

ORRRC Trustee Meeting

June 13, 2024

Meeting Location: Indian Riffle Park – Shelter # 1



Attendees:

- Peter Qumsiyeh – 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
- Robert Faux – Trustee & RD
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee & RD
- Karen Gildow – Trustee & RD
- Rebekah Taylor – Trustee & RD
- Micah Lipps – Trustee & RD
- Doug Picard – Trustee & RD
- Andi Van Sickle – Trustee & RD
- Cari Masek – Member & RD
- Al Eder – Member & RD
- Alicia Eder – Member
- Kayla Edwards – Member

Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Peter at 7:01 PM.
- Approval of May’s Meeting Minutes. (Jim)
 - Jim stated that he sent out revision 2 of the minutes earlier this afternoon. The only change was a minor grammatical clarification on T-shirts in the funding request for the Hermes Kids Running Club.
 - Eddie motions to approve the trustee meeting minutes; Robert seconds; Motion passes. (Jim abstained).

- Financials. (Eddie)
 - Accounts: Checking \$24,712.45; Ancillary \$508.17; Savings \$232,706.72. Total of all accounts: \$257,927.34.
(*Est. Yearly ops costs: \$365,648*)
 - Financial Notes:
 - **PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ANCILLARY ACCOUNT:** For Board consideration at the next meeting, I would like to close down the Ancillary Account for the Club. We created it 5 years ago with the intent to use it as an account for not-Club-specific activities (e.g. running the donation fund for Terry Murray's memorial), but we haven't used it since, and such functions can be tracked in our main accounts, so I would like to close the Ancillary Account and move that money into our Savings.
 - **PROPOSAL TO CHECK OUT MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT:** While I'm at the bank closing the Ancillary Account (if approved), I was going to ask about trying to get a money market account for the Club. Our bank did not previously offer them to non-profit accounts (and they still may not - hence the inquiry), but they do get better interest (3.3% currently compared to the ~.02% we get now), so I was going to ask about them and wanted to get Board pre-approval in case they offer one so that I can do it all at once.
 - Jim motions that we close the club's Ancillary Account and that we open a money market account if available from our bank for non-profit organizations; Rebekah seconds; In discussion, Kevin questioned whether a motion was made to open the Ancillary Account, which there was, so a motion to close the account is appropriate. Motion passes. (Eddie abstains)
 - Jen motions to approve the financials; Robert seconds; Motion passes. (Eddie abstains)

- Funding Considerations
 - None

- Pre-Race Reports (Jennifer):
 - Summer Solstice Trail Half (Kristy Tocknell and Kayla Edwards)
 - Questioned if aid stations need to be manned? No they don't; they can be self-serve as long as everything is in place.
 - In desperate need of volunteers. Could really use a sweeper.
 - Karen informed Kayla that she had already messaged Kristy to let her know that she would volunteer.
 - Micah will check his calendar to see if he can be there.
 - **Reported at the May Meeting** - Summer Solstice Trail Half (Kristy Tocknell and Kayla Edwards)
 - My only concern is that I'm waiting for race permit approval.
 - I was told at the Summer Solstice last year the park wanted us to have law enforcement/rangers on site to help with parking. I have not been told that yet, but I'm awaiting final approval.
 - I don't know the cost to have rangers. They don't require it for the winter solstice because park traffic is so low, but I am concerned about the cost if they require it, since this is a membership free event with a small budget.
 - I will reach out for direction if it is required, whether the club feels comfortable supporting the additional cost or not.
 - I need additional volunteers.
 - Otherwise, all is on track and going well.
 - 1-Mile Dash for Cash (Brett McNinch)
 - **Note: This is from the pre-race report sent to the boards officers. The responses to the report were also done via email prior to the actual board meeting.**
 - I need additional volunteers.
 - We received a tip that the bike path is currently closed at Eastwood MetroPark. I checked with the park officials and they are checking

the status of their construction project and expect to get back with me early this week. It was supposed to be completed already so I'm hopeful that they will get it completed before the race and that we do not have to adjust our race-course.

- During the board meeting, it was discussed that if the construction will not be completed, there will need to be a revision to the course. The best option may be to alter the course using the bike path toward Riverscape.
- Miriam Paulus requested that we add a 70+ age group award for the race. I think I've received a couple requests for that in recent years, as well. The race is already costly for the club since we do cash prizes, but the other races do seem to extend their awards for older age groups (10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & up). Does the Board have a concern with us adding a 70+ age group this year, instead of how we currently end at 60+? It would be up to an additional \$40 for men and \$40 for women if we have 3 participants in each gender category.
 - Peter responded: We can certainly vote on the 70+ age group, my concern is not the \$80 but more whether we truly have enough 70+. I'd love to see data on that. A third option would be to reduce the amounts slightly, to make up for adding 70+. Just a thought.
 - Jennifer responded: If you're still moving and active, you deserve a prize! Just have some \$ on hand for whoever shows up. It is reasonable to cover 70-79, maybe even 80+, though that won't be too many in that AG, if at all.
 - Eddie responded: I'd say that we often don't have the other age groups full either, so we rarely spend the max indicated by the prize structure. I think we'd be ok (and probably not see an expenditure increase) if we added 70-79 and 80+ to match our other races. I'm excited for this race!

- I think there's a Board Meeting on 6/13. I can't remember, but am I expected to attend, before my race on 6/27?
- D4C is a pretty easy race to manage and I have a thorough checklist to make it simpler each year so I don't mind staying on as RD for next year, but since I haven't found time to keep up with running for quite a while, maybe it's more appropriate for me to let someone else take over if there's anyone that is anxious to be a Race Director. Just let me know if that's the case.
 - Peter responded: The trustees don't mind if you run 10,000 miles per year or 1 mile per year, we appreciate you being a race director. We'd love to have you stay as a race director for another 100 years. However, if you have other commitments and don't have time anymore, we will understand and work to find a replacement. We do not have a long list of "runners" lined up to race direct, but we can work to find a replacement, if needed.
- I already reached out to some volunteers, to the Timing Team, to the Registration Lead, and to the photographer just to keep everyone updated with our current status and nobody has concerns, so we appear to be running smoothly and on-schedule.
- I will be contacting the local First Responders this week to inform them of the race.
- Thanks for your help with the club and giving us the opportunity for this race. We had approx 130 runners in 2022 and approx 120 in 2023, so we are hopeful for good weather and good numbers this year!
- **Reported at the May Meeting** - Dawg Gone Long Run 50K and 50 Miler (Marilouise Beeman, Karen Dassinger, Sharon Rahe)
 - I need additional volunteers.
 - As for medical services, typically we have one or two volunteers that are medical professionals on site.

- I also contacted the local fire department ahead of time to let them know that the event will be taking place.
 - Englewood 5K (Alex Chappars)
 - I need additional volunteers.
 - 5 Rivers Metroparks Permit is secured and paid in full.
 - Englewood Fire Department is aware of the race date and time.
 - I'm currently securing a quote for awards from A1 Trophy. Will probably also have toy awards for under 12's participants.
 - Wingman 10K (Eddie Weaver)
 - I request a budget increase for this year to cover a specific cost, which is detailed in the Board Discussion section of the minutes below.
 - Preparation for the WingMan 10K is underway.
 - This year, we will be WingMan #11!
 - I'm still working on the awards, food, and gathering my volunteers for the event.
 - The event is one week later than shown on the calendar because of a conflicting "vulture" race company which booked popular local parks for their series of races.
 - Everything else is currently on-track!
- Post-Race Reports (Jennifer)
 - George Rogers Clark Park 10K (Larry Berna and Tim Snyder)
 - Race Participation – 61
 - Weather cooperated and everything went smoothly.
 - Started race with a cannon shot from First Mad River Light Artillery
 - Had over sixty runners.
 - Bethel Township EMS was on site and stayed while we verified that the last runner was accounted for.
 - Vandalia 5K (Ronda Bennet)
 - Race Participation – 165
 - The weather was perfect!

- Dry, sunny with some clouds, a little warm at the end.
 - I had amazing Volunteer support!
 - Feedback was that the back of the pack runners were disgruntled by the front of the pack running a cool down backwards.
 - Had an issue with the timing mats not reading all the chips. Solar flares . . . or the airport's UFOs landing ...
 - All in all, I was honored & grateful to have RD'ed this race. I look forward to doing it again! God bless you ORRRC!
- Tie Dye 50K (Al Eder and Ashley Hartoin)
 - We had 124 registered runners---3 deferrals from 2023----107 starters (17 DNS)----with 86 finishers (21 DNF).
 - We had 12 runners take advantage of the 6:30 am early start option.
 - We had 25 runners sign up after the shirt cutoff, which helped to make some extra money.
 - The race ended up making about \$2,500.
 - We were blessed with 22 A-List volunteers, many with race director experience, that wonderfully assisted our runners and made our job as race directors go seamlessly.
 - We were very pleased how well the event went in 2024!
 - Race day followed a rainy week that made the trail conditions very slippery and muddy. We did not get some of the rain that was forecasted on race day, but surprisingly got a major jump in temperatures and humidity in the afternoon. As a result runners had very challenging conditions that lead to much slower times than past years, even with the lead runners.
 - We had a determined group of runners that still achieved a decent 80% finishing rate. It was great to see that effort!
 - 3rd Annual Challenging Perceptions Adaptive Trail Race (Josh Welhener)
 - No report submitted yet.

- Board Discussions / Votes:
 - Trustee Meeting Location (Jennifer)
 - Several board members expressed how much more beneficial it would be to move the meetings to the proposed Dayton Foundation location.
 - If we move, it would need to be properly communicated, not just to the board, but also to the membership.
 - Rebekah motions to move the location of the Trustee Board meetings to the Dayton Foundation starting in July; Micah seconds; Motion passes with Hoot opposing and Shannon abstaining.
 - Walkie-Talkies (Kayla/Eddie)
 - Eddie gave some background and the history of using these types of radios in the past.
 - The ones in the past were expensive and required lots of storage care.
 - These are much cheaper and can be treated as disposable units, where storage and maintenance is not a concern.
 - The use of these radios can be very beneficial in our longer running events that use manual timing, such as 50K's, where someone is yelling numbers from the exit of the woods to the person doing manual timing.
 - Micah will do some additional research and report back next month.
 - Wingman Signage & Proceeds (Eddie)
 - He would like permission to use the signage from the large Race Director shed.
 - He also wants the proceeds that are put in the donation jar to go to the VA Rehab for veteran's fitness.
 - Robert motions that we allow Eddie to use the large RD shed signage and to allow him to give the proceeds from the donation jar to the VA Rehab for Veteran's Fitness; Shannon seconds; Motion passes. (Eddie abstains)

- Scholarships Update (Eddie).
 - Only 6 board members voted, so he wants to know whether he should issue the scholarships based upon 6 votes, or should we extend the voting.
 - After a brief discussion, it was decided to extend voting until the date of the Summer Solstice, which is June 22nd.
- RRCA
 - Presentation – Part 2 (Andi / Jennifer)
 - Andi will send out bullet points and/or slides. She will present next month. Peter asked that she limit the time to 10 minutes followed by a question/answer session with the board.
 - She can do 10-minute sessions in multiple upcoming meetings, if needed.
 - 2025 Convention – interested so far:
 - Cari Masek
 - Jennifer Summers (but wants to give others a chance)
 - Andi would like to go as a speaker. However, the club cannot pay for her travel based solely as a speaker. She needs to represent the club. She would like to be considered like Jennifer and go as a representative of the club, but wants to give others a chance.
 - Kevin also has an interest, but wants to give others a chance, too.
- Community Outreach
 - Reynolds Health Fair – Wed July 10th from 11am-1:30pm (Peter).
 - Requests that those interested in working a booth to let him know.
 - Shannon informed the board that we received an invitation from UltimateRaceExpo.com.
 - She will check it out to see if it is a venue where we may want to set up a booth in the future.

- Club bylaw changes update (Andi / Doug).
 - They have a shared document that they are working from.
 - Doug will be out of the country for the next month, so he won't be able to make much progress until he gets back.
 - Andi also has a lot going on, but will do work on it while Doug is out of the country.
- Membership Card Printer (June)
 - After much discussion among the board, Peter, Jen, and Karen will discuss this further with Kathy and come back to the board with more information.
 - There were also questions as to what RunSignUp is doing with QR codes.
- Member-only sticker art design (Kathy/Peter)
 - Eddie can pursue this but needs to understand what is needed/requested.
- Race Director Jackets (Kevin)
 - Should anything change? New one after X-number of years?
 - After much discussion, Peter requested that if anyone has strong feelings on this, to draft a proposal for presentation to the board.
 - Andi says that she thought that Jennifer already put something together. She will follow-up with Jennifer to find out.
- Sheds: (Hoot)
 - Door Fixed?
 - The door on shed #42 is still not fixed and opens very hard. He once again spoke to the manager and will continue to pursue until it's repaired and in good working order.
 - Policy for access to the large race shed
 - Recommend changing the lock codes on the sheds? What do people think?
 - Hoot put together the following proposal:

- In January of every year, the ORRRC Vice President, or a designated representative of the Vice President, will change the combinations to the equipment sheds with one combination for sheds #42 and #41 and a different combination for shed #40 (the large race equipment shed). The VP will then share the combination of shed #40 with the race directors of the club's large races (Marathon, Ghost 'n' Goblin, and Turkey Trot) and club officers. The VP will separately share the combination for sheds #42 and #41 with all club race directors as requested through the year.
 - Alternate proposal #1: Same as above but change the combinations in January of odd years only (2025, 2027, etc.).
 - Alternate proposal #2: Keep the combinations the same as they have been – no change to current policy.
 - Rebekah thinks it might be good to change these when the calendars go out, or when we have RD training.
 - Peter stated that it would be good to vote on this in July when Jennifer is back.
- Animals at our Events
 - Jen did find out from the RRCA, that certified service animals are allowed. She will include this in the July newsletter.
 - They need to have a valid certification paper and not just an animal bib (which can be purchased on Amazon).
 - This also applies to the picnic.
 - Membership Counts (Peter)
 - 1227 total members – 68 lifetime members = 1159 (-28)
 - 809 households - 43 lifetime households = 766 (-13)

- Around the Room: (items that require a discussion or vote should wait until next month's meeting, if possible)
 - Kevin – Asked Eddie about the bill for calendars. Eddie responded that we did not print more calendars. We never received the bill, until just recently, which was for the calendars that were printed at the beginning of the year.
 - Kayla – Super excited for Summer Solstice Saturday.
 - Shannon – If anyone wants something in the newsletter, please let her know.
 - Eddie - Chris was in a car accident while going to the sheds to get equipment for the Adaptive Trail Race. It was the other driver's fault, so we will not be making a claim through the club's insurance.
 - Al – Thanked the volunteers for really helping the Tie Dye go so smoothly.

- Peter adjourned the board meeting at 8:32 PM.