

Stafford's house, January 16, 2012 7:30PM

Attendees: Jeff Niewedde, Pat Laymon, Danny Hollander, Randy Stafford, Pat Pierz, Jen Shaver, Bridget Revier, Kirsten Bouthier

Next meeting: Thursday, February 23, 7:30PM, Pat and Carla Laymon's house (3517 Deerfield Place, Columbus, IN 47203) **It will be really important to have good attendance at this meeting in order to have quorum so that a vote can be held for the proposed bylaw changes.**

We have 18 members are present or represented by proxy which is insufficient quorum for bylaw changes and officer elections. Membership is at 151 as of today and 20% of the members must be present or represented by proxy for quorum.

Pat P would like to suggest adding Walking or something similar to the name of the club to prevent walkers from inadvertently being discouraged from joining. Instead of changing the name we which would cause a lot of extra paperwork due to our incorporation, we will add a suggestion for adding walking into the Objectives of the bylaws and emphasize walking on the website and club registration forms.

We are looking for a new Secretary. If you are interested, please attend the next meeting.

Discussion around doing the membership applications online. It would save a lot of time and money. We could email out the membership cards as a response to someone who registers, and they can print them out themselves. We will do one final mailing asking everyone to report an email address to the club and warn everyone that this will be the last year of a postal mailing. Add a checkbox for requesting an emailed membership card as optional.

It would make sense for the club to have a SignMeUp account for both membership dues and race fees. SignMeUp has a smaller fee (approximately \$1-2) per user. Jeff will set up this account, give access to Danny and Jen, and provide them with a bit of training on how to use it.

Finance report – We have nearly \$6000 currently in the account. We made \$ 473.51 profit last year, but we purchased no T-shirts. We had record membership numbers and Firecracker participation. There were over 700 kids at this year's kids run which was over 300 more kids than last year. Food was significantly upgraded. Shirts were donated by Reach. Sponsor(s) would be needed in order to have shirts again this year. Pat L has an application into Nike, and Jen will look into Vectren. **Please send any suggestions you might have for other sponsor opportunities to Pat Laymon at laymonp@bcsc.k12.in.us or laymonp@comcast.net**

Funds from donations via United Way are just in the donation fund. Randy would like to see this money directed to the Kids Fun Run. Randy will start sending Thank You notes to those people who donated via United Way.

Kids Fun Run will be May 12th or 19th depending on when Tour de Trails bike is. Randy is working with Parks and Rec in order to determine which date will be open. Jeff can't help with timing on the 19th. Jen will look into an online registration option for the race.

Firecracker will be June 30th.

Mill Race Race will be Sept 22nd.

Bylaws – Change in 2008 was made in order to comply with IRS regulations requiring a Board of Directors (not just officers). Randy is proposing a change to the bylaws in order to better group together the roles so that a

single person is coordinating/overseeing similar types of activities/events. This will help to avoid having 3 different people do the same work in different ways for different races/events. Each director would get volunteers to help with the load of planning all the activities/events. Add a 5.d. as a Social Events Director to replace the second vice-president. Randy will send out another draft of the bylaws to the membership.

Randy will send out information for the scholarship to the schools and papers. Selection committee needs to be confirmed for this year again.

We need to start posting our tax filing on the website in order to comply with our non-profit status. Randy or Jen will look into specifically what information is required to be posted.