

### 3/09/2008 – Park Forest Running & Pancake Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Fred M.  
Debbie M.  
Warren U.  
Dave M.  
Ray F.  
Debbie J.  
Gary K.  
Dick M.  
Joe B.  
Debbie B.  
Hillary T.  
Penny P.  
Bill W.  
Art B.  
Nadine B.  
Mark L.  
George S.  
Tom N.

#### Items Discussed:

- 1) Moment of silence for members no longer with us.
- 2) Someone brought up whether the Club needs to make a statement as to why C. Vander Velde resigned as Club President; unanimous decision that no, we did not, it was her personal decision to resign.
- 3) We have done away with the title Pro-Temp. Tom N., Dave M., Nadine B. and Joanne R. are Vice Presidents and Fred M. is President.
- 4) We need to get the web site back up – Gary K. has updated same and has agreed to keep the site updated in future.
- 5) Village of Park Forest had misrepresented statements made by former Club officer. Fred M. sent note to Village expressing our regret that Scenic 10 has become Scenic 5 and we meant no disrespect to Village.
- 6) Moderation: As of today, no one is on moderated status.
- 7) If anyone wants the President's role, bring up now. Joe B. made motion to keep Fred M. as President and concurs with all prior that he has said. 100% consensus. Dick M. seconds the motion. Next election should be in November; motion raised by Joe B.; seconded by Dick M..

- 8) Floor open by Fred M. for people to air feelings about past several month's events that have transpired in the Club.

Bill W. feels Rich L. should be given another chance to be active in the club.

Fred M. states that no one is moderated and he can now be active.

Dick M. has exchanged e-mails with Rich L. and stated Rich felt ostracized from the club. Fred M. states Forum is place for civil exchange of running-related items.

Fred M. asked Dick M. to send message to Rich stating he is still a part of the club and is unmoderated.

Gary K. expressed desire to move forward in a positive manner.

Art B. felt we should show some type of gesture toward Carolyn V. to show our appreciation for her past efforts as Club President. Motion by Debbie J., seconded by Art B. to send her thank you note. Fred M. has subsequently done so in an e-mail.

- 9) Treasurers Report: Tom N. states we have \$8,276.00 balance as of today. Fred M Gave him a check for \$1,084.00. We made a \$440.00 profit on Midwinter Cruise; still waiting for a school bill – should be around \$200.00. Joanne R. will be added as a signator on Club checking account; Marietta F. will be taken off account. Thanks to Carolyn V. and Noelle T. for their work at Midwinter. If we use chip time, we should have mat at beginning, as well as, end of course.

- 10) Web Site and Forum Moderating: No one is now moderated. Gary K. has rules as to what is proper on a web site – obtained them from other organizations. No. 1 rule: BE POLITE. Forum comes with canned terms of use; won't allow spam on forum; need to be careful to reply to e-mails without unintentionally copying people.

As far as the Forum – e-groups should be restricted to club information. Gary K. felt that perhaps we should place a disclaimer on the forum that the views are not the official views of the PFR&PC. Dave M. said forum was suppose to be a platform for whatever individual wanted to discuss.

Maybe to get into the Forum, we need club members to put in their password; anyone can virtually get into the Forum now. Dave M. and Fred M. have global moderated status on forum. Fred has moderated impolite comments. Joe B. motioned that President, with approval of one election? – one officer?, can put someone on moderated status – but this has to be discussed at the next meeting. Dick M. seconded the motion. Gary K. said everyone is on the grey forum template. Motion made and seconded that Fred M. and Dave M. are global moderators on Forum.

- 11) Newsletter: Need to recruit someone. Joe B. trying to recruit Mike H. Shall we put monthly updates on e-groups re: races, etc. until newsletter is up and running?

- 12) Survey Results: Summary is accurate per Debbie J. – A) Lot of members want walking program; B) Introduce more social events; C) Keep Club name and logo intact and the association with the Village of Park Forest, implied by same. Need someone to head up organizing walking program – Debbie J. would help if someone else volunteers. Fred M. will send e-mail out to membership re: same. Anyway can take survey results to view.
- 13) Progressive and Scenic 5: Scenic 10 is now Scenic 5. Options – Fred M. and Debbie M. – keep progressive same concept – 4 legs, same route, for this year only. John Joyce will be happy to incorporate Progressive into Scenic 5. Need to course recertified by U.S. Track and Field Assn.. Each leg will be 5.27 miles – r legs = 21.2 miles, plus Scenic 5 = 26.2. Will pass Grove 7 and then come back. Deb. M. states that making course longer will bring up problems with running in woods – darker and security issues. Joe B. – could we start a couple of weeks earlier. Discussion held regarding options. Ray F. motion to form committee to come up with a solution. Many options put out. Need recommendation by next meeting – 4/13. Ray F., Fred M., Debbie M. on committee so far. Leg captions – Debbie J. and Chris C.
- 14) April runs – Yankee Woods; May -?; June – Frankfort – Old Plank Trail; July – Yankee Woods.
- 15) Other Business: Midwinter Cruise next Jan. at same place as this year – Blackhawk School. At last meeting this item was tabled – Noelle T. discussed changing school next year – at last meeting. Motion made by Dick M. to table this issue till next meeting. Fred M. seconded. Is Noelle T. still race director of MWC – we will find out ( we have subsequently found out that she has resigned).
- 16) Joe B. looking for volunteers for Shamrock Shuffle 3/30/08. Will start at 7:15am at Macy's – Randolph and State – water stop. I-Runs has speedwork problem. Beth or Brian\* will contact Mark L. \*Has had this program for 20 years. Speedwork is geared toward marathon training. Fred M. has 16 cases of Gatorade at his home and will be moving in the future. Joe has merchandise.
- 17) Per Gary, Scenic 5 course will start on North Orchard – through North Lincolnwood – come back and ends at Aqua Center. Will be bands in Central Park and a daylong festival. Fred M. offered pancakes to J. Joyce.
- 18) Moon runs to start in April per Bill W. Thanks to Bill.
- 19) Approved treasurers report – motion to Tom N., seconded by Joe B.. If anyone wants to be paid, Tom N. needs an invoice.
- 20) Fred M. needs storage for club merchandise.
- 21) Motion to adjourn by Fred M.; seconded by Art B.