

FRIENDS OF TORRANCE EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM by President Morrie Rice. Board members present were Morrie and Cheryl Rice, Elmer and Adrian Bleidistel, Lee Altenes, and Carol Schreiner. Kerry Ryerson, and Barbara Zelin were absent.

The minutes were read. Lee moved we approve the minutes as read and Carol seconded. The motion carried.

Morrie reported on the City Council meeting on January 24th. The Council waived \$300 of the fee for renting Columbia Park for our Walkathon on June 2nd.

In March 21st Barbara and athlete Jennifer Bleidistel will attend the Sunrise Rotary Club breakfast meeting at Marie Callendar's. They will speak about FTEA. Hopefully, they will support us.

The Sports Festival is on April 14th. Phil wants a coordinator for 200 attendees - volunteers, and athletes. Last year, the food cost was \$1900. Karen said Ralph's has kids' meals for \$3.49. It includes a full sandwich, bag of chips, apple, cookie, and apple juice. All members of the board liked that idea and we will probably buy those.

Phil told Karen he needs 200 medals. Karen showed us a variety of medals that she had found by going to several local medal and trophy shops. We decided on one that will be generic. The cost for 250 will be \$1355. The cost for 500 will be \$2200. Lee moved we buy 500 medals and Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion carried. This way we will have medals for our next event. Karen will order the medals.

There was a discussion on uniforms. Adrian showed the Tommy T catalog. Uniforms would cost an estimated \$34 each. Morrie suggested we not make a decision until after our fundraiser at Sully's. The uniforms would be used for several sports.

Karen reported on promo items to sell at the Sports Festival. Karen feels the items cost too much and we should table it at this time. Discussion followed. It was decided to discuss this at another time.

Treasurer's report. Lee reported he has paid \$250 in web fees. We received a donation from the Torrance Women's Club for \$500 for the Bocce courts. Our end of January bank balance on hand is \$7,735. After all expenses, we will have \$2700.

Amelia Nugent would like to order swim tees and sell them to the swim athletes. The board agreed that she could order the shirts and Karen will assist her. Lee needs quicken software. He will buy one at Costco which has it on sale for \$75 off. Carol moved we reimburse Lee for the Quicken software and Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

Lee will pay for Columbia Park tomorrow for our June 2 Walkathon. The packets for the athletes need to be made in April to give out to the athletes in May. We discussed promo items to give out as awards at the Walkathon. We all liked the string backpacks. Kerry will be in charge of ordering those. Each athlete who brings in at least \$100 in donations will receive a backpack.

One of the Torrance firemen has volunteered to participate in the South Bay Dancing with the Stars. He has named FTEA as his charity. Even if he doesn't win, the FTEA will receive \$500!

Lee brought up the Annual Meeting. He would like us to set a date at the next meeting.

Elmer moved we adjourn the meeting and Carol seconded. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th, at 6:30 PM. We will meet at Harbor Regional Center, Room A1.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bleidistel, Secretary