

Tidewater Striders Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3rd, 2020

Call to Order: At 6:30 pm, President Thomas Hicks called the Striders Board of Directors meeting to order.

Location: Running Etc.- Regency Hilltop Shopping Center, Virginia Beach
 Running Etc.- 1707 Colley Ave, Norfolk

The following Board members were in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Armitage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Price	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Borges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Martin	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hoffer	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Pommerenk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bunny May	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Hicks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Westfall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Tallent

Guests: none

President's Report: (Thomas Hicks):

- Moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Attended Bee McLeod's funeral service.
- Praised Randy Cook for a successful Annual Member Banquet and Marie Price for procuring the awards.
- Saturday runs at Murphy's are going well. There will be a J&A community run this weekend. Striders will organize a raffle at the event again.
- "Run Club of the Week" is going well. Visits are well received and help increase membership.
- Striders will sponsor College Park Elementary School for the Final Mile at the Shamrock Weekend. Sponsorship involves Striders paying for new running shoes and shirts.
- Thomas wants the Board to review all paid positions for appropriateness. He is working with the Treasurer to gather the information.
- Reserved booth for Shamrock Marathon Expo. Thomas is asking Board members sign up to volunteer manning the booth.
- Looking into getting a bigger storage and office space to accommodate all club equipment stored at the homes of race directors.

Vice President's Report: (Randy Cook) – No report.

Treasurer's Report: (Tim Robinson) – No report (absent)

Committee Reports:

Advisory: (Sam Wittenberg) – No report.

Audit: (Tim Westfall) – No report.

Awards: (Marie Price) – Elaborated on quality issues concerning the engraved award plaques at Banquet. Offered for plaques to be replaced upon request.

Banquet: (Randy Cook) – Randy moved that next year’s banquet be held again at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. Discussed the possibility of looking into alternative venues, but someone would have to make the effort and perform the research. The motion to stay at the Yacht Club was seconded and approved with one abstention. Next, Randy distributed copies of the invoice for the 2020 Banquet (see attachment). He then moved to increase the member fee to attend the banquet by \$5 to \$30 for regular registration and to \$40 for late registration. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Budget: (Tim Robinson) – No report.

Constitution & Bylaws: (Randy Cook) – see “Old Business”

Elections: (Lori Sherwood) – No report.

Grand Prix: (Stacin Martin) – Thomas noted that with RunSignup, members are now automatically enrolled in the Grand Prix. A discussion ensued about how to fulfil the volunteer requirement (“check box”) for the Grand Prix. Thomas moved to include the following qualifying activities: volunteering at races and packet pickups; participation at adopt-a-highway, adopt-a-trail events, expos, or water stops; being a board member, committee chair, volunteer coach; or authoring a RUNDOWN article. The motion was seconded and approved with 8 Yeas, 1 Nay and 1 abstention.

Grand Prix Multisport: (Bob Boyce) – No report.

Grand Prix Walking: (Bunny May) – There is no separate Walking Grand Prix in 2020.

Grand Prix Youth/Youth Program: (Steve Sheppard/Angelo Celesia) – No report.

Hall of Fame: (Randy Cook) – No report until new nominations in November.

History: (Randy Cook) – Randy will incorporate January minutes in the Club history.

Marketplace: (William Tallent) – Reported that sales are doing well and that new items will be ordered.

Media: (Jean Phelan/Jim Martin) – Jim stated the media committee is pushing upcoming events to social media. He reported that the Striders have 4,195 followers on Facebook, 1,145 followers on Twitter, and 1,015 followers on Instagram.

Membership: (Bob Brunner) – The Tidewater Striders ended January 2020 with 1,804 members and that was just ahead of the previous month of 1,796. One year ago, we had 1,762 members. We ended the month with a total of 1,120 memberships compared to 1,138 one-year-ago. There were 51 transactions in January involving 79 members.

Nominations: (Rich Hildreth/Jean Phelan) – No report.

Policies and Procedures: (Peter Pommerenk) – Plans on providing red-lined policies and procedures by the April meeting for discussion and vote.

Programs: (Kim Borges) – Kim is making arrangements to invite a speaker on physical therapy for February 15. Details will follow. Thomas remarked that Andrew Hoffer is planning on recording a Striders podcast.

Race: (Dan Edwards/Thomas Hicks/Rick Brown/Bunny May) – Thomas reported that the ongoing Distance Series is going well; there were over 400 participants at the February 1 race. Participation at the February 29 race will likely be impacted by the One City Marathon the next day. Thomas also spoke about his ongoing efforts to advertise the ERR and then

opened up a discussion about the future of the Summer Series. Funding for the Summer Series has depended on a \$5,000 donation that will no longer be available starting in 2021. Someone will also have to take over the coordination for the 2020 Summer Series from Jean Phelan.

Scholarship/Campership: (Dan Edwards/Jim Dare) – No report

Teams: (Thomas Hicks) – Thomas is looking into having a Striders Open and/or Master team participate at one or more out-of-town races. Thomas also reported on plans for the ERR team competition.

Volunteer: (Marie Price) – Marie plans on establishing a separate event to recognize persons who volunteer 10 or more times in 2020. The event is tentatively planned for January or February 2021 and the venue may be a brewery with catered food. Thomas also wants to have a separate event for the volunteer coaches. The board briefly discussed how to “score” the various volunteering activities. Marie will propose a scoring scheme and distribute it to the board for further discussion.

Website: (Jim Martin) – Jim has been updating the web page with new board members, upcoming races, Grand Prix and Youth Programs, At-the-Races, Club History.

Walking: (Bunny May) – Bunny spoke about marketing the Striders’ walking program. Bunny asked to participate in any Race committee discussions. There will be only two Striders races with walker divisions this year: ERR and 1-mile.

Old Business:

- Establishing a separate event to recognize volunteers – see Volunteer Committee report.
- Constitution and bylaws edits – Randy had distributed annotated versions of the Constitution and bylaws with proposed on changes during the January 6 meeting (see January minutes). The board discussed the changes. Peter will provide a red-lined version incorporating any new changes based on the discussion before the next meeting for comment and vote.

New Business:

- Clarification regarding volunteer activities to qualify for a Grand Prix award was provided – see Grand Prix Committee report. The board agreed on various ways to volunteer.
- Discussion of replacing the equipment van was postponed.
- Discussion of venue for future board meetings was tabled indefinitely.
- Thomas Hicks and Dan Edwards plan on procuring new mile marker flags from a local company. The cost of approximately \$1,700 will be covered under the Race Committee budget.

Next meeting: March 2, 2020, 6:30 PM at the VIRGINIA BEACH Running Etc. (Regency Hilltop Shopping Center)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **8:16 PM**.

Minutes prepared by: Peter Pommerenk

Minutes approved: March 2, 2020

MR. RANDY COOK
5015 NEWPORT AVE
NORFOLK, VA 23508

Member #: 009915
Booking #: 016471
Sponsor : MR. RANDY COOK
Amount Due: 7,920.06
Chit #:

BANQUET - INVOICE

Date of Function: Sat. Feb 01/20 Room: BALLROOM Attendance: 151

C BR 02/01/20 CASH BAR(1)	0.00
HOR 02/01/20 1 - HORS D' OEUVRES(1)	604.00
L OB 02/01/20 LIMITED OPEN BAR(1)	1145.00
B DN 02/01/20 BUFFET DINNER(1)	5285.00
CASH 02/01/20 CASH BAR(1)	100.00

Deposits/Payments Breakdown

Date	Description	Amount
02/01/20	DEPOSIT TIDEWATER STRIDERS	1500.00

Booking Name: TIDEWATER STRIDERS BANQUET

Services	7,034.00
Equipment	100.00
Service Chg.	1,406.80
Sales Tax	422.04
POS Tax 3	457.22
Subtotal	\$9,420.06
Dep/Pymt Received	\$1,500.00
Total	\$7,920.06

** Balance is due 14 days after the event **

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