

**Tidewater Striders**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Shapiro at 6:30 pm at the Neptune Office in Virginia Beach. The following Board members were in attendance: Steve Shapiro, Dan Edwards, Randy Cook, Jennifer Cowell, Marie Price, Gene Edwards, Tom Randolph, Jim Dare, Tim Robinson, and Deb Redmond. Drew Midland and Stephanie Manny were absent. Also in attendance was Rich Hildreth, Past President, and Chair of the Va. Beach Bikeways Committee.

Steve noted that without objection, he would like to move the item of New Business to the front of the agenda.

**New Business:** Wayne Wilcox, Senior Planner for Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department gave a presentation on the bikeways and trails in the city. He started with a summary of the laws pertaining to biking, walking, and riding in Virginia Beach and in Virginia. Several items were discussed including:

- 1) Walking and biking in Virginia Beach
- 2) The lack of sidewalks in the city
- 3) The difficulty in getting good service when applying for running race permits
- 4) Possibly getting rid of the feeder roads on Laskin Road
- 5) Continuing the paths on Princess Anne Road
- 6) Coordinating bicycle lanes with Norfolk
- 7) How Virginia Beach is lagging in bike lanes
- 8) The need to enforce speeding especially around schools
- 9) The need to educate bikers on the importance of wearing helmets, light clothing, and reflectors.
- 10) Runners & walkers are reminded to always run on the left side of roadways facing traffic for safety and compliance with laws.

**President's Report:** The remaining Board meetings for 2017 will convene at the Joint Use Library in Virginia Beach. On March 27<sup>th</sup> Steve, Rich, and Tom met with the Peninsula Track Club and the Colonial Road Runners for our quarterly meeting. They discussed the need to have a music license that was discussed at the Striders March Board meeting and also the proposed revisions to the Super GP race schedule.

**Vice-President's Report:** Tom discussed the revised schedule for the Super Grand Prix. We learned that only 5% of Strider members participated in the Grand Prix in 2016 but 15% of the members of the Colonial Road Runners and Peninsula Track Club did. Tom said now that there are more races on the Southside and shorter races in the Grand Prix that he hopes more Striders would participate.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dan Edwards presented his detailed report and it was accepted.

### **Committee Reports:**

Audit: Tim will be able to start on the tax return very soon.

Constitution & Bylaws: The updated Policies and Procedures have been added to the website.

Grand Prix: Marie and Tim are still working with J&A to iron out the kinks with the Grand Prix scoring format.

Marketplace: Dave Harrah reported that Strider volunteers manned the booth at the Shamrock Expo and were exceptional in representing the club. A big "thanks" to Board members Gene Edwards, Deb Redmond, and Jennifer Cowell for the assistance. Lynn Edwards also assisted. There was over \$300.00 in merchandise sales and eight new or renewal memberships in the 15 hours of work.

Membership: TS Membership ended March 2017 with 1441 members. That number was slightly ahead of the end-of-February with 1433. We had 57-members that did not renew by the 1st of April, so we begin the month of April with 1384 members.

Race: Dan Edwards informed the Board that the "Spring to Life" race has been canceled. He mentioned that the same people seem to work the finish line mainly Rick and Sharon Brown and Don Greene. More help is needed for the races to be successful.

Scholarship: Jim Dare reported that two students have applied for scholarships so far but more are expected.

Teams: Gene Edwards said that he has a men's team in place for the Corporate 5K but the women's team still needs two more runners. The team for the Elizabeth River Run has five runners so far but at least ten are needed.

Triathlon: The Breezy Point Triathlon has 117 entries so far.

Youth: Coordinator Elliott Nuss reported that there are 26 Strider coaches at the various sites and a total of 122 kids participating. The Power Group has 4-9 on the average. Jennifer Cowell said that she has seen a big drop in participation from a few years ago in youth runners. A detailed inventory of gear and equipment was completed of the storage facility.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Drew Midland is working on setting up a viewing party, either before or after the viewing of the film *Boston* on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Lynnhaven Cinema.

- 2) The Marine Corps Marathon will save a bib for the cost of \$166.00 for a deserving Strider runner in the name of Mel Williams. Several ideas were discussed on ways to select the winner including a silent auction and for the winner to be announced at the annual banquet. More to come later. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$166.00 for the bib; motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Cook, Secretary