



## Richmond Road Runners Club - Minutes - January 10, 2024

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

**Approval of December, 2023 meeting minutes** - Allison May, Secretary

1. Motion by Marcy George, seconded by Rachael Bowling; motion passed

### **New Business Discussions**

1. Iron Runner
  - a. The Iron Runner program is not beneficial to most members and money is likely lost on it. Also, the money does not go to each individual race, so individual races lose funds.
  - b. Decision made to discontinue the Iron and Titanium Runner program and reassess for next year. Marcy George made the motion, Kirk Millikan seconded; motion carried
2. RRCA Convention
  - a. Nikkia is going to the RRCA convention on May 2-5th in Costa Mesa, CA. There are three allocated spots paid for by RRRC. If you are interested in attending, let Nikkia know.
3. Strategic Planning for this term
  - a. We are planning to do a session in February or March so bring ideas. We will have Suzi to facilitate.
  - b. We would like feedback from the broader membership about what works and what does not.
4. Grant from Richmond Tourism Bureau
  - a. Michael George announced that we received a \$1500 grant from the Richmond Tourism Bureau, specifically to be used for the Ashland Half and 5K. The grant fund will go toward promotion of the race in areas outside of Richmond.
  - b. The Ashland Half and 5K will be the last weekend of August on the 24th.
5. Olympic Marathon trials
  - a. Kirk Millikan suggested that we should have a Olympic marathon trials watch party as we did previously. The trials are on the first Saturday in February (Feb 4th). Kirk is asking for \$200 for snacks and possible prizes. A suggestion was made to contact PR Walk/Run by Kiera D'Amato since she is participating in the trials.
  - b. Motion to give \$200 for the watch party budget: Kirk Millikan motions, Alex Farden seconded; motion passes
6. Cross Country National Championships
  - a. Mike Levins reminded us that the Cross Country National Championship will be held on January 20th at Pole Green Park from 9am-3pm. If you are interested in participating, the people's race option is \$40.

**Financial Reports** – Meredith Newcomb, Treasurer

1. Meredith is working on making changes to make it easier to submit reimbursements
2. There will be an accounting change from cash to accrual based accounting.

## **Communications -**

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

**Social Media** – Chris Mason

**Grants Committee** - Kirk Millikan

1. At the November 2023 RRRC meeting, the board voted to allocate \$5,000 in grant funding to two organizations: \$1,000 to Sportable and \$4,000 to Black Girls RUN! Foundation. Checks have been distributed. I am pretty sure that there is a line item in the 2024 RRRC budget for continued distribution of grant funding in the amount of \$10,000/year, but this needs to be confirmed. If it is confirmed, the next deadline for grant applications will be April 30, 2024.
2. Grant funds are available for the upcoming year.

**Scholarship Committee** - Kirk Millikan

1. Kirk is looking at new ways to utilize funds and how to work with the scholarship in the future.

**Operations** – Rachael Bowling, VP of Operations

## **Review of Races**

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

1. The inaugural and final RRRC Candy Cane 5K took place on Sunday December 10th, and it was a success. \$1,485 was raised for Girls on the Run Greater Richmond (\$1,341 from the race profit and \$144 from donations made during registrations). Registration numbers were similar to previous years (153 in-person, 11 virtual, and 49 kids run). There were 120 finishers in the in-person race. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to help despite the rainy weather.

First Day 5k (January 1) Suzi Silverstein

1. There were 440 runners who participated in the 5K and 47 kids who participated in the kids run.
2. The race will work more with neighbors near ACAC in the future after a complaint about participants standing in someone's yard.

## **Preview of upcoming Races**

Frostbite 15k (January 28) (Mara George and Chris Mason)

1. Frostbite is sold out and the waitlist is working.
2. The course is measured and at least 30 course marshals will be needed.

Sweetheart 8k (February 11)

1. There is a question about an income-based fee. This will be looked into and set up if possible.

### Bear Creek 10 Miler (February 25)

1. 135 people are registered so far.
2. Volunteers are needed!

### Contract Races

1. Meg's Miles 5K is coming up on Saturday, January 13th and still could use some volunteers.

### **Training Teams**

#### Winter Half-Marathon/Marathon Training Team (December - March)

1. The training team is going well and there are a lot more people signed up than ever before. There are about 360 people signed up for both teams.

#### Advanced 10k Training Team (January - April)

1. Advanced 10K starts on the 27th and there are about 75 people currently signed up.
2. The Marathon and Advanced 10K training teams are looking at bundling the two teams for next year since so many participate in both.

### **Operations Manager/Administrator/RunSignup Coordinator**– Allison May

#### **Volunteer Needs** - Crystal Koch

1. Frostbite volunteers are needed.
2. Spider Dash 5K in February (a contract race) also needs more volunteers.
3. Should volunteers get a gift/prize for volunteering? Decision made to look into giving volunteers a discount code for a future race (\$5 off).

#### **Equipment** – Glenn Melton

1. Glenn is reorganizing the truck and storage.
2. Alex Farden brought up a request to possibly have vests available to course marshals so that they are recognizable. We will look into ordering more vests for future races.

#### **Grand Prix** - George Bishop and Patty Henson-Dacey

1. Grand Prix will continue as normal even though registration will start late.

#### **Adjourn**

1. Nikkia Young motioned, Mike Levin seconded; motion passed