

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

June 8, 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
- David (Hoot) Gibson – Trustee, RD & Timing Team
- Jennifer Summers – Trustee, RD & Timing Team
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Nick Alexander – Trustee & RD
- Alex Chappars – Race Director



Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 7:00 PM.
- Approval of May's Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - Jim informed everyone that he made one typo correction flagged by Hoot and still needed the actual name of the App that Nick discussed in the last meeting as part of his report on the RRCA National Convention. Nick stated that it was Card.io, which Jim then added into the record of May's meeting minutes.
 - Robert motions to approve the minutes; Eddie seconds; Motion passes. (Jim abstained).
- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$14,249.63; Ancillary \$506.90; Savings \$178,826.22.
Total all accounts: \$193,582.75 (Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648)
 - Notes: No additional notes for this month.
 - Hoot motions to approve the financials; Nick seconds; Motion passes (with Eddie abstaining).
- Funding Considerations
 - None

- Pre-Race Reports (Robert):
 - Summer Solstice Half Marathon Trail Race (Jennifer Summers).
 - Race is on Saturday, 6/17/2023.
 - Permit: Kristy was told by the park that everything is signed and she just needs to call and pay on Thursday 6/8/23. She wants to do it and will forward Jennifer the permit by email when she gets it.
 - Wingman 10K (Eddie Weaver)
 - Race Date: 7/22/2023
 - Request for donations / proceeds from donation jars and/or shirt/items sales to go to Dayton VA Rehab, Disabled American Veterans, or Team RWB depending on which can guarantee the funds will go toward helping disabled veterans engage in fitness in line with our mission.
 - Request use of the "Big 3" signs for the event (most likely: registration signage under the shelter)
 - Since this is the 10 year anniversary of the race, I'm looking to make/sell shirts (profits to the donation org selected from above) and also to use RunSignUp or Square to sell the shirts.
 - Looking to purchase inexpensive mile-marker signage with each of the fallen airmen's face/name on it for this race (my cost)
 - I will cover excess costs over the budgeted \$300 for the race.
 - I am going to attempt to better advertise this race on forums and see if I can get minor sponsorship from local running companies and organizations (but I'm pretty late to this, so I'm not sure how well it will work).
 - I can use volunteers for this event if available! Please just message me and I'll find a place for you to help out!
 - Another Dam 50K (Robert Faux)
 - Race Date: 7/29/2023
 - Met with the Park Manager, and we have a course set up for the race.
 - Now getting everything all together.
 - 2nd Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race (Josh Welhener)
 - We are 17 Days from the 2nd Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race and I thought it would make sense to give you some updates. I

am leaving for vacation from 6/9 and will return of 6/17, so I am trying to get as much locked down as possible before I leave.

- So far, we have 40 non-ORRRC participants registered and I anticipate many more as we gets closer to the 24th.
- Everything with Glen Helen is good to go and I am going to preview the course on the 20th. It will be a 3.1 mile lollipop and shouldn't be too tricky.
- Parking at Glen Helen will be tight, so I am going to get a good look at that on the 20th so we can clearly communicate with folks where to park before the event.
- I noticed on the ORRRC website that most of the information is still for the Caesar's Creek Location. A link with all of the accurate information for the event is <http://greenedd.org/run>. I've also included a hyperlinked image if you want to put that on the website.
- I still need to order one handicap accessible port-o-let and maybe one regular. I am waiting for Glen Helen to say whether we will have access to their restrooms. We might only end up needing the handicap accessible toilet.
- Dawg Gone Long Run 50 miler/50k (Marilouise Beeman)
 - Race date: 7/8/2023
 - Still needs to contact medical services, but will make sure to get that done before the event.
- Englewood 5K (Alex Chappars)
 - Race date: 7/19/2023
 - Needs more volunteers. Robert will make sure that the request gets added to the community forum.
- Missing reports:
 - 1 Mile Dash 4 Cash (Email was sent out)
- Post-Race Reports (Robert):
 - Vandalia 5K (Michael Allen & Ronda Bennett)
 - Race Participation: 171
 - Perfect weather
 - Receipt from Gordon's \$36.96 for pop & snacks
 - Ronda bought ice - \$ unknown
 - Many, Many Thanks to following good soldiers:

- Robert Faux - Had trouble getting 1 storage section open, Came down to help open it.
 - Many many volunteers. Don't have the list
 - Timing team as always
 - All the Rec. people + Vandalia police
 - \$50 gift card from Walmart
 - We can improve:
 - I Forgot Vests & Flags - (Robert had some in car)
 - Am unaware of \$ receipts
 - I may have stolen awards meant for another event (trying to be a cheapo)
 - Needed a way to amplify the anthem
 - Any other feedback will be appreciated
- Tie Dye 50K (Ashley Hartoin & Al Eder)
 - Race Participation: We had 96 registered runners, 88 starters -- pleasantly only 8 no shows after years of 20 to 30 no shows on race day. A respectable 72 finishers--82% finishing rate.---earned the pottery finishing bowl. 52 male and 20 female finishers.
 - Earning the top male awards were Isaac Barnes, Jonathan Bade, and Seth Campbell. Top female runners were Nancy Costa, Sara Adducchio, and Katelyn Scheff.
 - We are happy to report a very successful event. That was mostly due to our 23 A-list volunteers that made everything go well.
 - The race started with a little drizzle, but after a few hours the runners were blessed with sunny skies and perfect 70 degree temps.
 - After fixing one spot that markers were tampered with, runners reported that the course was marked well.
 - Ashley and I look forward to returning as Race Directors in 2024!
- Board Discussions / Votes:
 - Because the venue had to change for the Adaptive Trail Race, Peter made a motion to approve the race director's request to move the Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race from the originally stated Caesar's Creek location to Glen Helen due to the issue that Caesar's Creek is denying us permission to hold the race there. Robert seconds. In follow-up discussion,

Kevin asked exactly what is “Glen Helen,” which was then explained. Motion passes.

- Peter let the board know that Wright State informed us that the venue is not available for GnG. This is very disappointing, especially since the race directors had been ignored for the last 6 months during attempts to communicate with the representative at Wright State. We have two options of either changing the date to Friday the 27th, of which Wright State is available, or moving the event to a different venue. At this time Peter and Jen are looking for a new venue and will continue to provide updates to the board. Hoot asked if Friday the 27th is an option. Peter responded that it is not ruled out, but he knows that several key volunteers already have a conflict with that date, so it’s not the most convenient date. Going back to Welcome Stadium would be quite costly, especially since their prices have gone up even more. As stated earlier, Peter and Jen will provide updates as they work through the problem.
- Eddie discussed Wingman as an advisory to the board. In the past, they had always made donations to Team RWB, but he wants to make some changes this year. He would like to see if Dayton VA Rehab will take donations to support veterans for fitness. He also wants to get race shirts and sell them similar to what we do with Sugar Maple, since this is the 10th anniversary. He would cover any excess costs for it. He would like to use some of the signs from the Big 3 races.
 - When questioned as to why he wanted to redirect the money, the primary reason is that donations to Team RWB is spread nationally and he wants the money to benefit those within our Miami Valley community with a focus on fitness. If the other groups will not take donations, then Team RWB could still end up being the beneficiary.
 - Eddie motioned that we give him the option to choose the beneficiary from one of the following: Dayton VA for Rehab, Disabled American Veterans for any kind of fitness benefits that they may have, or Team RWB. Kevin seconds, Motion passes. Eddie abstained.
- Annual Focus (Andrea)
 - Andrea was not present, so this agenda item will be moved to a future meeting.

- Monthly / Quarterly newsletter (Peter)
 - We'll go into further discussion on this topic next month, since those leading the effort are not here tonight.
 - Peter discussed having this done electronically vs mailing a hard copy, which helps with costs and simplifies the logistics.
 - Eddie would like to have the cost researched by those leading this project and presented as part of the proposal.

- Club bylaw committee (Eddie)
 - Eddie has received feedback from two board members. He is going to try to have the information combined and sent to everyone by the July meeting for board review.
 - We have 60 days after the formal proposal to the board to produce an official vote on the proposal.
 - Hoot stated that reading the bylaws takes some time and can be quite arduous, but he really emphasized the importance for all board members to do so.
 - Eddie explained the differences between the articles and policies, along with the voting requirements/procedures for making changes to each.

- RRCA Convention:
 - Information sharing from the attendees – part 3. (Jen)
 - She attended a session on using data to affect your running community.
 1. Mapping race attendees by zip code to determine where to locate races most conveniently. They also used a heat map to better visualize this.
 2. Use demographics and surveys to find out what is working and what is not.
 3. Suggested doing a race series to bundle races together to drive up participation.
 4. Use various methods of analytics to learn where people learned about our event. Using different discount codes is one way to track this.

- She also attended the RunSignUp session.
 1. They showed off many of the improvements that they are integrating into their platform and architecture.
 2. They are making improvements to merge the interfaces for race organizers and participants.
 3. Their platform can be used for free races, too.
 4. Hoot stated that he didn't hear anything in their presentation that he did not like.
- She also attended a session on setting up a non-binary race category.
 1. It discussed best how to communicate this.
 2. Must also be careful on how it's promoted, such as using caution when publishing photos, etc.
 3. We have two races that do this – Tie Dye 50K and Wingman 10K.
- Next year's convention (California May 2-5) – voting on who represents the club!
 - Two of the board members, who said they are interested, are not here tonight. However, we do have their names to ensure that they are fairly considered in any decision / vote.
 - Jennifer Summers also said that she is interested.
 - Peter said that he emailed the large race directors and received no interest in going.
 - After much board discussion, Eddie motions, based upon the criteria of the magnitude of prior club contributions, that we send to the 2024 RRCA Convention, Andrea Van Sickle and Jennifer Summers, with Cari Masek as an alternate if one of the first two cannot go. Jim seconds. Motion passes. Jennifer abstains.
- Voting to remove trustees who missed 4 meetings.
 - Peter motions that we remove Sean Costello from the board due to missing the meetings from February through May. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

- Club Instagram account. (Peter)
 - We currently have Facebook and a website, but would the club benefit by also having an Instagram account?
 - The advantage of Instagram is demographics (age 18 to 45ish).
 - We do have the content for it.
 - We've had a Twitter account in the past, but it did not benefit the club, so it was discontinued. It had about 16 followers and none of them was from America and most likely not runners.
 - Eddie stated that he would be willing to get Instagram setup.
- Purchasing small tables (Eddie)
 - I'd like to propose purchasing small folding tables for our races/events.
 - We have lots of large/long tables, which we need for our bigger events, but we don't have many small folding tables for our small events where RDs have to place many tables in their smaller cars.
 - I propose that we purchase 8 of these folding tables (enough for 1x for registration, 2x for awards, 2x for food & water at finish, 2x for water stops, 1x for timing team), which would run about \$350. If you'd want, we could buy a few spares too...but 8 should be good for now.
 - The tables will be kept at the shed and marked as ORRRC property.
 - Hoot makes the motion to spend up to \$400 to buy the 8 tables. Robert seconds. Motion passes.
- Portable Toilet proposal (Eddie)
 - Can't Stop Timing has co-ownership in Royalty Restrooms. However, only 6 of our races are within their range. Eddie would like to add them to our website for race directors to have as an option to find the most cost-effective option.
 - 7/19 Englewood 5k - Englewood Metropark
 - 8/5 Tadmor 10k - Kyle Park
 - 9/7 Lou Cox 5k - Deweese Park
 - 9/23 Stillwater 7m – Covington
 - 10/7 Outdoor X12 hour - Eastwood Metropark
 - 11/23 Turkey Trot - Miamisburg
 - The board agrees that this is okay.

- Race Director continuity folder update (Hoot)
 - No race directors, so far this year, have used the continuity folders.
 - Hoot wants to know if the board thinks that this is still a good idea.
 - Peter suggested that we add it to the checklist for race directors to ensure that they use the folders.
 - Security and back-ups were then discussed.
 - Hoot will send out a reminder to all current race directors.
 - Additionally, Peter asked Robert, Hoot, Eddie and Jennifer to get together and come up with some viable options on how to best manage this, which can be presented to the board next month.
- Mid-year calendar update (Hoot)
 - If everyone agrees, Hoot would like to get this on the go again.
 - The board agrees, so he will work with Robert and Kathy to make it happen.
- Recycling Initiative for races (Jennifer)
 - We can apply for a grant to help promote this and also obtain free containers / cans.
 - Kevin stated that we do have recycling containers / cans in our supply shed.
 - Since there is no money involved in doing this, Peter instructed Jennifer to go ahead and pursue it, making it an option for any race director that wants to do it.
- Meetings through October will be held at Indian Riffle Park – Shelter # 1 (weather dependent)
- Around the Room: (items that require a discussion or vote should wait until next month's meeting if possible)
 - Jennifer S – Showed off some of the left over awards in the shed that she repurposed. As for the clock usage discussed last month, they are deferring it until next year due to an insurance issue.
 - Eddie – Showed off the new signage that we purchased and explained some of the various options. Kevin suggested that we mark the storage bags with what the sign says.
 - Nick – Questioned the notification sign that Indian Riffle playground is closed next month and he wondered if the entire park is closed, which would affect our meeting

- location. Peter says it is only the playground, so we are good for next month's meeting.
- Kevin –
 - Informed everyone of a great free newsletter from Road Race Management. He handed out a page from it that discussed the Flying Pig Marathon, where the family with a 6 year old last year and a 7 year old this year, ran the marathon defiling and breaking the rules. This newsletter also discussed a group of people that stormed the finish line taking the awards and food. There was also something on the Boston Marathon that created some issues. He just wanted to highlight that society has some bad people out there that we may have to deal with at some of our races in the future, so think about how you would handle such a situation at your race.
 - He was also given a volunteer sign-up sheet by Jen, the lead timer, and he will bring copies back to her at the next meeting. He also asked her for sign-up sheets to have at the picnic for runners at that event.
 - He received a call from the New York Times on the **hot-line** wanting to know how the smoke from the wildfires are affecting the running community.
 - Robert – Questioned the conflict-of-interest forms being filled out by race directors, which is a requirement. He will go through his list to see whether our race directors have filled the form out. He is also looking for ways to increase the participation at Another Dam 50K. Peter suggested providing a 25K option do this. Jennifer confirmed that this does increase participation at the other ultras that offer this option.
 - Alex – Talked about his thoughts on having a no-frills running series, where people write down their own times. He did this type of thing at Traverse City, where the races cost 50 cents with no awards. It's very simple, but doesn't require a race director to do all of the duties required at a formal race. Peter says it sounds like a combo between a group run and a race. There was much discussion about this. Peter stated that if Alex would like to do this, then let's talk about it further to see what can be done.
- Peter adjourned the board meeting at 8:30 PM.