

***Flying R Booster Club  
Meeting Minutes***

**Date:** January 14, 2015  
**Chair:** Denise Monty  
**Location:** Riverside High School  
585 Riverside Drive  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

***Attendees:***

Denise Monty (officer)	Ellen McKenrick (Coach)
Doug Rippin (officer)	Monique Farenchak
Diane Rippin (officer)	Jen Karlstrom
Sandy Durisin (officer)	Lisa Baker
Randy Meyers	Jane Swank
Toby Shingleton	

***Call to Order:*** Denise Monty called the Flying R Booster Club meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

***Introductions:*** A sign-in sheet was distributed and members in attendance greeted one another.

***Agenda:*** The agenda was distributed via email with a meeting invitation to the Flying R Booster Club event via [flyingrboosters@gmail.com](mailto:flyingrboosters@gmail.com) and copies were made available at the meeting. These minutes reflect the meeting's agenda and recap of our discussions.

***Meeting Minutes Approval:*** The December 1, 2014 meeting minutes were distributed by email. Denise asked if there were any comments to the December meeting minutes. Hearing none the minutes were approved and placed on record.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Doug Rippin was in attendance and provided the treasurer's report for the period of December 2, 2014 through January 14, 2015. The report was approved and placed on record.

**The beginning balance was \$11, 679. 03**

The income reported included:

500.00 Greater Cleveland XC Santa Run  
25.00 Fairport Senior Center CC Banquet Room Deposit Refund

The expenses reported included:

50.00 Monique Farenchak Running Club Banquet Pizza  
250.00 Greater Cleveland XC Timing Deposit Mardi Gras 5K  
311.97 Ellen McKenrick Middle School CC Awards from Fund Run Balance  
2,825.00 RHS Athletics 2014 Track Equipment

**\$8,767.06 CHECKING BALANCE 01/14/15 (\$41.83 belongs to the Middle School)**

***Coaches Report:***

Denise reported Mr. Rateno has been approved as head boys track coach. Mr. Bellios also felt that Coaches McKenrick, Basich and Schussler would be returning as coaches. Ellen McKenrick was in attendance and reported: middle school coaches are still pending.

Indoor track meeting was held January 13, 2015. There is no pay to participate fee however the kids do need an emergency medical forms and physical forms (if they don't already have them on file). Both of these forms are available under the LINKS section of the Boys and Girls Track website which Denise has now begun to update for the new season. Practice begins Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and will run from 2:45 – 4:30 with some days possibly going until 5:00. Coach McKenrick is going to try to offer a few more indoor meets if the kids want to compete, but they are not mandatory. She has also expressed interest in going to the coaches' clinics in Columbus and the other coaches are checking their schedules to see if they can attend. It was agreed the Club could cover the \$75 fee for the clinic but the coaches would be responsible for travel and accommodation expenses. We are interested in purchasing a roll out track. Coach McKenrick will get the price information on purchasing an indoor rollout track for the sprinters to use in the school hallways. It was not decided as to whether the Club could help with this expense.

**Addendum:** We discussed the condition of the pole vault equipment at Riverside. Last year Mr. Bellios replaced the pad that goes over the pits so they could be used. Denise spoke to him following the meeting. He most likely will need to replace the collar the pole goes into when the athlete plants to jump and the cost will likely be around \$600. To replace the entire system is around \$15,000 which is not an option for the Athletic Department or District at this time. While Denise was at a basketball game, Mr. Bellios showed her the new hurdles that the Club helped purchase. They are being stored in the Field House along with the High Jump pit and part of the Pole Vault system.

#### ***Club Activities:***

***Santa Run 5K December 7, 2014***—Thanks to Monique Farenchak and Sandy Durisin for working with Geoff Weber of Greater Cleveland XC on organizing volunteers to work traffic intersections and water stops. Despite some holiday and church traffic chaos it was a good day, hundreds of runners and lots of fun. We received a check for \$500.00 for our efforts in helping with the race.

***20/10 Mile Drop April 12, 2015***—Geoff Weber has offered us another opportunity to work this race. All traffic control will be done by sheriffs as the route goes from Chardon to Fairport. All we need to provide are 25 people to man the water stops so this is an excellent opportunity for the track athletes to get involved. Denise will continue to work with Geoff on the details.

#### ***Club Upcoming Activity Planning:***

***Red Hawk Event Track Fundraiser*** Bailey Villa, senior on the track team, has approached the board in regards to holding a fundraiser at the restaurant. We would pick a certain date and time and receive proceeds from the food served/sold during that time. We would be allowed to sell 50/50 and have auction raffle baskets if we like. We need to meet with Red Hawk management in regards to the details. If we were to do this event it would most likely be in February.

***Spaghetti Dinner March 18, 2015*** Donation Solicitation Letters (71) have gone out to businesses in the area. If you know of any businesses who would be receptive to make donations for the baskets, please let us know. We have decided to ask the smaller businesses for donations for the basket raffle at the spaghetti dinner. We will ask the larger businesses to be sponsors for the Mardi Gras 5K Race. These sponsors are needed to help cover some of the cost of timing and tee shirts. Lisa Baker has agreed to again run the kitchen for the dinner. Ms. Romano has been contacted and given the date so as to add this event to the volunteer schedule for the National Honor Society. We will work on getting tickets into the hands of the athletes no later than the middle of February. Proceeds from this dinner will go to help reduce pay to participate fees for the high school track team “as a whole” and evenly per athlete. We ask that track parents consider making a donation to the baskets or volunteering for the event. It was decided that we will not be doing the Flying R Special Edition Tee Shirt this year however this was surrounded by much discussion. Thoughts are to do a shirt next year at the beginning of the year so as to sell them during both Cross Country and Track season.

**Track Concessions** At this time there are no schedules for the high school or middle school (teams) home meets. Jerry Szydlowski has agreed to coordinate the concession stand this year. Denise has provided him a list of what supplies remain from last year. Ms. Romano, NHS advisor, has also been contacted regarding her students working in the stand to earn volunteer hours. They were a tremendous help in the concession stand as well as on the track last year. Flying R plans to replenish the Spirit Ware stock and will include hooded sweatshirts this year.

**Chipotle Spirit Night April 14, 2015** Promotion of Event – Flyers will be available to the Club four weeks prior to the event. We are counting on the Track athletes and coaches to promote this event as the funds earned will go to help reduce the cost of pay to participate at the high school level.

**Mardi Gras 5K Race July 4, 2015** Report from Mardi Gras Meeting- the Board was unable to attend the meeting in Fairport as a result of the junior college planning meeting at RHS. Denise spoke with Wendy Carlson and provided her with the same race book advertisement and registration form that was sent to Terese at Second Sole. Wendy will place our information on the Mardi Gras Facebook page and website. It was also that the price of senior citizens to walk has been reduced and Chris Yano of the Fairport Senior Center has agreed to help us promote the event. We learned the Mardi Gras committee meeting was cancelled due to weather. The timing contract has been signed and submitted to Second Sole/Greater Cleveland XC along with a deposit for \$250. Online registration will be available through [www.greaterclevelandxc.com](http://www.greaterclevelandxc.com) website and the NEO Running Club, Run Ohio and NEO Road Races have been contacted regarding advertising our race. We also discussed a float in the Mardi Gras Parade as means to promotion as this is a good way to get the athletes involved. Denise has contacted the Just Run program at LCGHD, Eat N Park, Dicks Sporting Goods, Chic Fil A, Dworken and Bernstein and Cougar 93.7 FM regarding donations and/or promotions. Sam's Club, Target and Panera are good sources as well however they need to be contacted in person. It was also suggested asking the YMCA to help promoting the race and perhaps even offering from the "Couch to a 5K Race" class.

**Old Business: Track Invoices 2014 Settled-** Mr. Bellios forwarded the invoices for the conditioning equipment and hurdles we agreed upon last spring and our balance is now paid as noted in the financial report section. We would like to work with Dan Wayner on possibly repairing some of the old hurdles prior to track season. In addition, Mr. Bellios has contacted All American Track (company that lined the track last spring) and they will come out and touch up the lines this spring. The general consensus is the age and condition of the track are leading to the lines fading faster than they should.

**Janitor payment from Comedy Night-** Addendum: We did receive an invoice for \$54.00 for this event and it has since been paid.

**New Business: Allocate Funds-Track Program**—The Flying R will be making a \$3,000.00 payment to the school to go toward pay to participate fees for the high school track athletes. We hope to make another payment of \$2,000 after we see how the spaghetti dinner, Chipotle night and 20/10 Mile Race fundraisers turn out. Right now track pay to participate at the high school level is posted at \$502.00 per athlete based on 55 runners. **Addendum: The \$3,000 was submitted to Laurie Smith on January 20<sup>th</sup> so look for the website to be updated next week. This payment will reduce pay to participate to \$447.** If we are able to make the additional \$2,000 payment the fees will drop to \$410 per runner. IF we can contribute \$5,000 AND have 65 athletes the fees will be \$347. **HOWEVER**, we need people to help the Flying R Club and to attend these events so we can make this all happen!! At present middle school track pay to participate is listed at \$134 per athlete if there are a total of 80 participating. We are hoping that Coaches Ardo and McDonald return this season. Coach Ardo and McDonald are currently coaching middle school girls' basketball at LaMuth.

**Andrea McKinstry -California Imports -----**Sandy noted that Andrea McKinstry (middle school parent and owner of Leroy Country Store) has recently acquired California Imports in Painesville and is interested in working with the Club in promoting her new business as well as fundraising. She has offered to make a donation of goods for the Chinese Auction and is hoping we can either hold or participate in a fashion show in the area. More details to follow if available.

**Next Meeting:** February 9, 2015 6:30 PM  
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**Adjournment:** Denise asked if there was any additional new business. With no new business, the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm.