

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

Members Present

Morrie Rice
Adrian Bleidistel
CherylN Rice
Jim Tuliglowski

Kerry Ryerson
Angi Bugg
Carol Schreiner
Laurie Nelson

Members Absent

None

Guests

Phil Duthie

Call To Order:

FTEA Board President Morrie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Reading of Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from Oct 12, 2015 were approved. (Ryerson/Bleidistel-unanimous)

Presidents Report:

- **Kick Off Dinner** This year the Kick Off Dinner will be on Thursday February 18 at the Toyota Museum. It will be catered again by Lomeli's and will be an Olympic Theme. It is a Hall of Fame year. Phil asked that the board have a brief presentation and submit any recognition to him in advance. Phil requested 5-6 items for give aways. Any photos should be submitted to CherylN and Linda Barker for the slide show.
- **New Meeting Location** The Harbor Regional Center Meeting room is no longer available. Morrie extended a sincere thank you to HRC for accommodating our board meetings on behalf of the board. Phil is able to book a meeting room on the second floor of Torrance City Hall in the West Annex for future meetings.

Vice President's Report:

- **Rat Beach Bike Tour** The 2016 event sponsored by the South Bay Sunrise Rotary is now called "Ride with the Tide". In addition the location will be moved further south. Morrie and Kerry attended an event for the check distribution from 2015. The South Bay Sunrise Rotary presented FTEA with a \$500.00 donation.
- **Beer and Wine Festival 2016** The South Bay Sunrise Rotary Beer and Wine Festival will be on Sunday May 15 at Ernie Howlett Park. We will share the flyer on our Facebook page. Morrie has been in communication with Karen Greenberg offering FTEA volunteers for anything for this event in addition to selling tickets.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a balance of \$44,908.98 as of December 31, 2015. Cheryl made a request for thank you letters for numerous donations. Northrop Grumman \$200. South Bay Sunrise Rotary \$500. Phil Duthie \$100. William Stephens \$50.00 in honor of Bob Ryerson, Kerry Ryerson's Father and \$50 in honor of Lela Poms, Laurie Nelson's Mother. A copy was provided of the 2015 Paypal transactions and charges. Phil reports that Paypal on the website is very easy to use. We need to publicize the website and link it to Facebook. There was a \$30 payment submitted from Linda Barker for softball t-shirts.

Budget Requests:

The proposed 1Q and 2Q budget was reviewed and revised after some discussion. Some changes were made including adding a Miscellaneous category, adjustments to the Snowshoeing, and Softball categories and adding an Equipment category. Motion was made to approve the budget with the changes. (Schreiner/Ryerson-unanimous)

There was additional discussion around options for swim caps and uniforms or warm ups. It was suggested this may be a good tangible item for the Boeing Grant or to submit the need with some donation request letters.

Website Updates

Facebook not "taking off" yet. We need to encourage athletes to participate in posting and sharing our Facebook page. Laurie will post all appropriate flyers.

Old Business:

Jim reported that he purchased 34 Clipper Tickets for January 9, 2016 game and that all but 5 were sold. The challenge was organizing the transportation for the event. The group was let in early to watch the team practice. Successful event. Motion to reimburse Jim for the 5 unsold tickets at \$16 each. (CRice/Ryerson-unanimous)

New Business:

Walk A Thon Due to the decreasing attendance and the work that goes into this event and the Family Picnic, there was discussion on how best to move forward with these events. If we were to combine the two events we would need a softball field, picnic table/grills and an area for the Walk A Thon. De Portola at 25615 Lazy Meadow Drive was suggested. We are going to visit De Portola Park to see if it will accommodate all of our needs. There is no bus service to the park but we could make arrangements for transportation. We will discuss further at the February meeting.

Kiwanas Celebration of Community Luncheon This luncheon will be on Thursday March 3, 2016 from 12:00 to 1:30. Tickets are \$40 per person. FTEA will purchase 2 tickets.

Next Meeting Date:

February 9, 2016

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. (CRice/Ryerson-unanimous)