

Minutes of Tamalpa Board Meeting
February 6, 2012

Members Present: Mike Holland, Ken Grebenstein, Rob Spinosa, Jim Myers, Lillie O'Reilly, Joaquin Fritz, Bill Neer, Mimi Willard, Tim Fitzpatrick, John Stauffer, Ana Braga-Levaggi, Dave Ripp, John Catts

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes from January meeting and Agenda for current meeting were reviewed and approved.

Lillie gave a Membership Report, listing 680 current members comprised from about 500 households. The past month saw 40 renewals and 30 new members, mostly submitted via Active.com. Mike made a pitch for Board members to be alert for opportunities to remind fellow Tamalpans to keep their membership dues current, such as at track workouts, etc.

Rob's report on Treasury noted two significant out-lays for the track rentals at San Rafael High School and College of Marin. The Saturday morning group at Novato High School has managed to keep their costs notably lower. Steve Stenberg, a CPA, has volunteered to do this year's tax returns for Tamalpa, pro bono.

Mimi recapped a well-attended gathering at her home in late January to launch the 2012 Racing Season. Many volunteers helped out, there was ample food and drink, and quite a few new members in attendance. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mimi for her generosity. It was reported that the annual PA Awards Banquet is scheduled for February 19 at Scott's Seafood in Jack London Square, Oakland. Frank has requested that our club buy a table for ten for those Tamalpans who will be receiving awards, and there were no objections. It was noted that the PA Track & Field Championships, for Open and Masters, are scheduled for May 27 in San Mateo, which is the day before our Marin Memorial Day Races. No one seems to know if the obvious conflict in events was taken into account, or if a scheduling mistake had been made. Tim reported that entries for this summer's Headlands 50K were officially open, with quite a few already received. The Couple Relay on February 12 seemed to be well under control, with no indications to the contrary.

Some discussion time was spent on the newly refurbished College of Marin track facility and any potential formal acknowledgements of the process. COM officials have asked Mimi if some type of re-opening ceremony would be possible and/or appropriate. Mimi was to confer with Sunny Blende regarding a special club donation for the new facility, and ideas will be solicited for something practical that will actually be utilized (e.g., the drinking fountain apparently does not need replacing.) Ken suggested an advertisement in the Independent Journal shortly before Memorial Day thanking COM for the restoration project.

There was no Gazette Report, and no Website Report.

On Clothing, Ana offered a few new ideas for women's apparel, but it's not clear yet what will actually be ordered. The issue of outdated clothing taking up significant space in the storage container was once again emphasized, with continuing suggestions from very low-cost sale to club members to free distribution to club members, and donations to charities such as Ritter House, etc. No clear resolution yet.

Possible alternatives to our annual Xmas Party were discussed, with a summer gathering being a possibility, even an outdoors barbecue. One particular aspect would involve moving the annual Lifetime Achievement Award to the Spring Awards Breakfast. Mike would like us to continue talking about this and gathering more ideas, including the possibility of having more than one event (January/July?). The freshness of a new concept was repeatedly emphasized throughout the discussion.

Mike outlined the TCRS courses for the next three months, and the Awards Breakfast will follow the Lucas Valley event on April 15. Lillie had some information on new canopies for the TCRS crew, with some on-line catalog pricing and possible replacement tops for the frames that are still usable. The Board OK'd new equipment as determined necessary, including smaller weather-related ones, and John Stauffer will do some pricing at CostCo as well.

Tim presented Nick Wilton's ideas for a new club logo. He'll offer three different designs, each with a symbolic image representative of Tamalpa's unique personality. He wants something consistent for clothing, the Gazette, equipment, letterhead, etc., everything the club uses except when only lettering is practical. The ideas will strive for simplicity. Nick asks for a \$1700 fee for the project. The Board approved a motion to hire Nick to pursue a new club logo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Myers