

## **Richmond Road Runners Club March 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:** President Ralph Gibbs, VP Operations Jim Oddono, Treasurer Nikkia Young, Secretary Rosie Schutte, Allen Baugh, Sara Lasker Baugh, Dawn Eberhard, Mara George, Marcy George, Michael George, Diane Glaze Kelley, Steve Kelley, Bill Kelly, Crystal Koch, Mike Levins, Jeffery Luke, Chris Mason, Glenn Melton Kirk Millikan, Stephen Nolan, Jennifer Perrin, Chris Piper, Jim Porter, Jessica Reber, Suzi Silverstein, Ashley Simard, Dave Trump, Shihan Wijeyeratne.

### **Financial report - Nikkia Young**

1099s have gone out and hopefully the club's taxes will be submitted by the time this meeting happens! Taxes have not yet been completed. A statement of total assets was given.

### **Operations - Jim Oddono**

Jim gave an explanation of the staffing needs for the upcoming races, including the need for drivers and timers.

- Girls on the Run race (this is not a contract race), There was a request for course marshals for May 19th.
- The St Edwards race has been rescheduled for the fall.
- The Pole Green Senior Games is a Thursday and will need only 2-3 volunteers.

Sweetheart 8K - Marcy George reported that it great running weather and a record number of people signed up.

Huguenot 3 Miler - Mike Muldowney wrote in a report that the was a success.

*Carytown 10k* - Anne Brown reports that there is not much to say other than things are on track as normal.

Stratford. Hills 10k - Mike Levins, race director, this will be the 40th anniversary of that race and Nikkia Young will be the co-race director. A budget was submitted.

Thanks Dad 5K - Sarah Akin and Matt Nordin reported. Race day is Sunday June 16th. Registration for Thanks Dad will open on 3/15.

### **Volunteers**

Sara Baugh reported on volunteers. We are good for our upcoming contract races, but could use additional volunteers for some of our races over the next 2 months.

### **Equipment**

Glenn Melton reports that the truck wrap company is raring to go and we are awaiting some concept ideas from our artist.

## **Operations Manager**

Dave Trump reported that we have had a 7% growth in members and have increased our number of runners registering for races. A *Youth Running* webpage has been created with explanations of perks available for those runners. Dave also used the GoPro camera to capture finish line video at Sweetheart 8k. The RRRC store continues to have orders.

## **Training Teams**

**Winter Marathon Training** - Frank Gerloff wrote in a report that many WMT athletes headed to VA Beach the weekend of March 16th and 17th to participate in the various Shamrock races with the majority being the half and full. Boston runners will still be training under WMT through their race on April 15th. Kate Fletcher, a Louisa County teacher has a GoFundMe page to raise money for Louisa county senior college scholarships. Olivia Hurley made a presentation to WMT requesting donations.

**Advanced 10k** - Bill Kelly sent in a written report. Jeff Moore Head coach and his assistances Ivan Wu & Vince Doughty had done an excellent job with this year's program. The program is in its 6th week and numbers are 137 vs 154 in 2018.

## **Grand Prix**

Ralph Gibbs and Suzi Silverstein. Suzi submitted a report. **RRRC's Grand Prix Competition** recognized a record number of **103 Grand Prix Finalists** for 2018 at the banquet on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Banquet**

Diane Kelley will be looking at a different space for the upcoming banquet 2020 that may seat more participants.

## **Newsletter**

Mark O'Brian reports that he is always looking for volunteer contributors and story ideas.

## **Social Media**

Chris Mason reported that we utilized our Instagram, Strava and FB in February to promote events such as the Sweetheart 8k and Huguenot 3 miler and did so rather successfully.

## **Race Team**

Rosie Schutte reported that the first race is the Classic 5 Miler, a TCRR race March 30th.

## **Club House search**

Bill Kelly reports that we are working on exiting from our current lease and signing a new 5 year lease on a great space on Tomlynn Street. Some renovations would need to be done to make the space usable for our needs. There are several details to resolve and hope to have the space ready by May or early June for club use

### **Summer Track Series**

Glenn Melton explained that it will be at the VCU track this year while the U of R track is being renovated. The dates are 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/25 with an events schedule to follow. The projected cost is \$580.00. Mike Levins made a motion that we approve the spending of \$580. For the Summer Track Series, it was seconded, voted on and passed.

### **Monument Cheer Spot**

Shihan Wijeyerante reported the location has been confirmed at Staples Mill and Monument. Current tentative plan is to gather the group at 8:15 AM at the clubhouse and make the walk down to Monument with sound system/equipment and be there until around noon

### **Race Director certification**

Ralph Gibbs is looking into the details.

### **New Business**

- Custom insert for the “football” - Glenn Melton brought up that we need a new insert that would accommodate the ipads, Chrombook, and WiFis. Glenn proposed spending the money to have this made, it was seconded and passed by the board.
- Silent Auction gift at national convention. Ralph Gibbs explained that we have always given a substantial gift in the auction. Chris Mason proposed that we give a hotel stay of 2 nights and 2 entries into the Patrick Henry Half Marathon, it was seconded and passed by the board.
- Open House at new location. Ralph Gibbs would like to see us have an open house celebration once we get moved to our new offices and asked for those people interested in helping out to contact him after the meeting.
- Scholarship Committee. Kirk Millikan, the head of the Scholarship committee said that applications would go out to the schools in March and April. He asked for anyone that would like to be part of the selection process to contact him. Jennifer Perrin and Ralph Gibbs asked for their names to be added to the selection process.
- RVA Trail Day. Mark Guzzi is asking for volunteer for registration, truck drivers, run leaders and sweepers.
- Kids Running. Karen McCarthy sent a report reminding us that 100% of the profits from Patrick Henry Half Marathon goes toward kids running programs. Please contact Karen with any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm