

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Morrie Rice. Board members present were Kerry Ryerson, Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Adrian Bleidistel, Joel Massa, Carol Schreiner, Angi Bugg, and Marcy Good. Also present was former board member Elmer Bleidistel and our Torrance liaison, Phil Duthie. Guests were Bob Chiota and Kathy Whelan. Treasurer Lee Altenes was absent.

Cheryl made a motion we accept the minutes as read. Joel seconded it and the motion carried.

Morrie introduced the topic of the Comedy and Magic Club dinner and show. The athletes will not be involved in selling the tickets. Each group, FTEA and the Sunrise Rotary Club, should sell 83 tickets, a total of 116. This will take care of the obligation to the Comedy and Magic Club of \$12,500. Tickets sold past that number will be a profit to be shared by FTEA and the Rotary. The question brought up was "Can we make money by selling more tickets?" Much discussion followed. Marcy moved that we participate in this venture with the Sunrise Rotary Club. Carol seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kerry will tell Rotarian Rick Castillo our decision. The event will be held next April on a Friday.

The treasurer's report was given by Morrie. We have \$31,108.46 cash on hand. However, some of that money is already appropriated, leaving \$15,389 as unappropriated cash. Lee and Adrian made an inventory of our lunch bags, duffel bags, etc. that are stored in the container. We have 21 lunch bags and 10 duffel bags. Cheryl can use some of these as prizes for the Walkathon to be given out at the picnic. She will also be having some for sale. We still need to pay \$190 to S4EA for our athletes who went to the San Diego swim meet. Cheryl moved we pay this bill, Carol seconded the motion, and the

motion carried. It was decided to give \$3.00 Yogurt land tickets to all our athletes who brought in \$100 in donations for the Walkathon. Cheryln will take care of getting these.

Morrie called for a vote by secret ballot for the office of Vice President. The nominees are Kerry Ryerson and Carol Schreiner. The votes were counted and our new Vice President is Kerry Ryerson.

Our next fundraiser will be at the California Pizza Kitchen in Rolling Hills Plaza. The fundraiser will go on all day. A flyer will be sent out, but it is not necessary to have it with you to get credit for the fundraiser. FTEA and the Bocce Court Project will share the funds raised. Joel is handling this event. October 24, 2013 is the suggested date.

Morrie has sent out a copy of our By-Laws to all current board members. At the meeting each board member was given our Conflict of Interest form that is to be renewed every year. All board members signed the form and they were given to Adrian, the secretary.

Morrie would like to form a City Liaison Committee. Phil stated that this was suggested by John Jones, the Torrance Community Service Director, to improve communication with us. Morrie stated the President should be a member of this committee. He appointed Angi Bugg, and Carol Schreiner to serve on this committee with him. Kerry made a motion that we form this committee, and Cheryln seconded it. The motion carried. Phil will relay this information to John Jones.

Linda Barker has requested shirts for softball and tennis. These will be practice shirts and could also be used for some informal tournaments. The athletes would buy these shirts for \$10 each. Linda will give us the number needed. Marcy moved we buy these shirts and Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Rat Beach Ride, put on by the Sunrise Rotary Club, will take place on Saturday, September 21st. A number of our board members are volunteering to help out at this event.

Morrie would like an “End of year” donation letter to be sent out to our mailing list. The letter would point out that end of year donations would help the donors’ tax obligations. Phil mentioned that Walter from S4EA sent one out telling about two athletes who met at special needs sports, got married, and are working successfully at jobs. Marcy volunteered to write the letter.

Cheryl reported that the website is doing well.

Joel reported on his request to Kaiser Permanente for a donation. Kaiser needs a list of our sponsor levels on our letterhead. He has also spoken with Boeing, who will be sending us a pack of forms to fill out to be considered for a donation.

Phil announced that the Health Fair will be held on September 21st at the Salvation Army on Earl Street.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 22nd.

Kerry moved the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary