

PARK FOREST RUNNING AND PANCAKE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
 Sunday, November 8, 2008
 Bill and Penny's Home, Mokena, IL

PRESENT:

Name	Name
Mazurski, Fred	Rock, Joanne
Rock, Neal	Wachter, Bill
Leschuk, Mark	Chapan, Chris
Ploski, Penny	Mauger, Dave
Gaffney, Dean	Wallace, Judith Kopycinski, Gary (arrived later)

The meeting was called to order by President Mazurski at 12:10PM. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bob Stevens, David Case and other deceased members of PFRPC.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Chair Joe Baska reported that the Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the 2009 Park Forest Running and Pancake Club:

President	Fred Mazurski
Vice President	Dave Mauger
Vice President	Chris Chapan
Vice President	Glenn Benjamin
Secretary	Joanne Rock
Treasurer	Tom Nowak

On the motion of Leschuk, second by Wallace, the slate of unanimously approved by the members present. CONGRATULATIONS 2009 OFFICERS OF THE PFRPC!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nowak reported that we have Money In The Bank (or \$4,695 for sticklers). Our CD balance is \$2,147.97 and we received a \$175 refund from the Cal Striders from our Gold Cup entry fee. We had higher than usual expenses due to the Club's financial support of the Afghan 5k race managed by PFRPC member Danyel Thompson. On the motion of Gaffney, second by Ploski, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

MEMBERSHIP

Bill Wachter reported that we have 140 family memberships.

WEBSITE

Webmaster Gary Kopycinski was not available for this meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Editor John Driscoll was not available for this meeting. The newsletter is scheduled to mail this coming Tuesday/Wednesday.

MIDWINTER CRUISE—January 18, 2009

Race Co Chairs Dave Mauger and Judith Wallace reported that 2,500 fliers have been printed. However, they DO have the Calumet Striders' logo on them, as we had anticipated that becoming part of the Cal Striders Gold Cup Series was a 'given'. The Striders decided to not include the Cruise in their Gold Cup Series and have returned our \$175 application fee. For \$50, we can post on their website and put our race flyer in their newsletter.

Chris Chapan, who is handling promotion of the Cruise, advised that the Striders requested the same \$50 fee for the same benefits for the PFRPC Progressive. Chris also reported that she contacted several other running clubs and no one else charges for placing information or a link on their website or providing information for their newsletters.

The membership present expressed muted dismay at the decision of the Striders to exclude the Cruise from its Gold Cup series, recognizing that the Striders now require chip timing for the Gold Cup races, thus saving PFRPC approximately \$600 in chip timing expenses.

Judith Wallace stated that SignMeUpSports.com is all set to handle our race entries online. The Club will absorb the credit card processing fees, as a race participant benefit. We will do our own timing (not chip timing) with our 'traditional' popsicle sticks.

Fred Mazurski reported that he had located two mile marker signs! Dave "Frogger" Mauger said that we could use orange cones and paint mile numbers on them. Frogger reported that the course is still certified and we need to submit a renewal after December 31, 2009. Judith has received this file from Frogger.

For promotion of the Cruise, we will put the flyer in the PFRPC newsletter, the link will be on the PFRPC website and additional possibilities are contacting participants from the Progressive series. Joanne Rock said she would send Cruise information to the list of names she has from past Progressives.

Dean Gaffney worked with Dick Macknick and Fred Mazurski on the race give-aways. A list of potential handouts was provided at the meeting. Dean designed a Cruise logo and advised that we NOT include a year on this logo so it can be used from year to year. He suggested that we use a decal on whatever trophy we decide upon and a year could be placed on that decal. Fred Mazurski stated that PFRPC tradition is that we have both a trophy for every participant and a give-away.

The membership discussed race awards at great length. We will have a 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male and Female and Male Trophy. The 1st Place trophies will be 'extra special'. Then all other finishers receive the same 'trophy', whatever that is. Our costs are estimated at \$1,175 plus the give-aways and some Gatorade. The membership voted that the backpack tote with drawstring would be a fine give-away. Neal Rock suggested that we make sure our Goody Bag is a Good One! Dean suggested we purchase by the dozen. As the 2007 race had 215 participants, the 2008 race had 165 and we are not a Gold Cup race this year, we do not need to order as many give-aways as we have in the past. The membership determined that we will buy one gross (144) of the tote bag in assorted colors.

Frogger noted that the Cruise needs a "Jobs and Supplies Coordinator".



WEBSITE (Part Deux)

Gary Kopycinski arrived from his meeting and updated the membership on the PFRPC website—all is well in web-world. Mazurski asked that a link be created on the site for the Cruise registration. Gary stated that he has 50-75 email addresses of running clubs. He advised advertising the Cruise to this list. Fred asked that Gary drop the link to the Cal Striders' website.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Luby's in Tinley Park has a room available at no charge. The membership determined that January 3, 2009 will be the date. Fred Mazurski will work on the details.

UPCOMING RUNS

The December and January runs will be held at the Plank Trail in Frankfort.

OTHER BUSINESS

Frogger will update the membership on the Progressive Marathon at a later date. The membership discussed a variety of ways to present the 'marathon' concept as well as a potential 'half-marathon'. Frogger and Gary will connect with Park Forest Deputy Chief Mike McNamara about this race.

Bill Wachter reported that Jessica Prince won the Moonie of the Year Award. It was a three-way tie, but Jessica was There to accept the Award!

The Annual PFRPC/Ploski/Wachter Halloween Party saw Tom Nolan as a Swashbuckler which won him the Costume Prize. The membership present agreed that Tom as a Swashbuckler would win a prize at any costume contest.

MERCHANDISE

Fred Mazurski had merchandise available for purchase at Bill and Penny's bar (now doesn't Everyone want to attend a PFRPC membership meeting☺). The Rock's purchased two BondiBand headbands to support Frogger's enthusiasm for BondiBands in general and the Club in particular.

There being no further business to come before the membership, on the motion of Kopycinski, second by Wallace, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rock, Secretary