



## Richmond Road Runners Club - Reports - March 10, 2021

### Opening remarks, ground rules and welcome guests – Nikkia Young, President

*Nikkia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.*

### Approval of February, 2021 meeting minutes - Victoria Hauser, Secretary

*Victoria noted there was one correction submitted - in the section on Sweetheart 8k Lucky Foot should be changed to Lucky Road. With no further corrections, and with a motion by Marcy, seconded by Katherine, the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.*

### Financial Reports – Dawn Walker, Treasurer

Checking	\$	73,595
Money Markets		317,589
Certificate of Deposits		<u>37,041</u>
Total	\$	428,225

*Dawn noted that Chris and Megan are researching higher yield savings accounts and will present additional information at the April meeting.*

### Marketing and Sponsorship – Amy Black, VP of Marketing

- See attached report.

*Amy noted that memberships are down over the past year; there are approximately 1800 individual memberships compared to 2500 from this time last year. She highlighted some of the membership committee ideas including video or written testimonials from board members; please contact her if you are interested. It was agreed that no board votes were necessary for implementation of any of the membership committees proposed ideas.*

## Operations – Crystal Koch, VP of Operations

### Review of club races

#### - Sweetheart 8k - February 14 - (Marcy George)

For the safety of the runners and volunteers it was decided that we cancel the February 14, 2021 in-person Sweetheart 8K. Everyone who was registered for the in- person race was switched to the Virtual Race. We ended up with 313 individuals registered and 198 checked-in and picked up their shirt. We still have shirts so if you didn't get to pick up your shirt, please contact me at [sweetheart8k@rrrc.org](mailto:sweetheart8k@rrrc.org) and I will try to make arrangements for you to get your shirt.

*Marcy noted that all awards were mailed yesterday.*

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#### Hugonout 3 miler - March 7 - (Mike Muldowney)

Huguenot 3 Miler all set. Expecting approx 150 runners and walkers. Looking forward to it.

*Crystal noted that the race went well and that members of Running with Rock participated.*

### Preview of upcoming club races

#### Texas Beach trail race - March 21 - Crystal

*Crystal noted there had been no response from the city on permits. The trail series will be pushed until 2022.*

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#### Carytown 10k - May 2 - (aka Carytown Across Town)(Anne Brown)

*Anne noted that she had reached out to the city for permits on the Carytown course and there was no response, so she will continue forward with Pocahontas state park. She is working on a race budget, and will try to price the race to incentivise memberships. The cost of parking will be included in the race fee and budget.*

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#### Stratford Hills 10k - May 29 - (Nikkia Young)

The plan is to open last weekend in March. Waiting on the city to respond at the time of the report.

*Nikkia noted there had been no response from the city and she is researching other locations.*

## **Training teams**

### - Winter Marathon & Half Marathon Training Teams

*Crystal noted that the training team will wrap up next weekend at the Sportsbackers Marathon at Dorey Park.*

### - Advanced 10k Team

*Dave noted that there had been positive feedback about the program and that a team time trial was being considered.*

#### • Equipment – Glenn Melton

*Glenn noted everything was in good shape. The truck is being driven around periodically.*

## **Operations Manager/Administrator/RunSignup Coordinator– Dave Trump**

*Dave noted that the store and RunSignUp were routine. Kiera D'Amato was nominated for RRCA Female Runner of the Year by the club, but she did not win. Aliphine Tuliamuk was the recipient.*

## **Miles & Minutes – Selina Guider and Annie Tobey**

Working on the next issue of M&M. One story has been volunteered. We can fill the issue without them, but I'd love to have more member articles!

*Annie noted that the next issue will be ready at the end of March or beginning of April. She suggested having printed copies to distribute to running stores. It was suggested to get prices for printing.*

## **Social Media – Chris Mason**

Nothing major to share on the social front as it's been kind of a quiet month.

## **Action Items**

## New Business

### 1. ACE updates

Comments on talking to LGBTQIA+ advocates to ensure we are welcoming is going well. By the time of this meeting we will have had 3 calls with various athletes and advocates. The plan is to have a full report at the next meeting and action items from those conversations.

*Nikkia noted that she, Mara and Crystal have had conversations with several transgender and non-binary runners. They have gained insight and propose expanding registration to include selections for male, female, non-binary, and prefer not to answer. RunSignUp can be configured to allow this, and timing/ awards categories can be adjusted. Nikkia noted this would also be expanded in our Code of Conduct so that registrants would not misuse this process. It was agreed that having a transgender advocate speak at the next meeting would be beneficial as we moved forward with this process.*

*Nikkia also noted that she had spoken with Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) and they do not currently have any policy surrounding this issue.*

### 2. Volunteer Coordinator role is open

Thanks to Sara Baugh for her work over the years to support this role.

*Please let Nikkia know if you are interested in this position.*

### 3. Board Member resignation

Joe Flynn has stepped down from the board. Thank you Joe for your presence on the board and best wishes for your new position at work!

*Please let Nikkia know if you are interested in this position.*

*Nikkia also brought forward the RRCA Convention to be held in mid-April in Orlando in-person. The club can help cover some costs for board members or club members to attend. Stephen Kelly noted he was interested. Nikkia will reach out to board members who were not present at the meeting.*

*With no further business, Crystal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Levins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 7 pm.*

**Cheers!**

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Hauser  
RRRC Secretary