

Agenda/Talking Points: October 2nd Meeting

Ryan's Ranch Run

Pre-Race:

- ★ *Course done with Strava: Will go out to Ranch to make it before it gets to be too late.*
- ★ *No walkers in the 10K.*
- ★ *Re-work the starting line so there is no crossover.*
- ★ *Start earlier and have the recipients go first before kids mile...8:30 start time?*
- ★ *Possibly have another mat that the runners go over to start their time. (widens the starting line)*
- ★ *Ask Allan to only use water once on the day of the race so the chalk does not come off...took a lot of time to redo.*
- ★ *Need something to cover the cow grates for runners to run safely over them.*
- ★ *Water stations need to have more water jugs taken to each place. We ran out at the upper water station. (Hot day) Add additional water stations just after the bull chute for the 10K runners headed down to the turnaround.*
- ★ *Lines at the top juncture by 1st water station need to be switched so the runners are not confused.*
- ★ *Bibs for each race...make each one to be much different (brighter colors for 5k and 10K)*

- ★ *Packet Pick-up: Running warehouse needs to have a sale of some kind while pick-up is happening or think possibly of having a different location.*
- ★ *Need to buy more small/medium/large in the shirts...too many XL and XXL*
- ★ *Have a pre-order shirt size on the registration form so we have approx. sizes of runners and do we give them a shirt if they sign up on time? Add extra \$5 for shirt or added cost for race with shirt??*
- ★ *Cinch bags were great. Add the CCAF logo to them to brand them?*

Race Day:

- ★ *Registration went well.*
- ★ *Snack/Lunch Bar Area: Have a coordinator who is in charge of the entire process (Connie & Camiile) Coordinator can work with the Kiwanis BBQ area on what is needed, etc.*

-Be sure to have 2 squares with 2 people in charge of using the square and 2 taking physical money.

-Have a Volunteer Table where the volunteers pick up their meal, separately from the main tables. Would create less of a line and easy pick-up.

-Kiwanis apologized for the food not being ready (meat sliced) and won't cook hot dogs in mass like they did. (Coordinator can work with them as they see when things are needed)

★ *VIP Lunch Area: Maybe 2 tri-trips only?*

-Should have a wrist band and have a limit on food? Food was being taken out of the area with more than needed.

-Beans not eaten too much

-Strawberries/salad were a bit

-Drinks were fine.

★ *Parking: Need to add a Handicap section for those in need (maybe by the small barn across from the big barn.*

★ *Give Volunteers that check in with Laurie and who are out on the course, a cinch bag, with water bottle, ticket for lunch, etc. and loved that they all wore the yellow vests. Looked official.*

-easy ups for certain spots (water stations/ out on road)

★ *Music Band/MC were too far apart. Need to have a more cohesive group like the guitar guy from the first year. He was fun and would stop playing whenever we needed.*

-Raffle was rushed because we were taking too long to announce. Band wanted to start up again.

★ *Raffle:*

-Need to have CCAF members or Adult Volunteers who are not out on the course, walk around and sell raffle tickets while the races are being run.

-Combining some of our raffles to make them a bit beefier and not as many.

-Take the ticket and tape it to the item that was won so we know who won it. -Write down the item in the bag on the outside of the bag so we know what is in it.

-Don't have participants get a raffle ticket...have someone buy.

Festival Booths:

- ★ *Running warehouse needs to be a headliner booth if they are our sponsor next year. (Need to have more products, etc. to help with this). Put their easy up near the edge down by the corner of the grass area.*
- ★ *Move the T-shirts and Merchandise to the grass area closer to the people. Keep food where it is.*
- ★ *Jasmine/Scott/Jean: What do you think?*

Delegation of Workload: (2024)

Sponsorships: *Heath (anyone can help here)*

Raffle items: *Anyone can help here.*

Start/Finish liaison: *Jean (work with the timing vendor)*

Finish Line: *Heath, Trina and volunteers*

Volunteers: *Laurie*

Course: *Brian and Laurie/Bikers Helped with Strava. *get the course videoed now so it is ready for next year. I will ask Holly/Steve to see if I can go out there with Scott May on his bike.*

Food: *Connie/Camille/Debbi*

Merchandise: *Volunteer needed here: Jill Olsen ran this*

VIP Lunch: *Volunteer needed here: Teresa Long ran this*

Booths: *Jasmine - Local, Scott, Heath - sponsors (toyota, kia, jack's plumbing)*

Music: *Music possibilities for next year?*

*-Jonathan - MC - just needed a script...he did a great job with what was asked of him...had no script and was in competition with the band. (I could have done better with that-Laurie) He also had the music equipment we needed along with the microphone and music.
-Need to put the 2 together to create a better flow.*

CCAF members: Laurie used CCAF members in key spots on the course...bull chute area, upper water station and directionals, turnaround point for the 10K (dealing with cars)? How did that go?

Thank you Cards:

- ★ *Sent thank you cards to all Sponsors, others that were key players. Wrote thank you's to all volunteers via card or email, personal phone call.*

- ★ Can thank you's go out to people that helped with raffle donations, or others...I didn't know all the contacts or you can give them to me and I can write them. (Laurie)...Only if they have not been done.

Turkey Trot: Sunday, November 17th @1:00pm/Rain out date is November 24th.

- ★ Volunteering at the finish line. Sheridan is having a meeting this week with Lions Club asking them to be the registration and not at the finish line.
- ★ No need to time the littles...3rd - 8th would probably like the time. We can do stickers and a board with times on them. (like Middle school XC)

Jingle Bell Race: December 1st @5:00pm.

- ★ Registration: Pre-register at www.arroyogrande.org/catalog
- ★ On-site registration begins at 3:30pm?
- ★ Hubbalicious confirmed ice cream for kids.
- ★ Need to order jingle bells this year for the races.
- ★ make the starting line wider and maybe have a race just for the little tiny ones Pre K-K together and not with 1st/2nd. Those races have the most kids. We can separate them. Not sure about a divider for parents because what would that look like? Ideas?

Peregrines:

- ★ Registration opens: Fee and what it covers (take out paying for meets)
- ★ Practice Days:
- ★ Who is coaching:
 - need to recruit more coaches/USATF trained
- ★ Paulding is not a place for practice.
- ★ Possible Track Meet Series at AGHS instead of traveling to meets or supplement to other meets..

-Can be All-Comer type meets for elementary school kids

-Friday nights? 5-6:30pm

-\$5 per athlete

-Possible dates that work with HS season: (would have to check with facilities)

-Friday, March 14th (intersquad),

-Friday, March 28th, all comer format

-Friday, April 11th (All-Comer Meet format)

-\$5 per athlete

*-Short race schedule: Example: 4x100R, 800 or mile, 100, 400, 4x200R
Field Events: shot put, long jump, HJ: 5-8, turbo jav: 3-4th grade*

Thoughts for Peregrines:

- make it fun*
- need to identify our coach to athlete ratio - how many coaches do we need? (10 is far too low per coach)*
- identify a head coach for the team?*
- host a Free running clinic before the season opens to get the word out and get kids excited for the season.*
- need to add a few questions to registration to identify if any kids have special needs or behavior issues to be aware of?*
- registration includes birth years - grade level too open for interpretation?*
- what is the registration cost covering? If we only do inner squad meets will there be any cost?**
- Uniform was not included last year, parents paid extra for uniform*
- Can coaches want to take kids to more meets outside of the inner squad meets?**
- The SB meet was not organized. Lompoc meets are very expensive, \$20 per kid.*

***not all of the meets would be intrasquad...just the 1st one since it is right as the team begins. We could have the teams pay \$5 per athlete for the 2nd 2 meets, even the peregrine athletes...like all comers I think this will allow for more participation at the meets since a lot did not attend the away meets.*

***kids can be taken to the other out of town meets by coaches if they Choose.*

Needed for Success of CCAF:

Easy Ups with Branding

Stereo Equipment (2 speakers) / Microphone: Jonathan gave insight

Flags, Banners, Signage

We need to recruit more like minded CCAF Members that will get involved in all our events.