

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

October 12, 2023

Meeting Location: Graeter's Ice Cream
(2412 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, OH 45419)



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
- Jennifer Summers – Trustee, RD & Timing Team
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Nick Alexander – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Ruth Kohstall – Trustee & RD
- Cari Masek – Trustee
- Andrea Van Sickle – Trustee
- Margaret Hurley – Race Director
- Maeve O'Hara – Solemates and Girls On The Run

Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 7:00 PM.
- Kevin questioned the changing of location from the Library (as decided at the last board meeting) to Graeter's Ice Cream. It was then explained that this was due to the library already being booked.
 - The change was emailed as part of the agenda for this month's meeting minutes, but could have easily been missed. It was also put on the website and Facebook.
 - Peter stated that he will ensure clearer communication in the future.
- Approval of September's Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - The latest update on which we will be voting to approve was sent out shortly before the meeting. The only change was a correction to the GnG

awards information stated in Jen's "Around the Room." Everything else has remained the same.

- Eddie motions to approve the minutes; Robert seconds; Motion passes. (Jim abstained).

- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$77,136.59; Ancillary \$507.32; Savings \$179,550.77.
Total of all accounts: \$257,194.68. (*Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648*)
 - Notes:
 - OVERALL: Please note that we happen to have a lot of money in the bank right now as GnG & Turkey Trot registrations roll in. We have not paid out any of our major expenses (mostly shirts) for either race. Turkey Trot's down-payment on shirts is \$45K, for instance, so please don't get too excited about the higher-than-normal values.
 - CAN'T STOP TIMING: CST is working on how much is owed to GnG right now. It should approximately match the number in our ledger unless I'm missing something. I expect payment from them in late October or early November.
 - GHOST 'N GOBLINS CHECKS FROM PAPER REG: Several people sent us registration forms in the mail with checks, and some of them weren't properly scanned by the bank's app, so I had to take them into the physical bank.
 - Jen had a question about GnG race registration money from StackSports and Can't Stop Timing. Eddie answered the question and provided extra clarifying details.
 - Cari motions to approve the financials; Robert seconds; Motion passes. (Eddie abstained).

- Funding Considerations
 - October – Solemates and Girls on the Run (Maeve O'Hara)
 - Their 5K is coming up on November 11th, which is the same day as the Fall Festival 10 Miler.
 - They also have another race on May 4, 2024.
 - In their events, each girl must have a running buddy who is at least 18 years old and background checked.
 - She is asking for volunteers for the 5K, either as a running buddy, or volunteering at one of the tents. She could also use anyone who wants to be a coach for the 10-week program.
 - Peter says that she is welcome to post on our ORRRC Community Forum Facebook page to ask for volunteers.

- It was also stated that we have a newsletter, which could include information on the event. Andrea will work with her on this.
 - There was some discussion on adding it to the website. Eddie cautioned about doing this, since it can negatively affect the image of the ORRRC should something go wrong. Girls on the Run is nationally sponsored by the RRCA, so in their case, it would probably be okay. However, we just need to use caution and have clear guidelines on exactly when this is appropriate to do.
- Pre-Race Reports (Robert):
 - Ghost 'n Goblin update (Jen / Peter)
 - Registrations are up in numbers this year at about 1,053, which is about 200 more than this time last year.
 - There will be one more email push set to go out tomorrow.
 - They have run out of medium shirts in the specified color, so the remaining shirts will be a slightly different shade of color.
 - They had their meeting with Sinclair and everything is confirmed to be inside, so we will not have the issue of soggy pizza like last year.
 - They've ordered extra port-a-potties outside in case the ones inside get backed up with long lines.
 - There are about 888 parking spots at Sinclair. If we have 1,200 registrants, we could need some extra parking, dependent upon how much people car pool. To accommodate this, we will be reaching out to the church across the street to see if we can use their lot for overflow.
 - Wesley has a 2nd photographer lined up for the event.
 - Everyone is encouraged to either volunteer and/or run.
 - Like the marathon, we will be doing dynamic bib assignments, which seemed to work very well.
 - Volunteers will get the same shirts as participants; Just a different color.
 - There was also discussion on ways to light up the darker sections of the course. Flashlights are being purchased, but other methods are also being investigated.
 - Turkey Trot update (Margaret / Eddie)
 - Registration is now open. We are at 2,904 registrants, which is about 440 above the number of registrants at this time last year. Margaret is really happy with this number and how the registration process is going.
 - Last year's total registrants were 6,500. For this year, we are expecting to have approximately 6,800 to 7,000.

- The event shirt was shown to the board.
- They still need volunteers, so reach out if you can help.
- If you're not volunteering, then come out and run it, which also helps the club through the generation of revenue.
- They've been closely watching the progress at Riverside Park to see how it will affect the race.
- Due to the construction, the course will be short again this year. This will be well-communicated, so that the fast guys that are looking for a true 5 Miler are aware.
- The Baum Opera House would like to have us sign a 3-year contract at \$7,000 per year. (We rent the Baum Opera House for 1 week @ \$1,000 per day). They have been great to work with and it is cheaper than renting the tent. Greg and Margaret are in favor of doing this and getting everything locked-in for assured reservation of the facility. Additionally, it will also ensure that the price will not be raised for the next several years.
- Ruth motions that we renew our contract with the Baum Opera House for 3 years. Nick seconds. Motion passes. Andrea and Jennifer abstains.
- Broken Toe 50K (Jennifer)
 - It is going very well. The race sold out over a month early, so she opened a waiting list. Since then, she has expanded the race capacity from 100 to 115 runners, which still leaves 18 on the wait list as of this meeting.
 - She has 51 people for the 50K and 56 people for the 25K. There are 2 people rucking the 50K and 6 people rucking the 25K.
 - There is limited parking for the race, which was originally used to determine the maximum number of participants. With the expansion allowing more participants, she is recommending that people carpool.
 - She teamed up with the RD of the Stone Steps 50K, which is the weekend before the Broken Toe 50K. For those completing both 50K events, special awards will be given.
 - She is also possibly planning on having early packet pickup before race day to reduce the number of people doing this in the dark on the morning of the race. It should make things easier for everyone.
 - She created custom Broken Toe bibs, by re-purposing bibs in the shed from other events. She came up with Broken Toe stickers to add to the old bibs, which look very nice.
 - She has some very nice door prizes for those participating.
 - As for the finisher awards, she is working with Doug Picard and some of his specialized equipment.

- Cross Country 5K (Dan Cross)
 - All set and ready to go.
 - With the rain, runners should be prepared for wet and sloppy conditions.
- Pumpkin Patch Prediction Run (Robert)
 - There is a different event happening there, so the course will be slightly adjusted.
 - He needs another non-running volunteer to help him with heavy lifting due to medical restrictions following Robert's recent surgery.
 - Jen let every know that there is not an experienced lead timer available for the event, so Christian Haag has graciously stepped up and volunteered to do this as his first time being lead timer. Due to the unique format of this race, it cannot start until everyone is entered into the computer. Please be patient and help explain to others of the process and the way that things work. The race may start a little late as a result of this.
 - Robert also thought he had moved the race up to 10 AM to possibly help with race attendance. However, after checking the website and the calendar, the race is still listed for starting at 1 PM (like last year). After a brief discussion around the logistics of trying to notify the membership of a new time, Robert opted to leave it as a 1 PM race again this year and make the change to the new time next year.
- Fall Festival 10 Miler (Robert)
 - Information has been sent to the State of Ohio to finalize the securing of permits.
 - He still needs volunteers.
- Rabbit Hunt Trail 10K (Danny)
 - No report received. However, after some questions from the board, Robert explained the unique format of the race.
- Post-Race Reports (Robert)
 - Stillwater 7 Miler (Jim)
 - 69 runners started the race with 67 Finishing.
 - This is 15 more than last year, which is a 28% increase in those running the race.
 - Moving the race back two weeks definitely helped, which moved it away from the same weekend as the local Great Miami Riverway Half Marathon.
 - Total race expenses were \$143.80. Race income was \$50 (from non-members), which resulted in the race being about \$106 under budget!

- The weather was perfect for the race with 57 degrees at the start of the race and in the mid-60's when finishing.
 - The feedback from the runners was very positive. They loved the course, the variety of terrain, and no one got lost!
 - Opportunity for improvement: A couple runners stated that there was minor confusion as to which path to take when returning from across the river. Both paths go to the same place, but I will ensure the marking in that area is better next year.
 - The Miami County Park District was awesome and very supportive. They waived the \$100 special event fee and wanted to know what they could do differently to better support our event.
 - After soliciting volunteers, I ended up with 11. They were amazing and invaluable, which made things go very smoothly.
 - Also, much thanks to the timing team for their awesome job and support!
- OX – 12 Hour
 - Missing this report. Will try to have it for next month.
- Booth at Air Force Marathon (Robert)
 - He had some pictures from the booth that he passed around for the board to see.
 - We had one new member sign up at the booth, but there were quite a few others that were signing up online using the information that they received from the booth.
 - Robert ran out of all documentation, which included membership forms, website information/links, and calendar documentation.
 - Kevin stated that he hopes that we can get better representation for the GnG, Turkey Trot, and Marathon there next year. Also, he would like the club to pay for enough copies of documentation so that we don't run out, thus more effectively promoting our events and what we do.
 - Kevin also stated that we really need to have the GnG and Turkey Trot shirts hanging at the booth for people to see. Jen and Peter both stated that they want to make this happen next year.
- Board Discussions / Votes:
 - Board Nominations (Peter, Eddie, Jim)
 - Peter gave a brief update of the process and thanked Jim for posting the notification on Facebook.
 - Peter let the current board members know that their nomination is not automatic and that they need to let either him or Jim know of their desire to run again.

- Jim stated that it is preferable to submit nominations in writing so that there is record of it. (Email, messenger, etc.)
 - The final deadline for nominations is the December board meeting, so there is plenty of time to do so between now and then. Attendees at the December meeting can also let the board know of their desire to run at that time, too.
 - If we have 15 nominations or less, everyone in good standing will automatically be elected onto the board. If there is more than 15, then the membership will be called upon to elect the 15 board members.
- Club bylaw changes update (Eddie)
 - Eddie is still working on them and making slow progress.
- Membership counts (Peter)
 - We are up from last month with 26 additional members / 9 households.
- Meeting locations (Peter)
 - Peter explained what we have done historically, but would like get this nailed down moving forward, so that there is no confusion.
 - Nov, Dec and Jan: Should these months be virtual or in-person?
 - There was much discussion about the advantages / disadvantages of virtual vs. in-person, along with a possible hybrid option.
 - A vote was taken with the following results (note: the hybrid option was not part of the vote due to the extra complexity. It can be looked at again in the future):
 - Virtual - 2 In-person – 7 Fine with either – 5
 - Based upon the vote, Robert will try to book the library for the next 3 months, with Graeter’s being the back up location.
 - Feb: It’s the annual meeting of the membership, so this one is always in-person with food provided.
 - Mar: Will be outdoor at Indian Riffle Park, but moved up to 6:30 PM to provide more daylight.
 - Apr-Sep: Outdoor at Indian Riffle Park @ 7:00 PM
 - Oct: Will be outdoor at Indian Riffle Park, but moved up to 6:30 PM to provide more daylight.

- Around the Room: (items that require a discussion or vote should wait until next month's meeting, if possible)
 - Andrea –
 - She did garbage cleanup at the Outdoor Expo. She worked 10 hours, with much of it at our OX-12 event, to ensure everyone adhered to the rules of recycling / composting. She would recommend that we have someone there in future years to help the RD with sustainability.
 - On the topic of our newsletter, she will send out examples to the board for feedback.
 - Jennifer S –
 - Needs volunteers for the Broken Toe, especially to help with parking.
 - Had a miscommunication with Kathy on postings to the website, but everything is good now.
 - Eddie – Instructed everyone to make sure that if you have a change in an external affiliation with an organization that could affect board decisions, to fill out an updated non-disclosure form. This form needs to be turned in to the president and/or secretary.
 - Kevin –
 - Asked Ruth for the date of the Holiday Party: January 20th.
 - Thanked Robert for his work at the AF booth.
 - He and his wife will be doing the Columbus Half Marathon on Sunday.
 - Nick – Would like to have a dedicated email sent out detailing location for the board meetings, so it is not buried in a long thread of emails.
 - Karen – We were supposed to have a booth at the OX, but no one was able to be there. She will be returning the items back to Robert.
 - Ruth – Would like to do the member newsletter and put it together to send out tomorrow, or this weekend, to the board for feedback. We need to get this thing rolling.
 - Jen – Come out to GnG!
 - Robert – Please help out at the Pumpkin Patch Prediction Run. Just a reminder: He cannot do any heavy lifting.
 - Peter – Carla of the MetroParks said that she would be very interested in attending the race director training, so we need to nail down a date (in January?) to keep this on the go.

- Peter adjourned the board meeting at 8:29 PM.