

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

October 13, 2022

Meeting Location: Indian Riffle Park – Shelter # 1 Attendees:



- Peter Qumsiyeh –President & RD
- Robert Faux – Vice President & RD
- Eddie Weaver – Treasurer, RD & Timing Team
- Jim Bulach – Secretary & RD
- David (Hoot) Gibson – Trustee, RD & Timing Team
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Jen Yoak – Trustee, RD & Timing Lead
- Quintin Elking – Trustee & Timing Team
- Nick Alexander – Trustee & RD
- Rebekah Taylor – Race Director
- Jennifer Summers – Race Director
- Brian Furderer – Race Director
- Margaret Hurley – Race Director
- Kyle Brumbaugh – Member

Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 6:00 PM.
- Approval of September’s Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - Eddie motions to approve the minutes (3rd revision submitted via email); Robert seconds; Jim abstains; Motion passes.
- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$55,956.01; Ancillary \$506.33; Savings \$146,857.26. Total all accounts: \$203,289.60 (Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648)
 - Notes:
 - FINANCE COMMITTEE: If anyone is interested in being a part of the 2023 Finance Committee to establish the budget for our next fiscal year, or if you have a nominee for that committee, let Eddie know. The club’s preference is to have one newer Board member (fresh eyes) and a mix of race directors and at-large Club members. The Board will then vote on the proposals of the committee, which is why we don't pack the committee with Board members.
 - Hoot motions to approve the financials; Robert seconds, Eddie abstains, Motion passes.
- Funding Considerations
 - AED Batteries. (Kyle Brumbaugh)
 - He explained who the Bethel Running Club is and what they do with kids to promote running in the community. They’ve had a 32% growth in the club in the last 2 months.
 - Kyle has a presentation that he would like to show the board, but there was no equipment at the shelter to do this. Eddie asked him to email it, so that he could forward it to the board

members.

- Kyle's looking for about \$300 to pay for new AED batteries (approx. \$200) and shirts (approx. \$80) for the Bethel club.
- Kevin questioned the club's liability of providing funding for batteries for an AED that the club donated to the Bethel running club. The AED was donated with a liability waiver to ensure that the club could not be held liable or held responsible for the equipment and its use after donation. By providing money for the batteries, it would once again make the club liable.
- After much discussion, Eddie stated that the club does have the funds available for a donation. However, to prevent liability issues, it should be a general donation used to support the kids and their running program.
- Jen motioned that the club donate \$300 to support the Bethel Running Club in general for use as needed (Not tied to AED batteries). Eddie seconds. Motion passes.
- Pre-Race Reports (Robert)
 - Aaron from the city of Vandalia is asking whether we want to still have the St. Patrick's Day 5K.
 - Robert has a new Race Director, so he will get back with Aaron to coordinate everything.
 - Ghost 'n Goblin registration going well. (Peter & Jen)
 - Took until late July to determine the new location of the race being held at the Wright State Nutter Center. Now that it is there, the Wright State Nutter Center staff have been fantastic to work with. Everyone is excited to be there. We can use their bathrooms, don't have to pay for porta-potties, police are cheaper, parking is easy, and we've gotten more publicity.
 - There are 998 participants currently registered. This is nowhere near pre-Covid, but it is above last year.
 - Have recycled some left-over awards from the past to save additional money.
 - The course is amazing. It goes to a cemetery, which is very exciting and fits the race's theme.
 - Pumpkin Patch Prediction Run (Robert)
 - The course is finalized. He will be picking up the main awards closer to the race date.
 - He will be looking for Volunteers for the event.
 - Broken Toe 50K (Jennifer Summers)
 - RD having trouble sending the report in.
 - Due to conflicts with soccer in the area (Warren County Parks), the course has been altered to start/finish at the Caesar Creek Park Campground on Center Rd, which eliminates the issues of using the parking lot at Hatton Lukens Park.
 - Simplifies the permitting issue.
 - She wants to keep the race on the 29th ish weekend moving forward.
 - Registration was low to start, but it is now up to 60 after doing promoting of the event.
 - Not doing shirts to prevent having too many leftovers. Also, looking to re-purpose some of the awards from the shed. Doug Picard will be doing engraving for free. All of this should keep expenses down.

- Narrows Rabbit Hunt Trail Race (Danny)
 - I have gotten my awards and permit already.
 - I think I will have enough volunteers, but I plan on posting on the event page that I could use people if anyone wants to volunteer.
- Fall Festival 10 Miler - - RRCA 10 Mile State Championship (Robert)
 - Will be picking up the awards later this Month. Permit is going through the process with the State of Ohio Park.
 - Got the Championship Medals in the mail, just waiting on the championship bibs.
 - Will be looking for volunteers for this event.
- Turkey Trot (Margaret)
 - Things are going well as far as timeline and keeping on schedule.
 - Registrations have tapered off. This is a little concerning.
 - Currently just under 2500 runners. This is still between 300 – 400 over last year’s numbers at this time.
 - Have made a change this year to go three-deep on the awards instead of five-deep, which is no longer very common at races anymore. This will help to reduce expenses.
 - When the port-a-johns were ordered for the event, it was discovered that the price has risen by about 43%, which is quite substantial considering the large number of them needed for the event. Increased expenses, such as this, will have a significant effect on this year’s profitability.
 - Will have a shirt fitting on 10/22, which is the 2nd one. It will be held at the new Runner’s Plus store on Brown Street.
 - At the expo, we will once again sell excess shirts from other events, which people seem to like. If anyone has left over shirts, please get them to us. We donate the profits from these to the local food pantry.
 - The packet pick-ups will be on the Sunday and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
 - If you haven’t signed up to run or volunteer, we need you to do so now!
- Post-Race Reports (Robert)
 - Stillwater 7. (Jim)
 - We had excellent weather and everything went very well.
 - There was plenty of very positive feedback with many stating they will definitely be back next year.
 - He had one lady say that she got lost. Based upon the feedback from the rest of the runners, they are not sure how she did this, since the course was marked extremely well.
 - All the volunteers showed up and did an excellent job.
 - The timing team was amazing, as usual!
 - The Miami County Park District was a pleasure to work with and very supportive.
 - He’s still open to swapping dates next year with the Germantown 50K. Both races are in September, so the river crossing should have similar conditions.
 - He’s very thankful and appreciative to everyone who made this race a successful event!

- Outdoor X 12 Hour Endurance Run (Lawrence Chow)
 - The weather for this year's race was perfect.
 - The support from the Metropark staff was outstanding.
 - For instance, they decorated Mad River Shelter and had a Banner up for OX12.
 - Table, chairs and 2 5-Gallon water dispenser were provided.
 - There was Port-O-Potties throughout and near the start and finish of the race.
 - Participants were also given access to a changing tent provided for the white-water rafting participants.
 - Throughout the course, the Metropark staff spray-painted the ground with a running-man logo.
 - They also setup crossing barricades and sectioned-off the running routes with ribbons in high traffic areas.
 - The Metropark staff ensured that the walnuts were removed and the trails were maintained and cleared on race day.
 - Post-race, I received communication from one of the Metropark staff that they are looking forward to having ORRRC OX12 again next year.
 - The volunteers were amazing as many stayed all day!
 - Heather Hartzell (flute) and Gerald Collins (singer) performed the National Anthem for the participants.
 - One of female participants fell multiple times during the race and visibly had a scar on her left shoulder blade.
 - Larry personally checked/inquired on her injuries at the aid station and assessed her by completing a full long loop together with her.
 - She was able to continue and finished the race at 53.40 miles (3rd female overall).
 - On the male side, Brian Wooden (Bib# 79) also fell multiple times during the race.
 - Larry personally checked on him at the aid station and asked if he was hurt (he was covered in dirt etc.).
 - He responded that his "pride" was hurt.
 - Brian was able to continue and finished the race at 74 miles (Course record and overall winner).
 - Due to high deferrals from the previous year, funding for the race was not as favorable.
 - Larry sought sponsors and was able to raise an additional \$500 to fund this year's race.
 - Would like to recommend raising the registration fee for OX12 from \$45 to \$50 going forth due to general rising cost.

- Germantown 50K (Rebekah Taylor and J. Patrick Whitecar)
 - Great weather- lows in the 50s, highs in the 70s. There was a bit of rain during registration/ packet pick-up, but it cleared up by the start of the race.
 - Had 46 runners finish the event. There were 73 registered, but only 61 started.

- Challenges-
 - One participant twisted their ankle, but no emergency services were needed.
 - Another participant did not inform anyone that he was DNF-ing. But I was able to contact the participant and figure it out.
 - Had some issues with timing and numerous corrections (typos in names), but we finally got it sorted out. We have a plan to make sure this is less likely to happen in the future.
- Sold some merchandise that is providing some extra revenue to the club.
- Overall, everything went quite well, participants had a good time, had great volunteer support, and learned some little things to do differently next time.

- Cross Country 5K (Dan Cross and Lawrence Chow)
 - No report submitted.
- Pricing of Ultras – Several of the RD’s for these races have expressed the desire to increase the price for entry into their event next year. Even though this is part of the budget committee’s process, Eddie let everyone know that last year the board set a minimum price of \$50 for the ultras. Obviously, the communication did not make it to all the race directors in charge of these races. It will be part of the upcoming mandatory race director training, which should clear up and resolve these types of communication breakdowns.

- Board discussions/votes
 - Holiday Party Update. (Kevin)
 - It is set for Friday, January 20th at the Shriner’s Temple on East 1st Street.
 - The club will buy the meat, along with soda pop, water and table service. The rest of the food will be provided by the attendees as a carry-in.
 - There will be a cash bar.
 - RSVP required to get a head count for the meat, but there is no limit on the number of members that want to participate.
 - Will need to work on awards and what we want to present. Lifetime memberships, 1st time race directors, athleticism based up on “most improved”, etc. Peter let every know that he does have the RD Jackets on order (based upon the list collected by Andrea).
 - Race director training. (Robert & Hoot)
 - Robert is working on getting a location to hold the training. He is looking at the library or the fire station, such as the one where we had our meeting in Beavercreek. Looking for venues that are free.
 - Hoot will do a Google poll of the RD’s for their preference of date, once Robert notifies him of what’s available.
 - Finance Committee.
 - With the discussion on membership fees being pushed out in the trustee meeting to next month, Hoot questioned when the Finance committee will be meeting. Eddie stated that it must meet before the next board meeting. This must happen to ensure that the budget is voted on and approved at the next trustee meeting.

- Nov, Dec & Jan meetings will be virtual – Either Peter will send a Teams link, or Eddie will send a Google Meet link.
 - Kevin questioned the effectiveness of holding virtual meetings. He wants all meetings to be in-person stating that virtual meetings limit open discussion and the ability for everyone to participate. Karen expressed similar thoughts. Other board members stated that they will be missing upcoming meetings, if they are not virtual, due to travel plans.
 - There was much discussion around this, but everyone was reminded that the board decided to do these virtual meetings earlier in the year. Because they have already been planned, no changes will be made to the upcoming three virtual meetings. After that, the board can decide what will be done next year.
- Around the room:
 - Jim – No longer has a need to step off the board at the end of this year’s term, so he will continue to serve, if positions are open and/or elected by the membership.
 - Hoot – Will send a message to RDs about recent board decisions, including race continuity folders, pre-race briefings made to the board, 2023 race dates, and RD training in January.
 - Robert – Working on the details of the Pumpkin Patch Prediction Run. There will be lots of tricks and treats to add to make it very fun.
 - Eddie – With much going on between the Turkey Trot, the Ghost n Goblin, RD questions sent directly to him, along with other things, his response time to questions is typically 5 to 7 days. If you do not get an immediate response, this is what’s going on, so be patient. Hoot stated that we need more trustees doing what Eddie is doing - - More Eddie’s.
 - Margaret – It’s always nice to see so many people involved on the board and hearing the new ideas. It’s refreshing.
 - Kevin – Thanks Robert for the booth that he organized at the Air Force Marathon. Also, he thanked Margaret for nominating Terry Murray for the hall of fame. It was a very nice dinner with every seat full. Terry was inducted, along with Art Kitze. Third, he expressed condolences to Jim and his family.
 - Jen – One of the clocks had quit working at one of our Ultras. In addition to this, we had a timing mat quit working at another event. At the next meeting, she plans to have some info and pricing on upgrading our timing equipment, which might include getting rid of the “stupid heavy” mats that threw her back out.
- At 7:23, Hoot made the motion to go into executive session for the reason of discussing the timing contract. Robert seconds
 - At 7:43 Hoot made the motion to move out of executive session, Jen seconds, motion approved.
- Eddie motions that we approve End Result for the Turkey Trot, Can’t Stop Timing for Ghost n Goblin, and Race Penguin for the Marathon / Half Marathon contracts. Robert seconds. Motion approved with Nick abstaining.
- Peter adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM