



## **Richmond Road Runners Club - Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2023**

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

**Approval of September, 2023 meeting minutes** - Victoria Hauser, Secretary

*Donnie Lane motioned for approval and Katherine Zampolin seconded; minutes passed*

### **New Business Discussions**

1. Update on Executive Director position
  - a. *The job has been offered and there is a verbal commitment. The start date will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming soon.*
2. Race Calendar & Grand Prix races for 2024
  - a. *It is time to look at the race calendar (there are currently 17) and the investment of time and volunteers on certain races. Consider if the races make a profit, location, time of year, competition with other organizations, and other factors including community involvement. There is also an idea to use a Google form to vote on the races. The race directors and board will be able to give feedback using the form.*
  - b. *The race calendar will be voted on in November. More information will be sent out in email throughout the next month.*
3. Board Nominations & Elections for 2024-2025
  - a. *A nominating committee is needed for upcoming elections. If you are interested in being on the committee, let Rainey know. The elections will be held in December.*

### **Financial Reports** – Leigh Anne Stacklin, Treasurer

1. *Updating Bank Accounts*
2. *Report will be sent out by COB tomorrow.*
3. *We will be voting on making the Bookkeeper a W-2 position next month.*
4. *Leigh Anne had an idea about doing a webinar or discussion about RRRC assisting in other organizations with planning races.*

### **Communications** - Anne Magee, VP of Communications

#### **Miles & Minutes** – Annie Tobey/Anne Magee

Nothing new on Miles & Minutes but that the issue is printed and distributed, and new articles are always welcome!

**Social Media** – Chris Mason

*Keeping the social active and posting about volunteer needs.*

**Grants Committee** - Kirk Millikan

The deadline for fall 2023 grant applications is October 31st. Please spread the word about the grants to any organizations you think would be interested in applying.

**Operations** – Shawn Lafland, VP of Operations

**Review of Races** - none

**Preview of upcoming Races**

Twilight 5k (November 19) (Andrew Mann)

1. We are doing the auction for Kiera D'Amato's shoes.
2. The current sponsors are: PR Run & Walk, Wegmans, Chick Fil A, Angus Dentistry, Adams Performance
3. Right now, there are 20 runners registered and we are hoping to get a lot of participants signed up once cross country season winds down.
4. We want it to be family friendly, including having a kid's run and inviting all former summer campers to participate.
5. The giveaway has come in. It is a beanie with a headlamp. There are 175 ordered.

Turkey Trot (November 23) (Ben Wachter):

1. *Wegman's is now a sponsor.*
2. *Henrico approved the race.*
3. *November 1<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff for t-shirts.*
4. *Price increase is moved back a week.*

T-Rex Run (November 13) (Donnie Lane)

*There is a possible vendor (Lynnhaven School) interested in working at the race. Rainey and Donnie will discuss more.*

Candy Cane 5k (December 10) (Kirk Millikan):

Registration is open and planning is on-going. The race is scheduled to be held in Bryan Park again this year. All race profits and any donations will go to Girls on the Run Greater Richmond. Girls on the Run Greater Richmond will not be at the race this year. They have decided to hold their end of season 5k in November.

## Contract Races

*One is coming up toward the end of the month and there may be a couple more coming up before the end of the year.*

## **Training Teams**

### Winter Marathon Training Team (December - March):

1. There are 42 people signed up for WMTT so far, 30 or so for the half team.
2. We are anticipating more half runners this season, so we really need half team coaches. Specifically, we need fast people. We struggle to get runners of 8:30 min/mi or faster and we can't get fast runners without fast runners. It's a good 'ol Catch 22. If y'all can reach out to folks to help us out with us we'd greatly appreciate it!

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

**Volunteer Needs** - Katherine Zampolin

The Rocketts Landing Cap Trail 10M & 5k still needs volunteers, as does the T Rex Run and Twilight 5K!!

**Equipment** – Glenn Melton

**Grand Prix** - Natalie Boyle and Marcy George

**Adjourn (6:54pm)**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Hauser, Secretary*