



# **Buffalo Chips Running Club**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

*February 7, 2016*

### Members Present:

Bill Goodwin, Vice President  
Bruce Falzarano, Member-At-Large  
Carol Parise, Susan B. Anthony Race Director/Member-At-Large  
Dennis Scott, Jedediah Smith Co-Race Director/Member-At-Large  
Eric Girardin, Member-At-Large  
John Caselli, Public Relations  
John Feeney, Jedediah Smith Co-Race Director/Member-At-Large  
Maggie Ward, Social Coordinator  
Megan Herold, Buffalo Enquirer Editor  
Paul Spolidoro, President  
Teddy Morris Jr., Scribe/Training Coordinator  
Tony Smith, Treasurer  
Waiman Yip, Volunteer Coordinator

### Topics:

#### **Meeting minutes –**

The minutes for January/2017 were approved.

#### **Meeting Agenda –**

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

### **Treasurer's Report –**

Last year, we accidentally paid the Sacramento Police Department twice for the services they provided us during last year's Buffalo Stampede. This issue was corrected and we received a refund from the City of Sacramento for the overage. Recently, we were given seven checks that were still being held by the CronoTrack group for last year's Buffalo Stampede. These checks were beyond the six-month time-frame that is usually considered legal for bank checks. We were able to deposit six of the checks, even with the time delay, but we could not secure the funds from the seventh one. To avoid this situation in the future, we are going to have the registration-fee checks from races sent to our Post Office Box instead of to the CronoTrack group. Over the years, we were using an E.M.S. company for our races, which was run by two individuals, and that was charging us about \$40.00 per hour at our events. This company split into two separate companies and so we will be trying to evenly divide our use of their E.M.S. services between the two new companies, since we have worked with both individuals in the past, and have appreciated the service they gave us.

### **Committee Reports –**

*Incentive Program:* It seems that our "Incentive Program", which was put together a couple of years ago to try to promote the club at local races and to generate some excitement within the membership in their running pursuits, has not been taken advantage of this past year by most of the membership. The prize for participating in the Incentive Program was a free entry into one of our club races. In order to qualify for the prize, a person had to be a Buffalo Chips member, while at the same time be a member of the P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. organization, they needed to wear Buffalo Chips apparel while participating in a race, and register for five local races that could be selected from an approved list of races that qualified a member for inclusion in the Incentive Program. Members can also volunteer at five events, either at official Buffalo Chips races or at races where the Buffalo Chips organization has been asked to participate in a volunteer capacity, and these events will count, as well. Keenan Matz is still in charge of the database of club members who are participating in the Incentive Program. At this time, we do not know how many of our members are taking advantage of this plan or if they have been sending in their racing information to qualify for the prize. Since interest in the Incentive Program has waned in the past year, we are going to see if we can come up with new ways to try to reinvigorate the Incentive Program with the membership. In this regard, one thing we thought would help us attract additional members to the incentive Program was to delete the P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. membership requirement for qualification towards the program. Therefore, a proposal was brought up before the Board of Directors to drop the P.A.-U.S.A.T.F. membership requirement as a qualifier for inclusion in the Incentive Program. Subsequently, this proposal was passed by a vote of the Board. An e-blast will be sent out informing the membership about this change to the Incentive Program.

### **Race Reports –**

*Jedediah Smith:* We are going to give the Boy Scouts of America organization an extra \$165.00, which is the monthly fee we pay them for use of their Headquarters building for our Tuesday Night Workouts, since we had to use the Boy Scouts of America Headquarters building when we had to move the Jedediah Smith Ultra Race to the Commerce Circle location due to flooding and safety concerns along the usual American River Parkway route. Before the race was held, one of the club members went around to all of the businesses along the course to notify them that the race was going to be held at this new location. They had around 150 registered entrants and we had about 120 runners complete the different distances. There were only a couple of runners who asked to have their registration fee refunded due to the change in location of the course.

*Susan B. Anthony:* After speaking with a representative from the City of Sacramento, the race director found out that we will need to have four police officers monitoring the course—which is double what we have been having over the years. That would be an added expense of \$650.00 for the two additional police officers required along the course. In order to generate increased interest for the Susan B. Anthony Race in the running community, the race director is planning on obtaining a booth to promote the race at the upcoming Women’s Fitness Festival.

### **Buffalo Bible / Buffalo Enquirer Report –**

We need to decide if we are going to make up any paper-versions of the Buffalo Enquirer or if we were going to provide it exclusively in an electronic format. In the near future, we are planning on having the entire membership roster available on a website where only a few people will have a password to access the membership database.

### **Social Coordinator –**

We have planned a “Pizza Night” following the Tuesday Night Workout on March 21, 2017.

### **New Business –**

Last month, we began moving our club document to the Google Docs cloud-based storage service. The Board of Directors agreed to move all of our official documents over to the Google Docs service because we found the Dropbox service a little hard to use. Also, we can assign permission for certain individuals to access certain folders within the Google Docs structure. From now on, we are going to make sure that when we add or change folders, within our Google Docs storage service, the Board of Directors will need to agree to the change.

The Board of Directors is thinking about taking over another mile on the American River Parkway, as part of the “Stewardship” program, where an organization is asked to provide volunteers to spend at least twenty hours physically cleaning a mile section of the Parkway. Currently, we “Sponsor” a mile section of the Parkway and donate an amount to secure that designation. We are going to try to contact the membership to see if there is enough interest in taking over the “Stewardship” of a mile on the

American River Parkway. This issue will have to be looked into and discussed at more length at the next Board meeting

There was an idea put forth to the Board of Directors to buy a set of walkie-talkies to have available for our club events. It was decided that with everyone having access to their own cellular phones, we did not really need to purchase the walkie-talkies, because we could communicate with our cellular phones.

**Adjournment –**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.