

Skagit Runners Minutes-December 16, 2008

Members present: Terry Sentinella-President, Delores Sentinella, Richie Sentinella, Brannon Mucke, Chris & Toi Wright, Pablo Cabrera, Joe Tompkins-Vice President, Alvin Crain, Shawna Wilskey-Treasurer, Cynthia Buttrey-Secretary, Craig Romano.

Elections: The election results are as follows;

President - Terry Sentinella

Vice President - Joseph Tompkins

Secretary - Cynthia Buttrey

Treasurer - Shawna Wilskey

Membership Director - Heather Romano

Social Director - Delores Sentinella

Trustees - Robert Jacobsen, Alvin Crain, Roar Irgens

Heather is currently working on the renewal form & we have shirts to give members with their renewal for the year left over from last year. Craig Romano brought a motion to offer a discount for Skagit Runners members on club races, Cynthia second motion. Yes 5/ no 0

Craig reported that the cabins at Cama Beach are completely booked between now & next August. He will look into booking cabins for April 2010 and report back to the club as to requirements and cost.

Shawna presented a year to date Profit & Loss Statement.

The storage unit has been reorganized and inventoried. Access to the unit will be limited to race directors, the club president & vice president to

ensure the unit stays clean, the contents are accounted for and returned in good condition.

Reviewed Skagit Runners owned and managed runs, established budgets for 2009 based on costs associated with the individual runs in 2008.

Tulip Run: \$8,500.00

Fowl Fun Run: \$2,300.00

Alvin volunteered to approach Mt. Vernon Christian School regarding a change of venue to their facility from the fair grounds due to the many issues and increasing costs the last two years.

Skagit Flats: \$21,000.00

North Cascades: tabled

Skagit County Cross Country: tabled

Scholarship Program: Continue with previous budget

Free Shoe Program: Continue with previous budget

Managed runs:

Bayview Women's Run

Dog Island

Berry Dairy Days

Riley Run

Nookachamps

Members met with Kevin Ryan to discuss concerns within the organization regarding the Nookachamps run. Concerns with the run were:

- 1) The significant increases in the cost of the run and the decreases in available food & beverages after the run. Members noted that the food ran out before the half marathon runners completed the race.
- 2) Safety on the course as well as what we perceive as a dangerously inadequate amount of support on the course. Members felt that two water/aid stations for a half marathon is not an adequate amount for hydration or safety. Members requested a minimum of four water/aid stations and more volunteers on the course. Specifically additional volunteers & aid on Swan road. There was no support on this portion of the run last year, which is a significant portion of the run.
- 3) Members also requested that there be a sweeper on the course to ensure all runners safely clear the course.

Kevin stated that they were unaware of the concerns brought up by the members and responded positively to the concerns brought up at the meeting. He will meet with Keifer and the coaches to improve the support and services at the Nookachamps run.