

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

Members Present

Morrie Rice Kerry Ryerson
Angi Bugg Jim Tuligowski
Cheryl Rice Carol Schreiner

Members Absent

Adrian Bleidistel
Laurie Nelson

Guests

Phil Duthie
John Jones

Call To Order:

FTEA Board President Morrie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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Minutes from March will be deferred to the May meeting for approval.

Presidents Report:

Transparency Issues and how they relate specifically to the Big Bear Snowshoeing Trip:

Morrie reported that the issues of concern were that there was no notification to the City or the Board of the cancellation of the Big Bear Snowshoeing event prior to the trip to Big Bear. The event was canceled five days prior to the event. In addition there was no insurance purchased for the rental vehicles. When the event and vehicle rental was discussed at the board meetings there was the understanding it would be one vehicle and that Kerry would be the primary driver with Carol as a secondary driver. Because this was a City sanctioned event this creates great risk for the City. Morrie also stated that the issue that was presented at the February Board meeting during the executive session should be directed to Phil and the City.

Guest Speaker John Jones, City of Torrance Community Services Director

John started by thanking the Board and acknowledging the success and dedication of the board and the coaches. John stated that the City offers excursions that include the transportation by a charter bus company due to the risks involved. He further stated that if transportation is still a vital issue, you may want to have parents transport their kids to the events, and have a disclaimer on their event flyer and participant application that clearly states that Transportation is not part of this event. For additional insurance protection, he stated that the Board may want to pursue purchasing Board Insurance. John stated that this event taking place was assumed to still be under the guise and responsibility of the city and left the City vulnerable and fully exposed. He stated that he wants this board

to continue to operate but there must not be any incidents like this take place in the future that was clearly cancelled and still continued as a city event, as this opens liability exposure to the city. He also added that the issue from the previous meeting is not for this Board, that historically the Board deals with only funding and expenditures. John suggested that we consider using Charter Busses in the future or require the parents transport their own children and taking the transportation issue out of the responsibility of the board. Lastly, John also invited the board members to visit the Council meetings to introduce themselves and recognize our athletes.

Vice President's Report:

South Bay Beer and Wine Festival

- Kerry states there is little to report. Approximately 20 tickets have been sold.
- Kerry hosted a very successful HRC Social, Recreation and Fitness event with 125 participants. She has been ask to host again next year. The City of Torrance and the FTEA were represented.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a balance of \$41,529.76 as of April 11, 2016. The Account has been reconciled through March. Cheryl provided a corrected statement for February.

Website/ Facebook Updates:

Little to update at this time. Laurie and Kerry regularly monitor the site.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Morrie stated that for the elections in June, that not only Officers but that Board Members also needed to be elected bi-annually. The President and Vice President are not due to be elected until next June. The bylaws state that there should be a minimum of seven and maximum of nine of Board Members, that eight members are ok unless a tie breaker is needed. Adrian has ask him to create a Seating Chart for the Board to ensure there is even distribution for board member elections on odd/even years. He committed to completing that by next meeting.
- We should submit Candidate suggestions by next month.

- Fall Family Picnic and Walk A Thon planning. The three parks under consideration for this event are Columbia, De Portollo and El Nido. Phil will check on a Waiver for De Portollo Park. The date suggested for this event was Sunday September 25, 2016.
- Jim suggested that we purchase 30 Dodger tickets for \$10 each and sell them for \$15. There was discussion around the best dates for this event. Also noted that if a participant can get to 182nd and Vermont there is MTA transportation service to the stadium. There will be no transportation provided for this event.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday May 10, 2016 at the Torrance West Annex.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. (CRice/Schreiner-unanimous)