

FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2016

MEETING PLACE: Irene Stith's home

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 10:46 am by PRESIDENT IRENE STITH

OPENING COMMENTS: Thank co-hostesses. Everyone is caught up on dues.

GOOD NEWS: Mary Ann's son John has recently become engaged!

Lyn Shaw's son has moved to Ashville North Carolina!

Lil Fredericksen has a new great nephew weighing in at 10 lbs.!

Lish's son and daughter-in-law have recently purchased Peggy Spindler's home on Log Hill.

ROLE CALL: PRESENT:

Eve Becker-Doyle	Mary Ann Guilinger	Kathy McLallen
Dixie Bergman	Sandy Hennessey	Lyn Shaw
Tara Del Rossie	Carol Jancar	Alicia "Lish" Sheppard
Roze Evans	Laureen Kraft	Irene Stith
Wendy Fenner	Jan Kubek	Tamora Thomas
Lil Fredericksen	Vonnie Kuijvenhoven	Elaine Wyers

GUESTS: Melanie Calbeck

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: ANY CORRECTIONS: None Noted

MOTION TO APPROVE: Mary Ann G. SECOND: Kathy M. VOTE: Unanimously approved

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Wendy Fenner noted that 3 of the scholarship recipients have written thank you letters. Mary Ann has posted them on the Fortuna Tierra website. Wendy Fenner noted that the design of Fortuna Tierra logo is completed, examples were passed around.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Laureen Kraft presented the Treasurer's report. Laureen noted that our Alpine records show total FTC cash and liquid assets Month end August = **\$38,467.68** But outside of this we have the \$190.90 in FTC PayPal account that will come into Alpine as soon as Laureen transfers it (shortly). Laureen also explained the FTC has an ACTIVE run registration account, but they send checks to us on a bi-weekly basis (have received 3 already). Laureen does not count the ACTIVE money until we get a check from them.

Laureen reported the **Aug 2016** income at **\$4,971.41**. Details: (**\$4967.50** Fun Run sponsors / **\$3.91** interest).

Expenses totaled \$**10,842.78** this month. (Details: \$**10,000.00** scholarships/
\$**100.00** Reimbursement to Taylor H. for FTC logo/ \$**517.78** fundraising expenses (bags,
etc.) / \$**225.00** school supplies.

The month ending assets are: Checking \$**8,216.34**, Money
Market\$**10,226.29**, \$**20,003.18** Shotwell CD, \$**21.87** Donations Checking account.
Making total cash and liquid assets of \$**38,467.68** Fortuna Tierra Club
Treasurer's Report for Aug 2016 is filed on 09-06-2016.

Additional Income secured but not in FTC Alpine Accounts: PayPal = \$**190.90**

Upcoming **expenses**:

Sept 2016=

\$5,000 in forecast for Scholarships in Sept, **but** paid in August,
additional fun run expenses

Upcoming **revenue** in forecast:

Sept 2016 = CD/Money Market interest, Fun run income estimated in forecast \$10,000,
but have received a good portion in Aug.

Notes- CD renewal date was 2-19-2016. Club decided to do a 1 year \$20,000 CD at .2%
interest rate and residual \$10,000 from CD moved into our money market. CD rates
extremely low with projections supposed to go up so obtaining a 1 Year CD was best
option at this point and will review rates again on 2-19-2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PHILANTHROPIC: Mary Ann Guilinger reported on Scholarships. There were 9
Ridgway seniors that applied, 7 of them were awarded \$1,000 each. There were 6
continuing college students that applied, 5 of them were awarded \$600 each. Cody
Blankmeyer was selected to receive the Shelly Bennett Memorial Scholarship. Cody
plans to major in elementary education.

Kathy Heinrichs purchased \$225 in school supplies for Ridgway Elementary School.

The Colona Church has a new pastor. Irene discussed Fortuna Tierra's past support of
the Christmas Basket program with the Colona Church. Kathy M. MOTIONED that if the
Colona Church decides to reinstate their Christmas Basket program that \$100 in Fortuna
Tierra funds be given towards their efforts. MOTION TO APPROVE: Lil F. SECOND:
Kathy M.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

The FTC members will be notified about the status of the Colona Church program so that those that wish to contribute to the Christmas baskets can make individual donations if they desire.

COMPASSION: Lil Fredericksen has agreed to continue serving as the Compassion Chair. She requests that anyone who knows of anyone in need, or anyone struggling with health issues to please email her at Lfsearose@hotmail.com. Lois Carr has been diagnosed with dementia. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her to help her remember. Cat Lichtenbelt is undergoing sinus surgery today in Grand Junction.

CLUB OPERATIONS: Irene Stith read Cher Mitton's report on new officers for 2017 two-year term. Mary Ann Guilinger has accepted the role of President. The Vice President role needs to be filled as Mary McMahan has recently moved to Arizona. Cher Mitton has agreed to be Vice President. Laureen Kraft will continue in her role as Treasurer. Wendy Fenner will serve one more year as Secretary. Vonnie Kuijvenhoven will fill the role as Philanthropic Chair. Roze Evans will consider continuing her role as Fundraising Chair.

FUNDRAISING: Roze Evans reported on the status of the Log Hill Hustle preparations. She demonstrated the race bags and their contents that will be given out to those that register to participate. 100 bags have been ordered. Currently 21 runners are registered. It is anticipated that most of our runners will register either Friday or Saturday morning. Runners can pick up their race packets at Cascade Bikes in Ridgway on Friday 9/16 between 10 am and 5 pm. Or they may register at 7 am on Saturday at the Log Hill Fire Station. Race registration is \$25 for adults, \$10 for students 18 and under.

In addition to the generous business sponsors and members that have provided financial support, there are a number of donated items for the bib prize drawings. All of the sponsors and donors will be recognized during the race event.

Everyone was encouraged to help spread the word about the upcoming race. The weather looks ideal for our first annual race!

Laureen has been coordinating all volunteer assignments. Approximately 3 more volunteers are needed to help direct traffic. The firemen are preparing all of the food for the pancake breakfast which will include eggs and sausage. FTC volunteers are going to help serve and cleanup.

Kevin Chismire and Dean Hoffman will be on bicycles leading the runners on their designated route. The 5K runners have an ORANGE color designation. The 10K runners will have a BLUE color designation on their race bibs. The routes will be marked with orange and blue arrows and volunteers will be at all paved intersections to help guide each type of runner.

In addition to the EMTs that will be available, Terry Thomas has a golf cart that may be useful along the route for any unexpected needs that may arise.

The fundraising committee will be meeting at 3 pm on Weds 9/14 for last minute details. Lauren will send an email out to volunteers to have those who can help stage the route Friday evening.

NEW BUSINESS: Irene opened up the discussion on where to have the Fortuna Christmas Party. Lyn motioned that the party should be a luncheon for members only. SECOND: Vonnie VOTE: Unanimously approved. Irene will confirm the availability of True Grit on Monday December 12 at 11:30 am. An RSVP email will be sent out as details are confirmed.

Irene provided a signup sheets for hosting and co-hosting the 2017 meetings. Tentative 2017 meeting dates are: March 13, June 12th, and September 11th.

Irene discussed whether to renew Fortuna Tierra's \$100 annual membership with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. MOTION TO APPROVE: Eve B., SECOND: Roze E.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lauren brought up the point that to remain in excellent nonprofit status we need to give out 66% of the funds we raise each year. The scholarships have been typical given out up to \$10,000. This leaves approximately \$2,000 +/- in projected additional funds that have not been allocated. In the past these funds have been given to the Ridgway Elementary School to aid in their purchase of school technology.

The 66% is our charitable contribution program ratio. It is what we had in our budget. It is simply what charity watch looks for in the big charities out there. It is one of several measures we use to see where we are as a non-profit. It is simply how much of our total expenses we spend on our programs (scholarships, fundraisers etc.). 9 out of 10 charities are at 65% or better on this metric. Lauren stated that if we did NOT give the full \$12,000 away this year, we may fall to somewhere around 56% as our charitable contribution rate. This is lower than what someone like charity watch would like to see.

Eve B. made the motion to ensure that 65% of our annual funds will be donated this year. \$10,000 will be given out in scholarships. The remaining balance will fund educational needs of Ridgway schools and teachers. A subcommittee comprised of Vonnie, Wendy, Eve, Lauren and Bernadette will determine the teacher and school needs and how to distribute those remaining funds. This will be done in coordination with the Friends of Ridgway Schools (FORS) to help prioritize educational needs and assist Ridgway teachers.

Irene Stith noted all the members with recent birthdays and anniversaries.

BIRTHDAYS: 7/3 – Mary McMahon; 7/14 – Barbara Lee; 8/14 – Kathy McLallen; Tara Del Rossie; 9/3 – Dixie Bergman; 10/2 – Carol Jancar; 10/11 – Cher Mitton; 10/12 Mary

Ann Guilinger; 11/1 – Vonnie K; 11/9 – Alicia Sheppard; 11/16 – Sue Wiens; 12/3 Lil;
12/13 Tamora; 12/21 Kathy Heinrichs

ANNIVERSARIES: 7/6 – Wendy Fenner; 7/18 – Elaine Wyers; 7/27 Roze Evans; 8/4 –
Mary Ann G; 8/8 – Sue Wiens; 9/14 – Sharon Kreutzen; 9/27 - Lil Fredericksen; 9/29 –
Bernadette Taylor; 10/3 – Cher Mitton; 11/24 – Dixie Bergman; 11/30 – Jan Kubek;
12/30 Alicia Sheppard

MEETING ADJOURNED: MOTIONED: Lauren K., SECOND: Kathy M. @ 12:12 pm