

12 Mar 2020 Trustee Meeting

**Trustees (\* denotes attended):**

\*Eddie Weaver  
\*Beth Whitehead  
\*Jim Bulach  
\*Doug Picard  
\*Peter Qumsiyeh  
\*Heidi Heckel  
\*Kevin Johnston  
\*Robert Faux  
\*Andy Helmick  
\*Karen Gildow  
\*Brandon Hough  
Dave Gibson

**Others in attendance:**

Dan Cross  
Margaret Hurley  
Greg Bell  
Kathleen Tiller  
Sam Davis (Five River Metroparks)

- 7:08pm Andy called to order
- Meeting minutes
  - Add Unopposed to Eddie
  - Bullet for Frostbite 5
  - Robert motioned, Doug second, Eddie abstain (didn't get them), minutes carry
- Financials
  - Taxes filed, but have not shown up with IRS (usually happens). We have records. Amazon Smile can choose ORRRC and we have \$12 in our account. Will put a small advertisement to highlight this.
  - Doug motion, Robert second, Eddie abstain, financials carry.
- Funding
  - Wolverines
    - Jim motions, Robert second, Doug abstain, motion carries
- Pre/post race
  - SnD – clock issues, some had a false start. Good weather, fewer volunteers but the event was a success.
  - Frosty 14 – no major difficulty. Need more volunteers. Barney would like a co-RD. Would like to change the date, but need to check on SnD conflict.
  - Sweetheart Shuffle: Y was great and free thanks to Andy's connection to them.
  - LM10 – good weather. Box 21 cancelled.
  - St Patrick's – could use more volunteers, Eddie has AED
  - Sycamore 10 mile – good for volunteers, actually 9mi.
  - GRCP – not enough volunteers at this point
  - Shake Shack Shuffle – at Eastwood
- Board Discussion

- Sam Davis/FRMP – no presentation, just a conversation. About 3 years ago had problems with permit department being silo'd. All dealing with permits differently until summer 2017. Hired permit coordinator, Valerie Claggett to maintain consistency. Revamped pricing, reservable area, trail vs park permits, got rid of \$10 admin fee. Trying to standardize reservable areas for events. Some of our events knock out other functions of park, and they need to recover those costs. Some admin overhead when dealing with MCD. We get 50% off base rate for being a 501c3. Goals are to preserve trails via Trail Initiative. They have to limit some trails and some times of the year for trail maintenance, and also need to respect the taxpayers' use of trails. They are going to do an end of year meeting with all race organizers.
- Kathleen Tiller – GP participation by children. Got two questions about children participating. Rules say 9 years old. They need to run 6 of any distance. One person said they couldn't get the kids to volunteer. Next one was 6 years old. What RD would want a 6 year old to volunteer and in what capacity. Could we consider having age limit be 14. Beth wanted to know if we were going to grandfather the children in.
- COVID-19 – Read the official order. Lengthy discussion about other races cancelling.
  - Brandon motion to discuss postponing St Patricks, Sycamore, and the Marathon to a date TBD. Heidi second. Vote for the same motion, all in favor.
- Andy – Federal trademark renewal. Do we want to renew/maintain. Beth, Robert, all in favor
- Margaret – credit card chargeback. People are challenging charges from the races because they don't recognize the charge. 27 people so far have charged back. Stack Sports is not getting us statements in a timely manner. Beth said that Dan should contact them and hold them to the contract to have GetMeRegistered manage the chargeback/retrieval process, as "full management" is the wording. 200 paper entries, 500 in person. If it's online, participants can claim fraud. Margaret will contact Dan to address this.
- Kevin- National Running Convention. Only two hotels we can use due to the size of the event. There's also a conflict with the Winterguard taking up all the hotels. Heidi asked if we could move the marathon. We are in consideration for 2023. It will be in Florida 2021, Austin 2022. This year's conference is cancelled.
- Around the Room
  - Kevin – we should say something about ourselves at the meetings
- Adjourned at 9:07pm