

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

May 11, 2023

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
- Jen Yoak – Trustee, RD & Timing Lead
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Nick Alexander – Trustee & RD
- Jennifer Summers – Trustee, RD & Timing Team
- Cari Masek – Trustee
- Micah Lipps – Race Director
- Melissa Sinning Brackman – Hermes Running Club and Asst. Tipp City Track Coach



Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 7:00 PM.
- Approval of April's Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - Eddie motions to approve the minutes; Robert seconds; Motion passes. (Jim abstained).
- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$20,019.25; Ancillary \$506.79; Savings \$178,789.08.
Total all accounts: \$199,315.12 (Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648)
 - Notes:
 - DARBY CREEK BISON 10K: the awards invoice came in at \$540 after the RD paid \$300 out of pocket. Having received this invoice, it has sent the costs for the race to \$540, which is over the maximum allowed (\$300). Robert, as RD coordinator, said he would contact the RD to work on this and have the RD pay the full amount, and then figure out how much we are to pay him back. The due date for the payment was 12 April 2023.

- Robert motions to approve the financials; Karen seconds; Motion passes (with Eddie and Jen abstaining).
 - Kevin makes a motion that the club pay the outstanding balance of \$540 plus any late fees for the Darby Creek Bison 10K and that Peter and Robert resolve the issue and emphasize the budget rules with the race director. Robert seconds. Cari inquired as to how the process is supposed to work for race director reimbursement. Eddie provided the answer explaining a couple different acceptable methods. Nick asked if the prices of awards have increased dramatically over the last year. Eddie said that prices increased post-Covid, but from this time last year to this year, prices have leveled out. Jennifer stated she was a first-time race director last year and without really doing some diligent digging, she would not have known her actual budget. Eddie responded that in the race director's pre-race report, there is a specific line that the race director checks off that says, *"I have viewed and understand my race budget as shown on the Treasurer tab of the website, and understand that costs above my budget may not be reimbursed by the Club."* Following much discussion, the Motion as originally stated passed. (with Nick abstaining).
- Funding Considerations.
 - Tippecanoe High School's cross-country program (Byron/Melissa).
 - In Tipp City they have a running club for kids called Hermes. In their first year, they had 45 kids with up to 65 kids in later years.
 - They hold a shorter race for the little kids and a mile for the older kids.
 - Tipp's Cross Country kids run the program and work with the kids.
 - They are requesting funding to cover the price of T-shirts for the kids. The ORRRC has made donations in the past. In appreciation, the Hermes Running Club puts our logo on the back of the shirts (along with the other sponsors). They have continued to put the ORRRC logo on their shirts, even in years that the ORRRC has not made a donation.
 - Eddie let the board know that there is funding available for running clubs that we regularly support, such as the Wolverines and Hermes.
 - Peter motions that we donate \$1,200 for the purchase of shirts and any other items to help with their program. Jim seconds. In discussion, Kevin requested that they donate time as volunteers at some of our races.

Melissa asked for information and the schedules of our races. She committed to ensuring that they will help as volunteers. Motion passes.

- Marathon committee request for board members to help out. (Peter)
 - At the marathon committee wrap-up, it was requested that board members serve on a committee of one of the large races.
 - This is not a requirement, but it would be very beneficial to help out and learn how the large races operate.

- Pre-Race Reports (Robert):
 - Tie Dye 50K (Ashley Hartoin & Al Eder)
 - Race Date: May 20, 2023
 - As we discussed with Eddie and Robert by email, we were not originally aware that our event was now to make a \$1,000 profit prior to opening our registration. Also, we had not heard ultras were to be a \$50 fee and we set ours for \$ 45. As a result, we project to be profitable, but more in the \$500 range. We apologize for the situation.
 - Another Dam 50K (Robert Faux)
 - Race Date: 6/3/2023 or 7/29/2023
 - Currently, we do not have a permit from Five Rivers Metroparks. The Park Manager from the Englewood Metropark doesn't think we can have 90 people to park on the east side/Patty Shelter parking lot. In addition, the park manager has some issues with certain areas of the route.
 - At the moment, Robert is asking the Board to change the race date from 6/3/23 to 7/29/23. The reason for the date change is due to the following.
 1. Lawwill and Morgan Shelter are available for that date.
Which does give us enough Parking for everyone. (The park district does not think there is enough parking on the east side. They want us on the west side.)
 2. As of the time of this report, Robert has less than 20 runners/walkers signed up. This is due to the Mohican 100 and Ragnar Ohio happening on the same day as Another Dam.
 3. The date change will not interfere with any of our club races. It is 3 weeks after Dawg Gone Long, and a Month before the Germantown 50k.

- Peter motions that we move the date to July 29, 2023. Eddie requested the motion to be amended to permit the RD to move the location, but only if necessary. Jennifer seconds. Motion passes with Robert abstaining.
 - Summer Solstice Half Marathon Trail Race (Peter).
 - Race is on Saturday, June 17th.
 - Kristi's daughter is in the hospital, and she is requesting someone to help.
 - Micah says that he may be able to do it, but needs to check with his wife first.
 - Eddie says that he can help with the food.
 - Micah will let Peter know for sure within the next couple of days.
 - Missing reports:
 - Challenging Perception Adaptive Trail Race
 - 1 Mile Dash 4 Cash
 - Dawg Gone Long Run 50 miler/50k
- Post-Race Reports (Robert):
 - Camp Hook 4 Hour Trail Relay (Micah Lipps)
 - Race Date: 3/15/2023
 - Race Participation:
 - 30 Teams / 78 Paid Participants via RunSignUp
 - Day of Race: 29 Teams / 76 Participants
 - Only (1) team was a no show.
 - The first year at Camp Hook was tremendous.
 - The weather was perfect; dry, cool morning, and slight warm up the last hour of relay. The trail conditions were good, only a few spots of mud. The week leading up was dry and warm to help restore the trail conditions.
 - Our start/finish areas were within the open Parade Field and it was the ideal spot. Teams did a great job setting up their camps and settled in for a fun day of racing. We had our check-in table and aid station right next to the start/finish that was established by (3) existing flagpoles.
 - To help teams know how the competition was stacking up, I had each finishing runner clip their lap with colored clothespins by their team name. Team Divisions included; Coed, Female, & Male. When a team reached 10 laps, they would remove all single clothespins and replace with (1) yellow clothespins. Yellow = 10 laps.

- All teams ran well and were there to compete despite summer-like camp atmosphere. We had a team of pirates and a team that exchanged a baton the complete race. Over 720 miles were ran collectively and many great memories were made.
- Five River MetroParks did an excellent job preparing the trails and camp grounds before our event. They even had a large cluster of pine trees removed that had fallen the week prior on the trail.
- We only had 5 campers the night before the race. It was a beautiful night for camping and I believe there will be more takers next year on the camping.
- Volunteers: We had the right amount, but will want (2) to help with parking next year. The runners were awesome, but most didn't know how to park, lol. Too much spacing between cars. Will also want (2) volunteers to work finish line when runners are coming in to help shuffle to check-in tent and make sure the laps are properly registered with the lap tracking team.
- We will want to start the permit process in August of this year to ensure we get the April date we desire and also get the race out in January of 2024 on RunSignUp. This race will sell out next year, because everyone had too much fun!
- Sugar Maple Festival 5K (David "Hoot" Gibson)
 - Race Date: 4/22/2023
 - Race Participation: At least 267 runners finished the race, which was a good turnout for the second year in a row since the COVID cancellations. About 70% of the participants were ORRRC members and 30% were non-members.
 - Overall, the race went very well, especially when the forecasted rain did not materialize.
 - Hoot only sold 33 shirts (compared to 58 last year) which resulted in a \$180 loss on shirts. However, with significant funding from non-member participant entry fees, the race made about \$200 in profit (\$400 over the - \$200 budget).
 - 25 great volunteers helped with the race, but Hoot could have used a few more.
 - The same facilities are reserved for next year's race on 20 Apr 2024.

- The race takes a lot of work to put on and Hoot would like to find a co-race director for 2024.
 - George Roger Clark Park 10K (Larry Berna & Tim Snyder)
 - Race Date: 5/9/2023
 - No Report submitted yet.
- Board Discussions / Votes:
 - Club bylaw committee (Kevin).
 - Kevin proposes that all trustees on the board review the current bylaws and provide feedback and recommendations over the next month in time for our June meeting.
 - Eddie let everyone know that we did this last year and have a fully redone set of bylaws and regulations. Unfortunately, they never made it to the board for review and approval. He would like to use these drafted documents as a starting point and send them out to the board for feedback, if Kevin and the rest of the board agrees.
 - After several questions by board members, Eddie explained the differences between making changes to bylaws and procedures.
 - It was decided to use the previously drafted documents as a starting point and Peter instructed the board members to read through the proposed changes and bring feedback to the June meeting.
 - Membership counts, especially during price increase. (Peter)
 - This was a request from Hoot, who is not here at this meeting. However, Kathy Robbins provided the following information on the subject. It can be structured and broken out in different ways. If it would be helpful, or more informative to do so, let Peter know and he will work with Kathy to formalize the board's request.

Quantity	Description	MAY
# of active households		863
# of total members		1271
# of renewals in previous month		37
# of new in previous month		17
# of expired (inactive) in previous month		29

- RRCA Convention:
 - Next year's convention (California May 2-5) – voting on who represents the club will take place at our June meeting!
 - Peter stated that with it being in California, it will be more expensive to send representatives. With \$3,000 allocated for the convention in the budget, we will most likely only be able to send two attendees.
 - There was much discussion about how the board determines who goes. The consensus is that large race directors, timing team members, and those most active with the club will get precedence.
 - It is important to note that this is not a vacation and the attendees must bring back applicable / beneficial information for presentation to the board.
 - Information sharing from the attendees – part 2.
 - Nick discussed the “Card.io” App that was presented at the convention. He tested the app and discovered that it did not work properly. (Note: Nick presented this information after Kevin inquired about convention information during “around the room” at the end of the meeting).
- Volunteer sign-in sheets with waivers (Jen).
 - Based upon what was learned at the National Convention, Jen has drafted volunteer sign-in sheets. Jen wants a bunch of these printed out and put in the shed for availability to race directors for their races.
 - Kevin will print the forms out, but they need to be darkened to copy/print properly.
- Timing clocks for non-club races (Jennifer).
 - Dayton FOP is requesting to rent our clocks for their fund raising race. Jennifer put together the pros and cons of doing this.
 - Kevin pointed out that this is already in our bylaws or policies.
 - Eddie pulled the information up and reported that equipment rental for a single-sided display clock is \$50 per event per unit with clock stand. These are not the expensive clocks that we use for our events, but they are box clocks that we typically use for timing splits on the course. Ed Wallace keeps and maintains these particular clocks.

- Peter motioned that we allow Jennifer to get the clocks from Ed Wallace and take the clocks to Dayton FOP. She will also collect the rental fee and ensure that the clocks are brought back. Cari seconds. Motion passes with Jennifer abstaining.
- April through October Meetings will be held at Indian Riffle Park – Shelter # 1.
- Around the Room: *(This is a forum to share information; Items requiring a board decision / vote should be added to the regular meeting agenda to ensure adequate preparation for an informed decision)*
 - Jennifer S – It's a beautiful day.
 - Nick – He is still not rested from the Flying Pig.
 - Kevin – Wants the board leadership updated on the website. After some discussion, this will be put on the agenda for next month to officially move forward. Kevin also asked if we are going to have another report from the Chicago convention. Nick said he could do this relatively quickly and proceeded to give a quick report.
 - Robert – Thanked everyone who came out to help at the Flying Pig Booth. Jen and Todd Yoak, Kelsey and Emily Snively, and Jennifer Summers. Robert will also be emailing the historical number of participants for our various races to the board for review.
 - Jen – Talked about doing something with slogans for shirts to promote early GnG registrations. We will do a catchy slogan on the shirts this year and have 3 options. Those registering early will have the opportunity and privilege of voting on the option that they would like to see on this year's event shirts.
- Peter adjourned the board meeting at 8:16 PM.