

Tidewater Striders Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2021

Call to Order

At 6:33 pm, President Thomas Hicks called the Striders Board of Directors meeting to order. The meeting was held via video conference call. The following Board members were in attendance:

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Smith | <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"/> Avi Kelley | <input type="checkbox"/> William Tallent |

Guests: Dan Edwards, Jim Dare

President's Report

- The minutes of the March monthly Board meeting were approved via email on March 5 with a 9:0 vote.
- Scholarship/Campership: Dan Edwards and Jim Dare presented the Bee McLeod scholarship and requested the Board's approval (see attachments). Jim and Dan explained the scholarship procedures. Thomas moved to adopt the changes to Scholarship Committee policies and procedures to incorporate the Bee McLeod scholarship. The motion was seconded and adopted with a vote of 9:0.
- Thomas thanked the volunteers at BQ race and those helping at the awards ceremony given in lieu of the Banquet.
- Thomas spoke about the upcoming running festival on April 24/25: There will be 415 runners for Half and Full Marathon on Sunday, and 225 runners for the 1-mile/5-mile race on Saturday. There will be packet pickup on Friday at Running ETC VB.
- The eased COVID-19 restrictions require staggered starts and waves of 50 or fewer.
- The ERR10k sold out in 5 days. Norfolk makes more stringent rules for COVID-19 prevention. There will be no packet pickup on race day, only temperature checks and waivers. Thomas is still looking for four volunteer leads for the event.
- Summer Series: Because of the high cost there will be no races held at the Botanical Gardens. The race committee reserved the 5k course at EQUI-KIDS for four Tuesdays in July. Thomas moved to donate \$1,000 per race to EQUI-KIDS, or a total of \$4,000. The motion was seconded and approved 9:0 by the Board.
- There will be a Membership Drive the week before the ERR10k. Membership increased to 2,034 members, which is the highest it has been in a decade.
- The Grand Prix standings has been updated
- The Striders' Fall Half/Full Marathon will be on Sunday, November 7. Peninsula Track Club's Battlefield 10-miler will be held on Saturday, November 6.

Vice President's Report

- Randy mentioned the awards ceremony held on April 10 and thanked the volunteers.
- Randy discussed the Banquet Policy that provides a complimentary banquet invitation to Hall of Fame members. The policy was adopted at the November 2018 Board meeting. A motion was introduced to rescind the policy. The complimentary invitation to new Hall of Fame inductees would not be affected. The motion was seconded and passed by the board.
- Randy reserved the NYCC and DJ for the February 22, 2022 banquet.

- The history up to date. Jim Martin is helping with the cover for the 50-year anniversary book.

Treasurer's Report

- With easing COVID-19 restrictions, revenues are improving. Financial reports are attached.

Committee Reports

The following committee updates were provided:

- Audit: (Dan Edwards): The audit will start after tax season is over (April/May).
- Awards (Marie Price): Will email award winners to pick up awards at Running Etc.
- Constitution and Bylaws: (Peter Pommerenk): Discussed the updates to policies & procedure and addendum and moved to adopt them. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Marketplace: (William Tallent, Avi Kelley): Avi reported all current orders fulfilled, and will be pulling all the orders for the April 24/25 running festival from the warehouse this weekend. Avi asked about using better packaging material for the merchandise other than the Ziploc and grocery bags being currently used. The request is approved as long as it is within the Marketplace budget. Marie proposed gear sale at races.
- Media: (Jean Phelan/Jim Martin/Thomas Hicks/Danny Smith): Jim is working on the ERR10k web site with ERT media team. Webpage Ads have brought in \$70. A local yoga instructor is offering discounts on classes for Striders members. Danny will use social media platform to promote membership during ERR week.
- Membership: (Bob Brunner): As of 5 April, membership increased to 2,034 members, which is the highest it has been in a decade. There will be another membership drive the week of ERR.
- Programs: (Kim Borges/Avi Kelley): Discussed wellness clinics attending the 24/25 April running festival. Avi continues to reach out and attend various events by local running clubs.
- Walking: (Bunny May) Working on meetups.
- Youth: (Steve Sheppard/Angelo Celesia): New Energy and P.O.W.E.R. programs are going well.

New Business

- None

Next meeting: May 3, 2021, 6:30 PM (Video conference call)

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

Minutes prepared by: Peter Pommerenk

Minutes approved: April 16, 2021