

# ORRRC Trustee Meeting

July 8, 2021

## Attendees

- Peter Qumsiyeh – President
- Robert Faux – Vice President
- Eddie Weaver – Treasurer
- Jim Bulach – Secretary
- Karen Gildow – Trustee
- David (Hoot) Gibson – Trustee
- Kevin Johnston – Trustee
- Brandon Hough – Trustee
- Beth Whitehead – Member
- Kyle Brumbaugh – Member
- Christine Bathgate – Member
- Chelsey Woods – Member
- Jen Yoak – Member
- Gerald Collins – Member
- Valerie Claggett – 5 Rivers Metro Parks
- Jonathon Bermick – 5 Rivers Metro Parks



## Agenda / Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Peter.
  - Introductions were made for the benefit of all guests.
- Five River MetroParks (Valerie – guest attendee)
  - Peter opened the discussion by stating that we want to develop a more mutual understanding of each other to develop a better working relationship. Valerie described what 5 Rivers Metro Parks manage, including the recreational (bike path) trails. It is critical that when permits are received that they detail the route of the course. This will take precedence over any permit application that does not include the course route info. Jim asked about timelines and the permit approval process. Valerie does the initial documentation check, but does not do the actual approval, which is done by the regional manager, park manager, and sometimes the ranger division. It could take a month to several months for processing depending upon trail closures or other unknown details. She says to

try to reserve as soon as possible, especially if shelters are involved. She recommend doing a year in advance. Upon initial application, we do not need all insurance certificates in place to do this. They can be submitted later when they become available. Five Rivers can issue conditional approvals in the interim. Valerie was questioned about the clause in the Five Rivers Metro Parks agreement that allows the permit to be pulled at any time? Valerie stated that this has never happened, but Beth and Eddie notified her that it just happened with the Germantown 50K. Valerie stated that it was a total miscommunication issue within Five Rivers. She apologized for this and went on to say that there are also individual park managers that setup specific use rules for erosion control for the various parks, which may result in permits pulled at the last minute. Eddie wanted to know where these guidelines are posted. Valerie stated that they are not in a central location, but she can pull them together. Peter asked that they be sent to him. Valerie and Jonathon say that Five Rivers values our club and the running community. They want to work with us for a better experience.

- May Meeting Minutes.
  - Questions? None
  - Kevin motions to approve; Eddie seconds; Motion passes (one abstain - Jim).
- Financials (Eddie).
  - Accounts: Checking \$16,568.84; Ancillary \$505.43; Savings \$144,348.01  
(*Yearly ops costs: \$365,648*)
  - **Notes:** WINGMAN 10K: The WingMan10k race awards were over-budget, so Eddie paid back the Club about 2/3rds of the cost of the awards to remain in-budget. The Club paid \$660 on the ledger, and then Eddie paid the Club back \$460 to cover the costs.
  - Robert motions to approve; Hoot seconds; Financials pass (one abstain Eddie).
- Funding Considerations.
  - Bethel Youth Running Club – Last year’s approval of \$1,000, which was never used, will be used this year for shirts and operations costs / incidentals. Kyle gave a background of the running club. He started the club because Bethel did not have one, so he wanted to share and spread his passion of running. He has 35 families and 38 kids actively involved in the club and he continues to organize

various activities for the kids. He plans to also pursue a 501(c)(3) to make the club even more official. (Kyle Brumbaugh).

- Pre/Post Race Reports (Robert):
  - Dawg Gone Long Run 50k/50 Miler is happening this weekend on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Everything is on track and will be ready to go.
  - 1 Mile Dash for Cash is taking place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Eastwood MetroPark. The permit issues that caused the race to be postponed have been resolved.
  - Summer Solstice Half Marathon – Will take place on the rescheduled date of July 17<sup>th</sup>, which became necessary due to storms/lightning causing a postponement from the originally planned date of June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Englewood 5K - Will take place as planned on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The race director had issues with obtaining acceptable insurance for Metroparks, but eventually figured it out. She is excited to once again have an “IN PERSON race!! Yeah!!!”
  - Cross Country 5K Race in West Milton will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The race will run on the Milton Union CC course. Facility arrangements have been made through the school. The course will be a double loop, where runners pass through the track stadium, which is also the location of the start and finish lines. The course is flat and fast.
  - Possum Creek 5K – Scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The race director wants to change it to members only. Doesn't want official timing and to just have a “fun run.” The board will not approve the change due to the club having the event listed as a normal timed race. Robert will get back to Heidi with Peter copied.
  - Tadmor 10K will happen as planned on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The bobbleheads are back for 2021! These were a great hit and many runners were training very hard to get one. The bobbleheads are gender specific.
  - ORRRC Members-only Picnic on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Currently being planned and on-track!
  - Wingman 10K has officially moved to August 14<sup>th</sup>. The race director will be contacting local EMS to let them know about the race on the week of the race (as they've asked in the past). He will put out a call for volunteers this week and will obtain refreshments the week of the race. He has permits for the pavilion, but the police have not returned a "parade permit" for this year (although he submitted it months ago). This is not uncommon; He has a call in to them to see where it sits. Everything else should be on the go, hopefully!

- Tie Dye 50K – Will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Entrants have been rolled over from the canceled 2020 event, so openings for new entrants will be very limited.
- MOX – Lawrence Chow – Has volunteered to be the race director.
- Germantown 50K – The date has changed to September 26<sup>th</sup>, which is on Sunday of the same weekend due to Five Rivers Metro Park pulling our permit to host their own event.
- No post-race reports for this meeting due to no races taking place since our June board meeting.
- Board Discussions / Votes:
  - 63<sup>rd</sup> RRCA Convention from this year:
    - Take-away's Part 2, in which Kevin provided information on the following:
      - Understanding the permitting process:
        - Running on roadways have unique requirements.
        - Proper methods of marking, barricading, setting cones, etc.
        - Flagger and Course Marshal training / certification for directing traffic.
      - Understanding and developing strategic plans for clubs:
        - Changing demands / needs of our runners.
        - There will be 78% fewer races this year.
        - Only 20% of runners will come with Covid shots.
        - Fine-tuning the race experience.
        - Ease and time needed for registration.
        - Surveying runners during the registration process.
  - 2022 64<sup>th</sup> RRCA National Convention (Peter) – Robert and Kevin will be going. Peter is still working on getting the names of any individuals from the timing team that may have an interest in going as the club's third attendee. He'll reach out to Dan to follow up on this.
  - Should we change board member count from 15 to 9? Lawyer recommended reducing it for better decision-making and restricting potential liability to the club. After much discussion, the board will give this additional thought and research, along with looking at the rest of our policies and regulations. Peter has the

authority to charter a committee to do this, of which Eddie and Hoot volunteered to get things started.

- RD jackets (Peter). Have not issued these to new race directors since at least 2019. Peter will reach out to Andy to find out who supplied the jackets in the past. Robert will contact the race directors from the last several years to determine who needs a jacket, along with their sizes and the exact spelling of their names.
- Around the Room:
  - Brandon – Conference-wise for learning more about safety in our operations and events, he recommends the National Marathon Safety Security Summit. It is a 3-day conference hosted by The University of Southern Mississippi that is excellent and very informative.
  - Kevin – Asked if we are having the annual Holiday party? It is our largest non-race expense. If we have it, we need to establish a budget. Kevin motioned that we pursue discussion on having a Holiday party in January 2022, if we can come up with a race director. Eddie wants to ensure that we cap the expenses to a specific amount, suggesting the \$8-10,000 range would be in line with the club's reduced revenue for the year. Karen seconds. Motion carries with no one opposing or abstaining.
  - Kevin has the flyer complete for the summer picnic and passed copies out for everyone to see. The flyers will be mailed to the membership tomorrow. He has also gotten with Kathy to get the website registration portal setup. The picnic will take place at Possum Creek. He will need 5 volunteers to help with the serving of food, which will be from 5:00 to 6:15. There will be a non-competitive poker run at 3:30 and a kids fun run at 6:30. He will have a sound system there to make various announcements and provide updates to the membership in attendance. He'd like the President to introduce the board and have the race directors of upcoming events make announcements and provide updates. He wants to ensure that the race directors of Ghost n Goblins and Turkey Trot speak about their events.
  - Kevin has 2 rooms for Flying Pig weekend that he is trying to sell off.
  - Kevin did reach out to Eric at Runners Plus on the store. Eric wants to have a face-to-face meeting, so Kevin is trying to come up with a time to do this.

- Jen – Asked about the newsletter for race directors to help with many of their questions, along with updates that directly affect them. Peter will reach out to Andrea.
- Hoot – Sent email with thank you letter for Marathon donations. Eddie made some edits to soften the tone and the board is good with sending it. Signing it Race Director instead of Board of Trustees was also suggested.
- Karen – Member / Non-member issue needs to be resolved. Peter will add this to next month's agenda.
- Chelsey – Has been contacted by the Vandalia Rec Center for another event, especially in the December / January time frame. Do we have any races in that time-period that need a venue? Possibly a theme race, i.e. Resolution Run, etc? Christine would be willing to Race Direct. Another thought - Could we have the Holiday party there?
- Robert – Will send emails to Kathy to get the web page updated for our upcoming events. He will also do some Facebook postings. Robert wants to setup a booth at the Air Force Marathon Expo. Hoot and Kevin volunteered to help out. Karen would like to be there with membership cards. Peter wants something in writing to assure us that there are no expectations from the club in exchange for booth space being donated to us by the Air Force Marathon organization.
- Next Meeting Plan – Hoot will try to reserve the same shelter for our next meeting.
  - (Update from Hoot on 7/25/21 - Pavilion 3 in Indian Riffle Park has been successfully reserved for August)
- Meeting adjourned at 9.02 PM