**Minutes of April 5, 2004 Board Meeting**

**By Debbie Grassi
Secretary**

Present: Greg Amend, George Joseph, Dave Buchta, Fred Joslyn, Sue Cain, Vince Kelley, Tom Carter, Todd Lemmiksoo, Fran Fitch, Suzanne Myette, Brendan Flynn, Kevin Pasterchik, Debbie Grassi Bob Pulz, Ed Jenner, Grace Tabeek

1. President Tom Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Treasurer's Report - Suzanne Myette distributed copies of the report. Some discussion followed. Dave Buchta moved to approve the treasurer's report; Tom Carter seconded the motion. It was approved. Tom thanked Suzanne for her service as treasurer and welcomed Kevin Pasterchik as the new treasurer.

3. Secretary's Report - Grace Tabeek said that she would be picking up all the materials from former club secretary, Pete Keyes. She will also be overseeing the insurance paperwork and correspondence for races. The secretary's report was approved and seconded. Tom Carter welcomed Debbie Grassi as the new secretary.

4. Highway Pickup - scheduled for April 18 (rain date is May 8). Anyone interested in helping is asked to meet at the Parkway Diner at 7:30 am and at the Vestal High School parking lot at 8:30 am.

5. Forks XV Race Recap - A handout was distributed including revenue and expenses for the race. Tom Carter commended Tom Hamlin for his efforts and for a successful race, from organization to refreshments. George Joseph was pleased with the volunteer turnout, as well.

6. Cash Prizes and Race Awards - Fred Joslyn brought up a matter concerning NCAA rules prohibiting competitors from receiving cash prizes or merchandise at races. Fred will not accept the t-shirt from the Forks XV, but the money may be donated to a charity or given back to the TCRC to be donated elsewhere.

7. Budget Report - Kevin Pasterchik distributed a detailed, three page report which included the TCRC 2004 Draft Budget, the TCRC 2003 Finish Line Income, and TCRC 2003 Revenue and Expenses. Some discussion and questions followed regarding expenses and spending in the future. Tom Carter moved to accept the budget; Brendan Flynn seconded. The budget was accepted.

8. EMS Club Day - Vince Kelley informed everyone of a special weekend being sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports in the Oakdale Mall. The TCRC will have a table set up on April 23 at EMS to promote the club, answer questions, and invite memberships. Special discounts will be given to TCRC members in the store. TCRC will also be offering specials, which include $10 memberships and $5 off the Kelly LaBare 5k race. A sign up sheet was passed around for people to take one-hour shifts at the table from 4 - 9 pm on the 23rd.

9. Wednesday Night Series - The series at the Maine-Endwell High School track will begin May 5. There will not be a meet on May 26 (STAC competition) or on June 30 (Red Dress Run). Qualifying date for those interested in competing in the Empire State Summer Games will be June 2 at the M-E track. Rain date is June 9. Events to be run are 400, 800, and 1500. Heats will be run if necessary.

10. Press Coverage - Tom Carter contacted Mike Mangan at the Press concerning covering local running events. Mike is interested in covering events, but needs three days prior notice.

11. Phil Russell - In June, Phil Russell will be receiving the French Medal of Honor in Paris for his service in WW II. Fran Fitch suggested that the TCRC send a card of appreciation and congratulations to Phil for this achievement. Tom Carter moved to send a card and a check for $50 to Phil. Brendan Flynn seconded. It was approved. Tom Carter said that he would take care of the matter.

12. Grand Prix Proposal - Much discussion took place concerning the various proposals to reinstate the Grand Prix. The following proposal was agreed upon: Competitors may choose any 5 events from the following:

 January Frostbite 10k Series (choose one 10k)

 St. Patrick's 4 miler

 Forks XV

 Vestal XX

 1 - one miler (Wed. night series)

 1 - two miler (Wed. night series)

 Women's 5k

 Kelly LaBare 5k

 Chris Thater 5k

 Octoberfast 5k

 Octoberfast 10k

 Wineglass Marathon

 Steamtown Marathon

The volunteer requirement will remain. Further details concerning awards, etc., will be discussed at the May meeting. Tom Carter moved to accept the new Grand Prix proposal. Brendan Flynn seconded. The proposal was approved. It will be in effect this 2004 season.

13. Kevin Pasterchik moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Carter seconded. The meeting was adjourned.