



# **Buffalo Chips Running Club**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

*January 7, 2017*

### Members Present:

Arnold Utterback, Member-At-Large  
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  
Nuria Duran, Member-At-Large  
Paul Spolidoro, President  
Teddy Morris Jr., Scribe/Training Coordinator  
Tony Smith, Treasurer  
Waiman Yip, Volunteer Coordinator

### Topics:

#### **Meeting minutes –**

The minutes for December/2016 were approved.

#### **Meeting Agenda –**

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

### **New Business -**

At the beginning of the meeting, the members of the Board of Directors held an election for the new officers of the Board. As the voting took place, four individuals were elected as officers for 2017, and they are:

Paul Spolidoro / President

Bill Goodwin / Vice President

Tony Smith / Treasurer

Teddy Morris Jr. / Scribe

Additionally, the Board of Directors is happy to welcome three new club members who have agreed to join the Board. Bill Goodwin, Eric Girardin, and Megan Herold are now official Board of Director members of the Buffalo Chips Running Club.

### **Youth Chips –**

Currently, they have forty to fifty athletes in the Youth Chips group—including a number of athletes who will be eighth-graders next year. This past November, the Youth Chips director took forty-two athletes to the Cross Country Coaches National Youth Championships meet in Evansville, Indiana. Due to the large number of athletes that could make the trip, they were able to field five full teams in the competition. From all of the reports from the race, it was a well-organized and very runner-friendly event. In one of the age-group races, their female athletes came in second and third in the final. Overall, the members of the Youth Chips team came back with six medals for their performances at this meet. The director of the Youth Chips organization does not plan on participating in the U.S.A.T.F. events in the Fall due to the fact that the preliminary meets are so close to the final and therefore they have a hard time getting flights and accommodations when their athletes qualify for the U.S.A.T.F. championship meet. Plus, many of the U.S.A.T.F. events are on Sundays and some of the Youth Chips athletes cannot participate on those days. In October, they plan on having another “Mile-A-Thon” fundraiser to try to financially help their athletes who are planning on going to the championship meet at the end of this year.

### **Committee Reports –**

*Training Committee:* Teddy Morris Jr. is now the official Training Coordinator for the Buffalo Chips Running Club after signing the contract for 2017. The position of Training Coordinator pays a monthly stipend of \$400 and includes the responsibilities of organizing and attending the weekly workouts of the club. As of last month, our club website is fully integrated with the Meetup site and therefore when people click on the “Workouts” tab, on our club website, they will see the calendar from the Meetup site. Also, any individuals using the Meetup site will be able to view our weekly workouts, as well.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

Due to the cost-cutting efforts of our Social Coordinator, we spent about \$800 less on this past December's Buffalo Bash than we had budgeted for in the revised budget for 2016. Also, we received a check for \$600 from the Sacramento Running Association in recompense for us putting together two aid-stations for the 2016 California International Marathon. This money shows up in the "Donation" category of the 2016 revised budget. At the end of the 2016 fiscal year, the Youth Chips organization still had \$200 left in their budget category that they had not spent. Our Treasurer asked the Board if the Youth Chips could just roll-over that money into the 2017 fiscal year so that they would have \$3,200 in their 2017 budget category—instead of the \$3,000 we had allocated for them in the 2017 budget. In order to make sure that our members are aware that this is the time of year when they need to renew their club memberships, we will be sending out an e-blast message this month that will be specific to the issue of renewing their club memberships for 2017.

### **Race Reports –**

*Jedediah Smith:* The co-directors of the Jedediah Smith race have an "emergency option" available to them should they not be able to use the normal course for the race due to flooding along the American River Trail. If they had to, they can shift the location of the race to our course at the Commerce Circle site. This would cause the participants to loop the course many times to complete the different distances available at this event. In order to accommodate the new location, should they need it, the race would begin an hour later. Also, the club would need to coordinate with the Boy Scouts of America organization for the use of their Headquarters building during the race. At this time, they have about one-hundred people signed up for the event and they are just about at the point where they financially "break even" on the race. For members of the club, they are offering a promotional-code that club members can use while registering for the race in order to get a discount off the normal entry fee. They are giving away shirts and pint-glasses to those who register for the race.

*Susan B. Anthony:* They recently had a meeting to discuss this year's race and have decided to move the start time of the race earlier to 8:00 a.m. and to limit the number of apparel items they order for the entrants of the race to four-hundred. Also, they would like to contact some of the local high school girls' cross-country coaches to see if they can generate any interest in their teams participating in the race. Around four weeks out from the race, they will start to really promote the race within the local running community.

*Buffalo Stampede:* The director of the Buffalo Stampede has been contacted by the Sacramento Sports Commission to see if the 2018 Buffalo Stampede could be designated as a "Championship Race" and this would mean that they would give us up to \$10,000 to help us put on the event. If this scenario was to indeed take place, it would mean that we would probably have to relocate the race to accommodate the greater number of participants who would register for the event.

This is all only in the early stages of the discussion process and so we will continue to follow the progress of this plan as it moves forward. At this time, the course for the 2017 version of the Buffalo Stampede will remain at its traditional location.

*Willow Hills:* Arnold Utterback will continue as the Race Director for this event and is going to try to increase the participation in this race for 2017.

**Adjournment –**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.