



Buffalo Chips Running Club

Board of Directors Meeting

July 5, 2016

Members Present:

Arnold Utterback, President
Bruce Falzarano, Member-At-Large
Dennis Scott, Member-At-Large
Genevieve Clavier, Buffalo Stampede Race Director
John Caselli, Public Relations
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

Mike Rizzo, Buffalo Stampede Race Director

Topics:

Meeting minutes –
The minutes for June/2016 were approved.

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

Treasurer –
Currently, the club has \$27, 105 in the bank and this compares well to the \$24,000-\$25,000 that we had in the bank at the same time last year. Our membership still stands around 425 and we have noticed that a lot of our newer memberships are coming from the runners and the family members of the Youth Chips program. This year's budget still has money set aside for paying a Training Coordinator, and this money is being kept in the account, since we do not have an official Training Coordinator at this time. Our

Treasurer will be on vacation for the next few weeks, and so the checkbook for the club will be turned over to our President during this period, should anyone need a written check from the account for purchases while the Treasurer is gone. Also, John Feeney has been given the authorization to originate on-line checks from the account should that service be needed. Since the submission of our Federal and State tax forms was postponed until August 15, 2016, that since date is coming up, Diane Falzarano will be completing the paperwork to submit our club taxes on time.

Committee Reports –

Training Committee: John Ducray, who has been our Training Coordinator for the past couple of months, submitted a letter of resignation to the members of the Board of Directors at the beginning of last month stating that personal commitments are making it difficult for him to continue in his capacity as Training Coordinator for the club. Our President spoke to John Ducray, and asked him to see how his schedule looks at the end of August in order that he can possibly come back as Training Coordinator at that time. In the meantime, the President is in the process of reforming the Training Committee with Paul Spolidoro, the club's Vice President, as the chair of the committee. Other Board of Director members that will make up this revised committee will be: Nuria Duran, Carol Parise, and Waiman Yip as voting members; and Genevieve Clavier and Teddy Morris Jr. as non-voting members. To make this change official, and to be included in the record of the club's proceedings, the Board of Directors held a vote to agree to this new arrangement for the Training Committee and the vote was passed, unanimously.

Race Reports –

Fourth of July: The event was a great success and netted the two charities, Women Escaping A Violent Environment and the American River Parkway Foundation, over three-thousand dollars in donations from the participants of the race. Compared to last year, we made more than double the amount of donations at this year's race. George Parrott, race director, offered to match the monetary donations that were collected at the race and this gesture was very much appreciated by the Board of Directors and the charities in receipt of the additional donation.

Buffalo Stampede: The race directors finalized a cloth duffle-bag as the give-away to entrants of the race this year. To promote the Buffalo Stampede, the race directors will be at the upcoming Davis Moonlight Run to hand out flyers and to sign-up any potential participants. Since the Buffalo Stampede gives some of its proceeds to the Youth Chips program, members of the Youth Chips are being asked to set-up one of the aid-stations during the race. Also, two other groups, the Rio Americano High School athletics program and Fit for Girls, will be setting up aid-stations along the course, as well. At this year's race, we are hoping to get twenty course-marshalls to help direct the runners during the race and will need additional volunteers to help with the same-day registration booth the morning of the race. Our invited guest for the race, Peter McGill, will be staying at Mike Rizzo's house, while he is in Sacramento, and will be attempting to set a master's record on the course. Other elite runners have been invited to join the race and will be "comped" by the race directors if they choose to participate. There will be cash prizes for the overall winners of the Buffalo Stampede and even the age-group winners will receive some type of monetary gift. At this time, they are still looking for someone to sing the National Anthem at the beginning of the race.

New Business –

Last month, we discussed having Bart Yasso come to Sacramento to speak at the Buffalo Bash, to run with the Youth Chips during one of their workouts, and to sign copies of his book at our booth at the California International Marathon exposition. The total expenditure for this proposition was estimated to be around \$3,800. During the days since this issue was brought up to the Board of Directors, our President contacted the members of the Sacramento Running Association and asked them if they would be interested in covering some of the expenses, should we agree to have Mr. Yasso fly out to Sacramento in December, and possibly have him available to speak at one of their events related to the California International Marathon. The Sacramento Running Association offered to give him \$500 as a “travel stipend” on the condition that Mr. Yasso speaks at one of their discussion-groups during the marathon exposition—but they did not want to pay any additional money as a “speaking fee” should he accept their offer. Looking over the merits of having such a nationally-known speaker join us for the Buffalo Bash and the additional events he would be appearing at while in Sacramento as our guest, versus the costs involved with paying for his expenses to be here, the Board of Directors made a decision to offer Mr. Yasso up to \$2,000 to come to Sacramento in December, which doesn’t include the possible \$500 travel stipend from Sacramento Running Association, and see if that amount would be sufficient to get him here. Since this decision involved a rather large sum of money for the club, plus could reflect upon our image within the running community of the greater Sacramento area, a vote was taken and was approved to officially offer Bart Yasso the \$2,000 from the club to come to speak at the Buffalo Bash, run with our Youth Chips organization at one of their workouts, and to be available to sign copies of his book at our booth at the California International Marathon exposition in December.

It was also suggested that the Board of Directors look at revising the organization of our committee for the Western States Endurance Run and this issue will be taken up at our next Board meeting.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.