

Tidewater Striders Board of Directors

Minutes

December 9, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Shapiro at 2 pm at Tim Robinson's residence. The following Board members were in attendance: Steve Shapiro, Randy Cook, Stacin Martin, Gene Edwards, Jim Martin, Drew Midland, Tim Robinson, William Tallent. Absent were board members Jim Dare, Marie Price, Deb Redmond and Stephanie Manny. Dan Edwards, Tim Westfall, and Scott Ward were in attendance as incoming Tidewater Strider board members.

President's Report: Turkey Trot was very successful again this year and Steve Shapiro thanked all involved volunteering and participating. On November 13 the Heart to Heart event took place and raised over \$5,300 for hurricane relief. Additional money will be donated by The Shack. Registration for the Resolution Run and Distance Series races are open.

Vice President's Report: The Jerry Bocrle award has not been recognized in a while. The award is a club oriented award (general award) and it needs to be determined if we will still make the award? Policies and procedures for the Banquet Committee are updated. Bee McLeod is looking at the 10 year membership requirement for Hall of Fame. Much of the membership data is available but some historical data is not available.

Treasurer's Report: The scholarship balance sheet was provided. The club balance sheet and yearly profit and loss summaries compared to 2017 were distributed. Turkey Trot expenses are in. Old Pointe Bank is a potential sponsor and the Tidewater Striders have in excess of \$130,000 of funds at their bank. The second semester scholarship awards are out.

Committee Reports:

Advisory: A proposed waiver for runners who are deemed not capable of continuing to run at a race and continue on their own needs to be reviewed by Sam Wittenberg.

Awards: Grand Prix award items will be blankets. The committee is looking at alternatives to the traditional award items.

Banquet: There are 31 people signed up for the annual awards banquet. Members need to be encouraged to sign up. The banquet is February 2 at the Norfolk Yacht Club.

Budget: The 2019 proposed budget was provided for review by the board. There was \$30,000 raised for the scholarship fund and \$25,000 awarded. So, the 2019 proposed budget will include \$30,000 for the scholarship fund and the scholarship committee can determine how to allocate the additional funds for 2019. The board members will review the proposed budget and make approval and/or changes at the January meeting.

Tim Robinson will send financials from last year to the board members.

Grand Prix: Tim is updating the current standings. We need to look at Athlinks and Runsignup results compilation for all races to make the scoring easier. Stacin Martin offered to help with the 2019 scoring.

A motion to add Bunny Hop 5K, Smile 5K, and Neptune Festival 8K to the 2019 Grand Prix schedule was made and approved, which completes the schedule for 2019.

Dan Edwards will look into the capabilities of Runsignup for race results data downloads and how to make future scoring easier.

Hall of Fame: The Virginian Pilot ran a short article on the 2019 Hall of Fame inductees.

History: 2018 is being developed.

Membership: The Club's RRCA membership has been renewed. Tidewater Strider membership ended November 2018 with 1,712 members. This was slightly higher than the 1,704 a month ago and 150 more members than one-year ago. There were 81 transactions this past month involving 137 members.

Public Relations: Wendy did some additional promotion work on Turkey Trot and can continue to help out the club on an ad hoc basis.

Race: The 2019 race schedule is in place with most of the year to year races set for 2019 as well. The ERR committee needs to meet with Portsmouth regarding Elizabeth River Run. The club will participate in the 2019 Shamrock expo. A race director and volunteer coordinator transition is needed for the Seashore Nature Trail 50K. A general discussion regarding compensating race directors was discussed and the club can do that. Stacin Martin discussed the possibility of a 10K or 15K race in Chesapeake, potentially April time frame. The race would likely not take place until 2020. Stacin needs to begin discussions with the City of Chesapeake.

Scholarship: Scholarship funds have been distributed for second semester.

Teams: The Elizabeth River Run is the next competition. Neptune festival is a potential team competition.

Triathlon: A motion to approve the 2019 multisport grand prix schedule was made and approved.

Volunteer: Dan Edwards sent the Turkey Trot volunteer information to Mari Price.

Walking: A motion to approve the 2019 Walking grand prix schedule was made and approved. Turkey Trot had 42 walkers (3 grand prix competitors). The setup worked well with the bib identification. Results have been posted to the club website. The Walking Committee has requested an early start for the third Distance Series event and to have walking category at Bunny Hop, Run on the Wild Side, and Smile 5k. The committee can provide judges for the Crawling Crab grand prix participants. Anyone who wants to volunteer to judge walking events is welcome.

Website: Jim Martin has been keeping the various race websites and club site up to date. Schedule is updated through March 2019. Jim conducted a "clean up" of the website to free up space. The board members need to review the website to see what information is out of date and needs to be updated or deleted. The group runs section will be updated and email links will be updated. Jim is currently working on updating the walking page.

Old Business: None

New Business: HR Super Grand Prix – a proposed schedule has been set by the clubs. Jan. – Distance Series 15 mile (TS), Feb. – Colonial Half Marathon (CRR), March – Ft. Eustis 10K (PTC), April – Victory at Yorktown 10K (CRR), April – Dog Street Challenge 5K (CRR), May – Elizabeth River Run 10K (TS), July – Mel Williams Memorial Scholarship 5K (TS), July – Coast Guard Day 5K (PTC), August – Dismal Swamp 10 mile

(TS), August – Jamestown Island 10K (CRR), Sept. – Neptune Festival 8K (TS), Oct. – Governor’s Land 5K (CRR), Nov. – Yorktown Battlefield 10 mile (PTC), Dec. – Run with the Son for Haiti 5K (PTC), Strider Mile – TBD...maybe a June race (TS).

Birthplace of America Trail – a “long” trail/path is being established and was discussed with the board. The group establishing the trail is looking for general support as well as advisors and board members. Information on the trail can be found at www.hrtpo.org/page/birthplace-of-america-trail/ .

Pivot Physical Therapy – Pivot has contacted the club with an interest in supporting/sponsoring events. The club will let race directors know and will look at opportunities for Pivot.

Adopt a Training Camp – Ben Kurgat who is a USATF coach and manages a racing team provided information to Randy Cook on the opportunity to sponsor East African runners through various means. The group can use support for individuals to attend camp; shoes and training gear; and travel and vouchers to local and international races. Any support is welcome. The club determined to make the information available to the Tidewater Strider members to determine if they would like to support the group or individuals on a member by member basis rather than the club donating a given amount. The club name is Global Mbio Racing Team.

Next meeting will be January 7, 6:45 PM at Running Etc. Virginia Beach.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.