

Tidewater Striders

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Randolph 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, Tom Randolph, Deb Redmond, Marie Price, and Tim Robinson. Steve Shapiro, Stephanie Manny and Drew Midland were absent.

The Walking Committee led by Chairman Tom Gerhardt, discussed their proposal to eliminate participation points as part of the walking grand prix. After a discussion of the pros and cons a vote was taken by the Board with 5 members for, 0 against, and 4 members abstained.

President's Report: Steve Shapiro was absent.

Vice President's Report: Tom Randolph reported that it looks like the Breezy Point Triathlon will no longer be held on the Naval Base. An effort will be made to sell the equipment that the Striders own for triathlons. The Summer Series begins July 11th at the Botanical Garden. Items are needed for the raffle held on August 1st. If you have anything to donate or know of any business that would like to contribute please give it to race director Jim Dare by July 15th.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Edwards said July will be a negative income month because of the Summer Series and the funds for the scholarships. He informed the Board about the 990 form which states the mission of the club and gives us tax exempt status. It will be on the IRS website and also available for all members to see.

Executive Committee Report: The Striders have been splitting the net proceeds of the Elizabeth River Run with the Portsmouth Museum Foundation. In 2016 the amount was \$5,000. However, this year the net was much lower mainly because of a lack of sponsors. A motion was made from the Executive Committee to give the Portsmouth Museum \$5,000, the same as last year. It was approved by the Board.

Committee Reports:

Audit: Tim Robinson said that the books are balanced and 2016 is closed.

Grand Prix: Tim Robinson is willing to score the running Grand Prix but needs the data base in Excel from J&A. The Board requested that Steve contact J&A to get this information.

Marketplace: Chairman David Harrah will have a table at the first three events of the Summer Series and will man the booth at the Rock n Roll on Labor Day weekend then he plans to retire. The Striders will try to get a replacement for Dave.

Membership: June was another strong month and the membership rose to what it was at the beginning of 2017 (1472-members) and we ended June with 1468-members. We lost 33-members as of the 1st of July due to non-renewals etc. We also are down 45-members from one-year ago when we finished June with 1513-members. There are 143-members needing to renew in July who have Strider memberships expiring on August 1st. July is normally the best month for membership with the Summer Series and associated discounts. Thanks to Ada (Rundown Editor) for reaching out once again to those lapsing members and I hope that effort continues as it is needed to grow the Strider Membership.

Race: July is a quiet month race wise except for the Summer Series. Jean Phelan deserves kudos for her hard work directing these events. The fall schedule is set. Discussion was held on the Strider's Mile at Green Flash. We still do not have a firm date but decided to give race director, Drew Midland more time to work with Green Flash. The course for the Memorial Run has been approved and is new. Race director Jim Dare has been working with the Botanical Garden to make this a great event. There was a discussion about paying for a photographer at our races. It was again decided that it is up to each individual race director.

Scholarship: Dan Edwards said that the payments to the recipients will be made very soon.

Teams: Chairman Gene Edwards said we may have teams at the Memorial Run to compete against the Colonial Road Runners. Scoring would be like cross country not age graded. The next race for Strider teams will be the Yorktown 10-mile in the fall.

Volunteer: The Board decided on November 5th for the date of the volunteer party and Tom Randolph will try to procure the Ocean View Fishing Pier to have the party.

Walking:

2017 Walking and Participation Grand Prix (WGP) - No WGZP event was scheduled for June. The WGP is open to all Tidewater Striders. Anyone wishing to participate can sign up on the Striders web site or email Tom Gerhardt at tg2613@email.vccs.edu.

Virginia 24 Hour Run/Walk For Cancer –Team Tumor Busters and its supporters donated over \$5,500 to the American Cancer Society, more than any other group. Approximately twenty teams participated in the fund raiser yet Team Tumor Busters was responsible over one fifth of the amount collected. All Walk Committee members were there. On June 11 George Nelson, event organizer, presented the Hartley Dewey Award for fundraising the Tumor Busters Team Leader, Steve Shapiro.

Youth: More money will be spent to send Strider youth to summer running camps. The payments range from \$50 to \$200.00 and any Strider youth member can apply.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Cook