

Tidewater Striders
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Shapiro at 6:45 pm at the Joint Use Library in Virginia Beach. The following Board members were in attendance: Randy Cook, Jennifer Cowell, Jim Dare, Dan Edwards, Gene Edwards, Drew Midland, Tom Randolph, Deb Redmond, Tim Robinson, and Steve Shapiro. Stephanie Manny and Marie Price were absent.

Two guest speakers went first on the agenda:

- 1) **Eliot Nuss:** Eliot is in charge of the Youth Running program. He gave an overview of the program since he took over. The rain has been a problem and has caused several workouts to be canceled. He would like to see the Striders website updated and to include more info about the Youth program. Currently there are about 160 kids participating in the program but the numbers have gone down in the past few years. Finally, Eliot is trying to get the use of a high school track to use for training the kids for the big summer track meets coming up.
- 2) **Tom Gerhardt, chairman of the Walking Committee:** Tom presented several changes that he would like to see adopted by the Board regarding the Walkers Grand Prix. The Board decided to table the discussion until the July meeting.

President's Report:

- 1) The new state representative of the RRCA is Michael Muldowney.
- 2) Goody Tyler suggested the following in case there is a fatality at one of our events:
 - a) Always be honest but don't go into details. Designate one person to speak to the media and avoid social media.
 - b) Secure the race waiver and keep it in a safe place for several years.
 - c) The race director needs to take detailed notes about the incident, collect any witness statements at the time of the incident, and utilize the Member's Only Section under the membership tab of the website to access the K&K Incident Report Form. The Monday after the race the Race Director should email Jean Knaack with a brief overview and verify that an incident report form will be filed with K&K in a timely manner. As needed Jen can also email a copy of the incident report form upon request.
- 3) Steve said he thought the Elizabeth River Run was a success even though the numbers were down.
- 4) Finally, a reminder that the annual picnic is this Saturday, June 10th at 4pm at the home of Dan Neuland.

Vice President's Report:

- 1) Tom said that the Super Grand Prix is doing well and the standings will be updated soon and that participation is up.
- 2) Triathlons: a committee met to discuss the future of the Breezy Point Triathlon. It looks like using the Naval Base is out of the future. The race was canceled due to security issues and low numbers of entries.

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

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Drew reported that 49 people have signed up for the picnic so far.

Grand Prix: Tim said that he, Steve Shapiro, and Adam from J&A will be meeting soon to iron out the kinks of the Grand Prix scoring.

Membership: Strider membership was strong in May and ended the month with 1441 members. We had 36-members who had not renewed by June 1st and we have an additional 48 members that need to renew by July 1st to keep current.

Public Relations and Publicity: Drew and Ada will be working with the Constant Contact company to tweak the format for the newsletter.

Race: The next Strider supported race is June 10th at Virginia Wesleyan, the OK5K then the Independence Day 5K at Mt. Trashmore. Dan said he felt that the Elizabeth River Run course was very nice, the Navy is very supportive, but we may not have use of the Portsmouth Pavilion next year. We may want to consider starting the race earlier than 8:15 because of the heat.

Scholarship: Chairman Jim dare said that all of the scholarship winners did very well at the Virginia State track and field meets recently.

Teams: Chairman Gene Edwards said that the Striders had 28 members who participated on the Elizabeth River Team. The Striders handily won the team title against the Peninsula Track Club and the Colonial Road Runners.

New Business:

- 1) Steve discussed the possibility of hiring someone part time to do marketing for the club.
- 2) The Competitor Group will offer 20 comp entries, 20 VIP passes and a free expo booth to the Rock n Roll races in September in turn for our help in advertising.
- 3) The Board discussed the use of the computer at future expos and for use by the Membership Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Cook, Secretary