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Lee gave his Treasurer's report. At the end of September, 2012, our cash on hand was \$15,602.76. Included were Bocce Court donations. The main expenses were from our picnic, including food and the prizes for the Walkathon. The Walkathon brought in \$8,922.16. The Bocce Court fund is \$878.82.

Lee has set up a chart for tentative amounts that should be spent on each sport. He gave us a list of all the sports with their Special Olympic seasons and Special Needs seasons. FTEA does not fund Track and Field, Golf, Bowling, or Volleyball, because they are only Special Olympic sports. Cycling and Snowshoeing we support completely, because they do not even have a Special Olympic season. Phil informed us that next year the Special Needs/PALS fee will be \$20 for Torrance residents and \$25 for non-residents. This amount is set by the City Council. He suggested we have a scholarship fund for those that these fees would be a hardship, especially families that have multiple special needs members. This will be under consideration on an individual basis. There was much discussion on financing the various sports and events. Lee made a motion that we spend \$8,000 of our treasury for sports and events. Cheryl seconded the motion. After discussion, knowing we have to keep some money in the treasury for unexpected expenses, the motion carried. Lee would like to have all the coaches' wish lists. He will make a suggested priority list of all their requests and present it for discussion at the next meeting.

As we discussed upcoming events, we decided the end-of-the-year Pizza Party was unnecessary. Cheryl moved we not have a Fall Pizza Party, Barbara seconded it, and the motion carried. It was felt the picnic really was the main get-together for the fall.

Discussing fundraisers, the tentative date for the Walkathon is June 8, 2013. Morrie and Carol went to the Women's Club to talk about FTEA. They reported this is a very active, enthusiastic group and they were well received.

Barbara said the Firemen are planning on something, perhaps in January.

Bob Chiota spoke on the Bocce Court Project needing money. They are finding that some companies will not donate to any sports, or have certain categories only for donations, and we don't fit into their categories.

Cheryln reported on our website. She will update the website as needed and will continue to post the monthly meeting minutes and treasury report.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Harbor Regional Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P: M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary