



Buffalo Chips Running Club

Board of Directors Meeting

January 9, 2016

Members Present:

Arnold Utterback, President
Bruce Falzarano, Member-At-Large
Carol Parise, Susan B. Anthony Race Director/Member-At-Large
Dennis Scott, Jedediah Smith Race Director/Member-At-Large
Genevieve Clavier, Buffalo Stampede Race Director
Jennifer Rousseve, Buffalo Enquirer Editor/Member-At-Large
John Feeney, Member-At-Large
Maggie Ward, Social Coordinator
Nuria Duran, Member-At-Large
Paul Spolidoro, Vice President
Teddy Morris Jr., Scribe
Tony Smith, Treasurer
Waiman Yip, Volunteer Coordinator

Topics:

Meeting minutes -

The minutes for November/2015 were approved. No meeting was held in December/2015.

Meeting Agenda -

The agenda for this meeting was approved by the Board members present.

New Business -

Following the Prediction Run for 2016, a Board of Directors meeting was held, and three new members were welcomed to the Board. Paul Spolidoro became Vice President, Dennis Scott returned as Jedediah Smith Race Director and Member-At-Large, and John Caselli officially joined the Board as Public Relations coordinator.

Youth Chips -

In the first weekend of December, thirty-five Youth Chip members traveled to Decatur, Alabama for the 2016 A.A.U. National Cross-Country Championship. One of their 10 year-old boys came in second-place and their 9-10 year-old girls team took fourth-

place overall. Ninety percent of the Youth Chip athletes achieved personal “P.R.’s” while at the event. Also, they got to tour the Jesse Owens Museum, which was located close by the event site, on the day before the meet.

Currently, they have about forty to fifty children on the full Youth Chips roster and so they have added a third coach to help supervise the workouts. Their workouts will resume the last week in February.

Committee Reports –

Training Committee: A survey was sent out to the members who took advantage of the program offered by Mary Coordt, our Training Coordinator, and it appears that there was favorable feedback overall. Since her four-month contract ended with the completion of the training for the California International Marathon in December, the members of the Training Committee are going to discuss with Mary Coordt the proposal of seeing if she wanted to train another group for the upcoming SacTown 10 race, that is held in April of this year, and would require a three-month training plan. To accommodate this request, the Board of Directors voted to allocate not more than \$1,800 as payment for that proposed three-month training period. The final details of this new contract will be worked out by the Training Committee.

Race Reports –

Jedediah Smith: There will be no detour at this year’s event since the construction on the American River levee has been completed.

Buffalo Stampede: The race directors of the Buffalo Stampede, Genny Clavier and Mike Rizzo, would like to exclusively use the registration services of Chronotrack, which is part of the Capital Road Race Management organization, to register participants for their race. It is believed that changing over to the Chronotrack system will help in the efficiency of registering, and then preparing race results, for runners and walkers in the Buffalo Stampede. It was suggested that the club use this Chronotrack system for all of our races because it would give us the opportunity to put together “packages” of races that would include some of our races and those being promoted by other race organizations using the services of Capital Road Race Management. One important aspect of looking at the two registration companies is how easy it will be for the race directors to set up their websites, for initially registering runners, and if there will be sufficient help with constructing these websites from either of the two companies. It was decided that in order to make a more informed decision, we should find out the different price and service options, of continuing to use the UltraSignups website for race registration, versus switching all of our future race registration processes over to Capital Road Race Management. Once this information has been obtained, the Board of Directors will discuss this proposal and make a decision, either through an e-mail vote of the Board members, or at our next Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Report –

Membership and race revenue from 2015 were up from the previous year. Plus, we had received a donation from Wells Fargo Bank that also contributed to our gain in monies for 2015. So, we finished 2015 year with more in the bank than what we had originally planned.

A draft of the proposed budget for 2016 will be available at our next Board meeting in February.

It was brought up that the club might want to sponsor one of the miles on the American River Bike Trail to show our consideration for the amount of time we spend using that resource. Currently, the stretch along the Bike Trail at the five-mile point is available so the Board of Directors voted to donate \$1,500 per year, for the required two year period, to sponsor that mile. Once the American River Parkway Foundation is notified of our donation, the name of the club will be listed on the top of the mile-marker, at the five-mile point, for the next two years.

General Business -

The final results of our "Incentive Program" for members of the club did not do as well as we had envisioned with only twelve members qualifying for the reward at the end of this year. In order to make the program more appealing to the members of the club, it was decided to change the structure of the program by offering different rewards than last year. One such award may be to give a free Buffalo Chips club race to a member who signs up with the P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. organization. Another idea that was discussed, was to pay for the P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. membership, for the following year, to any current member of the club who raced in at least five P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. races, wore their club singlet, and denoted "Buffalo Chips Running Club" as their club when signing up for the races. Although the details of the rewards are still being worked out, the Board of Directors voted to continue the Incentive Program for the next year.

Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.