

**Tidewater Striders**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Shapiro at 6:32 pm at the Neptune Office in Virginia Beach. The following Board members were in attendance: Steve Shapiro, Tom Randolph, Dan Edwards, Randy Cook, Jennifer Cowell, James Dare, Deb Redmond, Marie Price, Drew Midland, Stephanie Manny, Tim Robinson, and Gene Edwards. Also attending was outgoing Board member Dave Harrah.

President Steve Shapiro introduced and welcomed the new and returning Board members for 2017.

Mr. Bill Holloran, a strategic planner, gave the Board an up to date briefing and presentation on his findings and recommendations for the Tidewater Striders to improve and expand the future operation of the club. Bill's presentation was well received by the Board. Areas of concern were addressed and questions and ideas answered. The Board will take action on the plan soon.

Elections for 2017 were held and Steve Shapiro was reelected as president, Tom Randolph was reelected as vice-president, Dan Edwards was reelected as treasurer, and Randy Cook was elected as secretary.

**President's Report:**

Steve began the General topics commenting on the success of the New Year's Day Resolution 5K. Steve also commented on the postponement of the Distance Series #1 race from January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup> because of bad weather and how smooth the transition was. Distance Series #2 will be a Super Grand Prix race at Fort Monroe on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Steve reminded everyone to sign up for the annual banquet with Ada. It is being held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

Lastly, Steve commended Marie Price for her work representing the club at a recent Wellness Expo at the Capital Group. He then informed the Board that the April Board meeting will be at the Joint Use Library at the TCC Campus in Virginia Beach.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Tom discussed the success of the 2016 Super Grand Prix, presenting the results to the Board. He announced that the first event for 2017 will be the Strider's Distance Series #2 (the 15 Miler) on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Dan covered the financial reports (Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, Profit and Loss statement January through December 2016, Profit and Loss December 2016, and Profit and Loss Detail December 2016. All questions were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

## **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Dave Harrah, reporting for Chairperson Bob Brunner, reports that membership as of January 1<sup>st</sup> is 1439. By January 5<sup>th</sup>, membership is in the mid 1450s. Now is a good time to remind family and friends to renew or to join again.

Hall of Fame: The 2017 inductees have been named and will be inducted at the February banquet.

Race: Dan said that the club supported race for January is the Girl Scout Cookie run on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Dismal Swamp Trail and in February it will be the Love Run on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Drew is looking into having the Strider Mile in June on a Saturday evening starting near the Geico headquarters and ending at Green Flash brewery.

Teams: Gene Edwards is working on getting a team together for the ERR in May.

Triathlon: Lisa Armistead put together the 2017 multi-sport Grand Prix. It was voted on and approved.

Walking: Tom Gerhardt will be the new walking committee chair.

## **Old Business:**

- 1) A committee of Jim Dare, Rob Levinsky, and Marie Price are looking at ways to have an annual tribute to Mel Williams at the Marine Corps Marathon.
- 2) Jim Dare gave a report on moving the summer series to the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College.
- 3) The Board discussed a proposal by Jerry Frostick of J&A to have a Grand Prix consisting of J&A races and certain Strider races. A motion was made and seconded to use the races for 2017 then to reevaluate at the end of the year. The races would be:

January 28<sup>th</sup>: Distance Series 10 and 15 miler both races)

March 18-19: Shamrock 8K, ½ Marathon, and Marathon (all races)

April 15: Big Blue 5K

May 27: ERR 10K

June: Strider Mile

August 1: Memorial 5K (double points)

October 28: Wicked 10K

November 19-20: Norfolk Harbor ½ Marathon and 5K (both races)

November 23: Turkey Trot 10K

December 17: 50K and Surfin Santa 5 Mile

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Cook, Secretary