

Minutes of Tamalpa Board Meeting  
April 2, 2012

Members Present: Mike Holland, Ken Grebenstein, Jim Myers, Joaquin Fritz, Bill Neer, Lillie O'Reilly, Rich Snipes, Janet Furman, Ana Braga-Levaggi, Dave Ripp, Mimi Willard, John Catts

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The agenda for the current meeting and the Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Lillie gave a Membership Report, with 728 active members from 527 households. There were 40 renewals and 15 new members over the month. It was noted that there have been considerably fewer complaints of members not receiving their Gazettes, and Mike commended Lillie for obviously having a lot to do with that.

Rob Spinosa was absent, and there was no Treasurer's Report.

Dave offered an assessment of the very recent Sacramento 10-Miler, noting good participation numbers from both the Tamalpa men and women. This was a new event for the PA and seemed to be a good course and a well-organized event. The club also had a very good showing at the Across The Bay Race in March despite extremely windy weather.

Regarding the upcoming Marin Memorial Day Races, Dave reported on a recent Captains meeting which indicated that plans were pretty much on schedule. The various details on brochures, posters, sponsors, permits, volunteers, awards, etc, all seemed to be on track. Dave said we will need to re-certify the course because of a few changes, at a cost of \$500. He also noted that individual Captains will recruit their own specific volunteers for their area of responsibility, as opposed to general recruiting for general disbursement as has usually been done in the past. There was also discussion of somehow making use of the left-over awards from years past, as the storage container has a significant inventory of such items.

Rich gave a brief Website report on the continual project of cleaning and updating the various components. The site remains popular for Tamalpans and non-Tamalpan alike.

There was no Gazette Report.

On Clothing, Ana reported that she had a very good response to a Facebook posting of available Tech clothing from our container surplus. There remains a good variety of items, including sweatshirts, etc, which will be available at the April TCRS for extremely attractive prices.

Joaquin reported on plans for the April TCRS Awards Breakfast which he and Bill are coordinating. They plan on an uncomplicated menu which will not involve stoves, but which should include sufficient and enjoyable food and drink. Frank Ruona is organizing

the individual awards in numerous categories from the very successful 2011 Road, Ultra and Cross Country campaigns. Jim requested and received the OK to spend \$1,000 on the annual TCRS awards which go to those who meet a qualifying minimum in event participation. The cost had been budgeted for and comes from TCRS entry fees. Joaquin also noted that Charlie Evans may put on one or two Dipsea Salmon Runs in May in memory of Jerry Leith, and they will be independent of formal Tamalpa involvement.

Mike let on that the course for the April TCRS may not be more than 5 miles in length, though it will be hilly, and members in attendance seemed evenly divided over whether this was a good thing or not with respect to Dipsea preparation. Mike has arranged a permit for the May TCRS in Bear Valley, with an 8:00 a.m. start. He would like to have a simple post-race breakfast in the nearby picnic area, and Bill will try to arrange for coffee and some refreshments (the suggestion of donuts was well-received by many, but not all.) Ana noted that the communications with Marin Open Space officials regarding permits in general suggested that it would be helpful if a year's worth of events could be put into one overall permit, rather than numerous individual permits. Mike pointed out that TCRS dates are subject to too much flexibility to do that formally for a full year in advance.

Mimi strongly encouraged Tamalpa attendance at an upcoming College of Marin ceremony to celebrate the refurbished track facilities on April 17. Because the club played a key role in its having been renovated, Mimi emphasized that we need to demonstrate an awareness and commitment to its ongoing vitality and maintenance. She also would like continuing thought given to ideas for for a Tamalpa gift for the new facilities, something practical and functional as opposed to dollar numbers which primarily are just moved around on a budget ledger.

A Youth Running Program which has been organized at least partially via the Tamalpa Website seems to be gaining momentum, and for now it appears that it will remain informal in that the Board has not been asked to be involved. There have been, and will continue to be, attempts at communication to insure that the best interests of Tamalpa's membership are being served by whether or not club involvement remains informal, or possibly becomes more formal at a later time.

Dave sought clarification on whether references to various youth activities should in fact no longer remain on MMDR literature regarding beneficiaries of proceeds. A brief re-cap ensued over how a long-standing support of Marin County Athletic League activities faded over time, and how difficult it is to find meaningful ways to support youth activities that are more than the earlier referenced "budget ledger" adjustments. At present, we don't seem to have a specific youth-oriented beneficiary for MMDR proceeds, but we do have other extremely worthy beneficiaries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Myers