

Fleet Feet Runners Club
Meeting Minutes –May 20, 2007

The meeting was held on Sunday, May 20, at Fleet Feet in St. Charles.

Officers present: President Glenn Ezell, Vice-President Chris Heupel, and Treasure Randy Hunt, Secretary Kelly Zeier

Minutes were approved as read.

Old Business:

Budget: The budget was read by Randy Hunt and approved.

Time Line: Glenn Ezell presented a time line of the runner's club and the YMCA's partnership up to present day date. An Email from Belinda Schubbe was read that states the club was not under the umbrella of the YMCA as being a club because our club does not have a director from the YMCA involved in our daily activities.

Questions ,Answers, and Statements:

It was felt that the YMCA has become so big and has treated us as a stepchild.

The YMCA is not user friendly.

The Runner's Club members have not been protected under the YMCA's insurance

The Runner's Club money has been sent in a check to Randy Hunt from the YMCA.

The YMCA has dissolved their partnership with our club.

Solutions:

Road Runner's would let us remain an autonomous club.

Join the SLUGS.

Join the St. Louis Track Club.

Become our own club.

Become our own club with help from Fleet Feet.

Become a 501C3 organization.

Dissolve the club.

Outcome:

The club felt that it was best to vote on the direction of the club at this meeting. All options were put to a vote and the club decided to become our own club with the help and support of Fleet Feet.

Fleet Feet will spice up runs at Creve Cour Park. This will be good for all level of runners. It will be marked as we have in the past. Fleet Feet will provide us with a meeting space and insurance, paper work for the club. We will go through the RRCA for insurance. Fleet Feet will be involved in our club as much or as little as the club would need. Our equipment will be transferred over to Fleet Feet for storage. Fleet Feet will also provide us with group email, a PO Address, also looking into club uniforms. In return Fleet Feet gains a marketing boost and our new club name will be **Fleet Feet**

The club will act as an interim until the new club is fully formed.

Runner's Club.

The charter was also amended that our assets do not go to the YMCA.

It was suggested that the CAL be able to vote on issues for the club, but also suggested to vote on issues by email.

Potential new member Lance was introduced.

Alberta thanked us for the bench. The bench will be placed on the Katy Trail.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report was read by Randy Hunt and approved. Randy is waiting on a check from the YMCA for \$3270.49. Dave and Debbie will pay for our insurance until we get the money from the YMCA.

Club Changes: We are an official RRCA Club. We have insurance; we are now considered a non-profit organization., we can carry over a bank balance from year to year but we are not allowed to pay ourselves. If we disband as a club we give up all of our monetary assets to the RRCA. .We are currently waiting on paperwork from the state, a federal ID, and a Fictitious Name then we will be able to open up an account at Truman Bank. Debbie will be a constant signature on the checks through the bank and she will be sent the statements. The RRCA will need a roster of everyone in the club. Our club by-laws have also been changed to combine the old with the RRCA's by-laws.

If we change a club event the RRCA will need to be informed for insurance purposes.

CAL: On Sat. May 12 the CAL meet and increased the dues to \$25 per household.

These dues will be good until Dec. 2008. Then the dues will continue to be due on a yearly basis for \$25 per household per year. This was voted on and approved.

David passed out the new club's membership form. The club made some small changes but the form was approved. The new club logo was voted on and approved.

Runner's Club Technology: Dave has volunteered to maintain the club web site.

Dave Bennet will close out the YMCA Runner's Club Discussion list and will create a new FFRC Discussion list.

Flat Five: the process of securing permits has become a little more difficult with the new mayor, but we are making progress and the Flat Five will be held the second weekend of August.

Timing: Jake will be using our equipment to rent out when possible, for an extra fee to the race the club will time the race. The volunteers will be provided breakfast by the club from the timing stiffened. This was voted on and approved by the club.

Uniforms: Fleet Feet has offered to sell uniforms and clothes for the Fleet Feet Runner's Club. This was voted on and approved.

Sat. Morning Runs. The runs have been transferred over to Creve Coeur and have been successful. 15,000 invites were sent out through email and many people have shown up.

Web Page: The new address is WWW.fleetfeetstl.com/club

Pancake Run: June 2, @ Lost Valley.

Picnic: We will still have a picnic at Lake St. Louis. Bob will reserve.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded.

Submitted by: Kelly Zeier