

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

June 9, 2022

Meeting Location: Indian Riffle Park – Shelter # 1

Attendees:

- Peter Qumsiyeh – President & RD
- Robert Faux – Vice President & RD
- Eddie Weaver – Treasurer & RD
- David (Hoot) Gibson – Trustee & RD
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Jen Yoak – Trustee & GnG Co-Race Director
- Ruth Kohstall – Trustee & RD
- Nick Alexander – Trustee
- Quintin Elking – Trustee
- Ruth Alexander – club member
- Heidi Heckel – Trustee & RD



Agenda / Meeting Minutes (note: recorded by J. Yoak in J. Bulach's absence)

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 7:00 PM.
- Approval of May's Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - Hoot motions to approve with amendments from emails; Robert seconds; Motion passes.
- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$19,015.66; Ancillary \$506.09; Savings \$146,753.67.
Total all accounts: \$176,886.17 (Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648)
 - Notes:
 - Stack Sports charge backs that would be the equivalent of 40 marathon entries (\$2386) were invoiced to the club 6 weeks after the race. Not due until August, but no one will respond to Eddie or Kathy. Not itemized; bringing to board to determine next steps. Discussed having a lawyer write a letter requesting an explanation or cancellation of charges. Potential to be sent to collections before next bill based on past history. Also tied to the contract with Stack that requires them to cover 50% of charge backs/investigate them, and they have no incentive to do so because they aren't losing money. Ruth will contact her niece who's a lawyer to assist and Eddie will proceed with approaching Stack again with a letter.
 - Hoot asked about \$200 limit on small races and whether that spending is realistic with current prices/inflation. Eddie said some races have been overspending and that the club is budgeting to lose \$200; may need adjusted next year. Discussion about how it's been hard to gauge with registrations.

- Ruth motion to approve financials, Hoot seconds, Eddie and Heidi abstain; motion passes
- Explanation from Peter of Valerie from Five River Metroparks not attending at the last minute. She would be interested in attending any RD training to help streamline the process. Plan to have her at the July or August meeting to discuss concerns, and have other RDs with races at the Metroparks attend.
- Funding Considerations.
 - None
- Pre-Race Reports (Robert) – emailed out to the board; the following was discussed:
 - Summer Solstice – Kristy emailed, just needs a few more volunteers
- Post-Race Reports (Robert) – also emailed; the following were discussed:
 - Vandalia 5k – went well, hard core runners in the rain. Nick will consider taking over as RD next year.
 - Tie Dye – good race
 - Another Dam – Heidi
 - 64 sign ups, weather was great, a few DNS and DNFs. Volunteers did a great job marking the course. Could have done more advertising; it also was the same weekend as Mohican (which will be a different weekend next year). Hopefully fewer conflicts next year will mean more runners. Discussed doing a 9 hour cutoff next year rather than 8 hours (course was a bit short, would have been hard to meet 8 hour time if course was longer). Liked having the 25k as a distance option. Issues with permit and Metroparks but was able to get it in time and cut out the section the parks said couldn't be part of the run. Discussion about why and when maps need submitted to the parks and why it has to be run before submitting the changes.
 - Questions: can runners listen to music? It's discouraged, but people won't be kicked off the course, and club does not condone it.
 - Refund question: was it OK to issue a refund due to injury? Yes – RD choice. Nick asked if we couldn't just transfer the amount to a membership; Eddie explained that it doesn't work smoothly with the tracking and financials so it's better to refund.
 - Knows the course better now and how to adjust trails better to get to full distance next year.
 - How to recognize the volunteers who were there for extended hours – OK to list on website how long they worked. Could the total hours be tracked as an incentive? Ruth suggested National Honor Societies who need hours.
- Board discussions/votes
 - Peter – received an email about whether the club would give gas cards to volunteers as it did in the past when gas prices were really high. Eddie and Karen explained they were

given to the volunteer that the RD thought helped the most – basically a volunteer gift to be included in RD budget.

- Whatever you can do to encourage volunteers – food, items from shed, awards, etc (as Heidi did at Another Dam). Ruth suggested making it a drawing where anyone who was there longer than a certain number of hours would be eligible. Maybe get gift cards donated.
- Hoot’s discussion/idea to raise small race registration to \$10 for all non-members over 14. Most impact is for 15-19 and over 60. Don’t want to change prices too often, haven’t done it in quite a few years. Could also act as incentive to join a family plan or get their own membership. Is \$10 the right price point? Do we still keep a youth or senior price that’s different/less? Karen said making change isn’t an issue as far as keeping prices at multiples of five. Proposal would be to start new prices January 2023. Should membership rates increase, too? At same time? Advertise the change will start on a specific date, give people chance to lock in membership at current rates beforehand. Balance the club “motto” of small races subsidized by the larger races – and if large races aren’t making as much money, we would get more return by having TT, GNG and Marathon raising costs. Eddie said small races would only increase ~\$40 each by raising all registrations to \$10. Budget committee will plan to meet in September this year and can include the discussions about small versus large race fees and ultras. 2021 recommended minimum of \$50 for ultras and raising large race fees. Hoot asked if the committee can be tasked with making recommendations on pricing on memberships and race fees. Eddie said a different committee should look at current budget to recommend to the budget committee. Hoot and Eddie should be members, Nick and Heidi also – Hoot will organize and coordinate.
- Race calendar – still doing hard copy. Tried to phase it out, that was upsetting to some members. Had previous idea to “opt in” for a paper copy but that fizzled. \$1800 for calendar in 2022. Just make them available for pickup at races? Hoot’s proposal is really to plan out 12 months in advance, but do it twice a year so things can be advertised well in advance. Will also ensure RDs are in place. July would have a “reissue” of the next 12 months, help confirm upcoming and be giving lots of prep and advertising time for others. Not a printed version mid-year. Would be more work for someone to contact RDs twice a year, should typically involve VP and Secretary. Discussion about website and that race dates no longer show on calendar display – current software doesn’t support that format. Or even just add the day of the week to each listed race. Shouldn’t be too difficult for Kathy (or others) to update the race list twice/year. Need to make sure Jim and Kathy are OK with the potential added work. Make the cycle November-May to allow for December printing and mailing. Hoot will contact Jim to confirm with him.
- Medium sized races and those specific concerns – harder for registration, timing, food, budget, etc. Further discussion deferred and to be included in the race fee/membership cost committee.
- Ghost ‘n Goblin might need to change dates based on Welcome Stadium construction. Marriott could be on 10/25/22. Have to see about timing and date change (in emergency, timing team might be able to handle as a gun start).
 - Eddie motions for Peter and Jen to be able to move the date within two weeks without further board approval. Robert seconds, Peter and Jen abstain, motion passes, no opposed.

- Timing RFP – next step is for board to vote on approval of RFP and then get it posted and distributed. Expect 3 or so larger companies, maybe a few smaller local on the small races; may not get other locals due to past history. Proposals due 7/22/22, may not do presentations to entire board, but to the RFP committee.
 - Kevin motions to approve and continue with RFP, Ruth K. seconds. Motion passes, no opposed or abstentions.
- RRCA marketing presentation recap – Jen – main point is to use website to get what we want from people, mainly either new members or volunteers. Eddie will try to work on massaging a few tweaks within in the available structure. Make it easy for people to find “join” and “volunteer” options on the website; update photos, etc.
- Heidi – suggestion to have club booths at more races. Need staffing and could possibly give out the leftover small items in the shed. 200k volunteer requirement – still in place? Up to RD. What incentives can we give to volunteers? How to track hours to make “credit” fair.
- Around the room:
 - Kevin – clean up the agenda if lots of items are getting moved. Reached out to Wolverines about being our youth club per RRCA, hasn’t heard back. Got quotes for sound system that can go to a later meeting.
 - Hoot – the race continuity folders are up, let him know any suggestions and he will work with Eddie on controlling access properly. Not required, but encouraged.
 - Robert – contacted by rep from USATF in Ohio (Mary) – make one of our races part of the point series for their association. Would just need a spot for USATF # on entry form. Will get more info about what’s involved in the series, if we need to be members, etc. Does Robert want the club to reach out and pursue? She’s looking for 5ks and trail races, Nick asked if it would matter if the courses are certified, or making sure they have to pay our registration fee. Could increase participation. Will get more info and bring it back for discussion. Eddie requested he ask about insurance and bonding.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.