

Minutes of
14 January 2021
Ohio River Road Runners Club Board Meeting

Attendees:

- Board Members Present (8): Beth Whitehead, Eddie Weaver, Peter Qumsiyeh, Robert Faux, Brandon Hough, Jim Bulach, Kevin Johnston, David (Hoot) Gibson (recorder)
- Board Members Absent (4): Andy Helmick, Doug Picard, Karen Gildow, Heidi Heckel
- Others Present (2): Ruth Kohstall, Gerald Collins

Call to Order

- Beth called the meeting to order at around 7:00 pm on WebEx and called roll. We were unable to get WebEx to record the meeting. Hoot volunteered to take the minutes with Doug (a proud new father!) unable to attend.

December Minutes

- The board deferred approval of the 10 Dec 20 meeting minutes as they have not yet been posted.

Treasurer's Report

- Eddie reported the club has \$13,548 in checking and \$158,627 in savings for a total of \$172,680 including \$505 ancillary funds. The club earned \$15,800 in 2020, but most of that is due to deferred entry fees which may be applied to race expenses in 2021. As a result, this year will probably be a difficult year for the club financially. To date in 2021, the club has \$8571 of income, mostly from the virtual TwentyTwentyRUN, and \$11,364 in expenses mostly for RRCA dues and insurance. Eddie mentioned that the newly elected president will need to spend about an hour with him in February getting signed into the club's accounts at the Wright-Patt Credit Union and the UPS store. Jim asked if we have an estimate of how much the club is in the hole due to deferred race expenses. Eddie said he estimated \$8-15K. Further details are in the full Treasurer's Report sent out on 11 January. The board voted to approve the Treasurer's report without changes.

Funding Considerations

- Beth reported that there were no funding considerations at this time.

Pre/Post Race Reports

- Race director Beth reported that the **Gift Non Exchange 5K** went well with 32 runners despite some rain. Beth noted that the Athletes In Action sports complex in Xenia worked out well and should be considered as a site for future races.
- Peter reported that the ongoing virtual **Winter Solstice Half Marathon** is going well.
- Race director Eddie reported that over 300 people have signed up for the **TwentTwentyRUN Training Challenge** when he was expecting more like 20 signups. The challenge should be a money maker for the club.

- Race director Ruth asked the board about opinions on converting the **Frostbite 5**, one of the club's oldest races, to a virtual race, on entry fees for non-members and on providing magnets to participants. Ruth proposed a virtual race to be completed from 6-16 February on either the official course in Centerville or a 5-mile course of the runner's choice. The board voted in favor of converting the Frostbit 5 to a virtual race in 2021.
- Kevin reported that the Preble County YMCA will not allow the **Sweetheart Shuffle** to be held there on 14 February as planned and thus the race has been cancelled.

Board Discussion/Votes

- The board discussed how to go about **recruiting race directors** and co-race directors for the 2021 races needing them. The next scheduled race without a race director is the **St Patrick's 5K** scheduled for 13 March. Peter suggested that board members ask club members they know would do a good job to volunteer as race directors or co-race directors. Several board members expressed concern about appointing a new race director to a race that may require difficult decisions due to pandemic considerations. In a discussion about 11 April **54th ORRRC Marathon and 32nd Half Marathon** there was general agreement that with no race director at this time, a race committee similar to those of the Turkey Trot and Ghost & Goblins races might be a good option. Hoot volunteered to help out with the committee. Jen and Todd Yoak had previously volunteered to help. And during the meeting Brandon and Ruth also volunteered to help on a committee for this year's race.
- The board discussed **officer voting procedures** for next month's election of officers. Kevin asked about holding an in-person meeting and Hoot asked about holding the meeting at an alternative time when the meeting could be held outside. The consensus of the board was to follow current club regulations as closely as possible with a virtual meeting at the regularly scheduled time of 7:00pm on 11 February. Instead of paper ballots, the board decided to allow trustees to vote for officers by passing their confidential votes to the club secretary during the meeting via WebEx chat, text, email, or a phone call.

Around The Room

- Kevin thanked Beth for her service.
- Jim said that Kristy has done a great job with the Winter Solstice Half Marathon.
- Ruth said that she has directed the marathon in the past and would be willing to help with a marathon race committee this year.
- Hoot said he was not interested in running for office but looked forward to working with whomever is elected.

Adjournment

- Beth adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.