



Richmond Road Runners Club - Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2023

Opening remarks, ground rules and welcome guests – Rainey Niklawski, President

Rainey called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of February, 2023 meeting minutes - Victoria Hauser, Secretary

Mike Levins made a motion to approve the minutes. Marcy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business Discussions

1. Bylaws changes for elections - Rainey Niklawski

See proposed changes for discussion. Changes will be voted on at the April and May meetings.

Rainey reviewed the changes and the staggered terms and new officer positions.

2. Flying Squirrels Outing - Mike Levins

Mike noted that last year we discussed a Flying Squirrels game or a Kickers game. Anne noted that there is potential for the Kickers to provide us a limited number of tickets and a table at one of the games as part of advertising in Miles & Minutes.

Mike agreed to put together a proposal for a Flying Squirrels outing to be presented at the April meeting.

3. Richmond Kickers Marketing Night - Anne Magee

Anne will follow up with a potential marketing night with the Kickers.

4. Run Richmond 16.19 - Anne Magee

Potential for a team from RRRC.

Anne noted that the race is on September 30 and that RRRC can have a team.

5. Grand Prix change of rules - Suzi Silverstein

See proposed changes.

Suzi reviewed the changes including how to register as an Iron Runner; changes to age groups to span ten years, and the process for volunteers receiving credit. Volunteers will be required to check in at the race and confirm their attendance on a google document. It was noted that the Ashland half marathon will also include a 5k this year. (The by-laws state that If a new race is proposed during the current year, it is treated as a contract race for the current year and proposed for the following year.)

Following the discussion, it was agreed that the rules changes would be voted on at the April meeting.

Financial Reports – Leigh Anne Stacklin, Treasurer

Leigh Anne emailed the financial report earlier in the afternoon.

Communications - Anne Magee, VP of Communications

Anne noted that a press release for Bear Creek went out this morning.

Miles & Minutes – Annie Tobey/Anne Magee

Anne noted that the next edition is being worked on, and will include an article on running books, run streaks, and the merchandise available at the Lucky Road stores.

Social Media – Chris Mason

No report.

Scholarships - Kirk Millikan

The timeline will be the same as previous years with applications due May 31st and application review occurring in June.

Kirk noted that we have received one application. Most applications will come in during May. There are also considerations underway to change the scholarship funding methods in future years.

Grants - Kirk Millikan

Kirk noted that the applications are due at the end of April.

Operations – Shawn Lafland, VP of Operations

Review of Races

Sweetheart 8k - February 12, 2023 (Nancy Rachlis & Michael Forder)

Not great weather, but had the same amount of participants for the race. Leftover food went to an animal shelter and hospitals. T-shirts will be sent out for the runners that paid postage this week.

Huguenot 3 Miler - March 5, 2023 (Mike Muldowney)

Great race, day and volunteers!

Preview of upcoming Races

Bear Creek Lake 10 Mile Trail Run - March 12, 2023 (Dave Trump & Ralph Gibbs)

Going to be a little chillier, but about 200 participants signed up. Volunteers are still needed.

Carytown 10k - April 30, 2023 (Anne Brown)

Register or volunteer!

Stratford Hills 10k - May 27, 2023 (Nikkia Young)

Stratford Hills 10k is on track to happen. Permits submitted, trying to get sponsors and getting the website ready to go so we can promote on social media.

Nikkia noted that the Sheetz is being built, but will be done by the end of May. Letters for the businesses and possible info for sponsorship are being sent out.

Ashland Half - August 26, 2023 (Michael George)

Please see email update forwarded by Michael on March 3. The race will be August 26, 2023 with the potential for a 5k as well as the half.

Michael noted that There will be a 5K race included this year. Three different courses have been sent to Ashland Police and they will pick the best course. There is a likelihood that the race will be moved into September for next year and after. Working with the Richmond Tourism Bureau to entice people to come to the event and into the region

Contract Races

Shawn noted that the SPCA and University of Richmond (8-10 total volunteers) contract races are this month. Volunteers are needed to drive the truck, and general race volunteers.

Training Teams

Winter Marathon Training Team (Crystal Koch)

Advanced 10k Training Team (Dave Trump)

The Training Team is going well!

Youth Running Camp (July) (Bill Kelly & Rosie Schutte)

Scheduling for July and will confirm with Chesterfield County. Looking into insurance for the race. Looking into expansions for the camp as well. An email with more information will be coming via email.

Operations Manager/Administrator/RunSignup Coordinator– Allison May, Shawn Lafland

Volunteer Needs - Katherine Zampolin

Huguenot 3 miler on 3/4 - We need a few more volunteers but are doing okay.

Bear Creek on 3/10 - We are in desperate need of volunteers - not sure if it has something to do with the date change, or conflicts with private school spring break, but we could use volunteers in all areas. PLEASE share on social media!!

SPCA 5K on 3/25 - Finish line only - we are doing okay, but have had a few cancellations and could use a few more volunteers.

Spider Dash on 3/25 - Finish line only - we need volunteers!

Equipment – Glenn Melton

Grand Prix -

SAVE the Date: RRRC Awards Banquet: Monday, May 1 at Hardywood Westcreek. Details are being arranged and will be shared as soon as they are available.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Hauser, Secretary, with assistance from Allison May, Board Member