

Tidewater Striders Board of Directors

Meeting March 12, 2018

Location: Running Etc. Norfolk (1707 Colley Avenue)

Time: 6:35

Call to Order by Randy Cook

Present: Randy Cook, Jim Dare, Marie Price, Debbie Redmond, Jim Martin, Tim Robinson, Gene Edwards, William Tallent, and Drew Midland

Absent: Stephanie Manny, Steve Shapiro, Stacin Martin

President's Report: Steve Shapiro was unfortunately absent.

Vice President's Report: Randy will include his business within the given committee reports.

Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Reports are attached to this document.

February includes the big expenses of the Distance Series. Tim Robinson wanted to highlight the fact that Steve Shapiro and Jean Phelan were able to donate \$1000 to the Great Bridge XC/Track team for their dedicated help during the Distance Series. There was discussion on when the Scholarship money would be going out, but the spring scholarships have already been awarded. The Scholarship committee is budgeted \$20,000 for several scholarships that are to be awarded depending on applications. Jim Dare asked if there could be a breakdown of the income/expense of each race during the year. Tim said he would do so for the Resolution 5k as he just finished the final expense for this race.

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Randy Cook brought forward a revision of the Policy and Procedures for the Banquet Committee. Under the Procedures, section 4 was amended to read January 1 – December 31 instead of August 1 – July 31, section 5 was amended to exclude f. since there are no longer Rundown stuffings, and section 8 was amended to eliminate H. since we do not have a T-shirt of the Year recipient any longer. These revisions were approved.

Grand Prix: Tim Robinson will have the Grand Prix updated after Shamrock.

History: Randy Cook has the History updated on the website through 2013. 2014 will be updated soon as it is finished on his side.

Membership: We need to encourage Striders members to “claim” their membership on runsignup.com.

Public Relations and Publicity: Marie Price gave an update on where the club is moving for their online presence. There has been ongoing discussion within the committee for ways to work together seamlessly from the Newsletter to social media. Please look for updates in the coming months.

Race: Gene Edwards gave a report on the Elizabeth River Run 10k. Dan Edwards and Stacin Martin will be co-race directors for this year. We have a new beer sponsor with Legend Brewery. They now have a brewpub in Portsmouth and are excited to partner with the Striders for the race. There will be a focus this year on bringing back the old course and an enthusiasm for team competition. The race committee is still looking for partners and sponsors where available.

Tim Robinson brought up an idea for the Resolution 5K to partner with the YMCA or another gym/workout facility to promote New Year’s recommitment.

Scholarship: Jim Dare reported that there is still time to get in applications for this year’s scholarships.

Teams: The Striders will have a team in the Shamrock 8k in the 60+ division. The next team competition will be the Victory at Yorktown 10k on April 7th against the Peninsula Track Club.

Walking: The Walking Committee met in February to adjust the Policy and Procedures and to set up a new leadership committee. Many revisions were made to encourage more participation and to bring back the Walking Grand Prix. The board approved the revisions as set forth by the new chairman, Randy Cook.

Web Site: Jim Martin met with Angelo Celesia to discuss taking over the duties as website manager of the Striders. Angelo will continue to run the New Energy side of the website and their Facebook page. There are some concerns about integrating Run Sign Up into our membership database as well as mailing lists. There will be some changes made going forward to streamline the database and make communication easier. There will also be a discussion in the Race Committee about working to have race day electronic sign up available. They discussed the possibility of text notification for racers as well. One concern Jim had was his ability to respond to emails within 2 hours, but the board decided that answering emails within the day was timely enough.

Next Meeting: April 2nd starting at 6:45 PM

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