



River City Runners & Walkers Club

Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2023

Meeting called to order by Vice President Scott Burnham @ 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Melissa Wigal <i>Absent</i>	Jason Mader	Cherrie Cowan
Scott Burnham	Kevin Trippett	Sara Freed
Steve Browning	Ed Pagan	Nancy Nichols
Jason Henthorn	Sharon Marks	Amy Eddy
Marta Bailey	Ashley Gates <i>Absent</i>	Carol Cathey
Chip Allman <i>Absent</i>	Lynda Molinaro	
Tom Kramer	Joe Corra	

Guests: Lou Molinaro

Correspondence: Thank you card from Tessa Haffner scholarship recipient.

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss for March 2023

Total Income = \$2,983.00

Total Expenses = \$11,669.67

Community Bank Checking, reconciled 03/28/23, \$57,294.86

Motion to accept: Marta Bailey seconded: Sharon Marks

January Meeting Minutes:

Minutes written by Jason Henthorn were accepted by a **motion:** Sharon Marks and **seconded:** Marta Bailey

RRCA Report: Tom Kramer reports the 66th annual convention is May 2-5, 2023, in Costa Mesa, CA.

Upcoming Races: Bunny Hop 5k in Beverly, OH at Fort Frye High School. Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 AM with the first kids' series race of the season.

Vienna River Road Race in Vienna, WV at Jackson Middle School track
Saturday April 22nd at 8:00 AM with the second kids' series race.

Kids' Series – Running and Walking Series: Amy Eddy says she has the kids' series race calendar up. The times are off but will be adjusted. She is going to try a few different things and new ideas for the series. She, Sharon, and Madison went to a recent city council meeting and spoke about the benefits of the city sponsoring the series. She is happy to report that the City of Parkersburg has committed to sponsoring the kids' series for an amount totaling \$15,000. Splendid work ladies!

Scott Burnham says the series is on the website and he is ready to go. To qualify for awards participants must complete nine of the nineteen races.

Timing and Equipment: Tom Kramer had the new tablecloth at this meeting. The board agreed it will be used for registrations. It is solid gray in color and the lettering is in yellow font. This matches the club's canopy. He suggested the tablecloth be dry cleaned only with no washing machine due to the fabric and potential damage to the product.

Publicity - Social committee: Sara Freed says she and Ashley Gates will be reaching out to board members and other volunteers for the June picnic which potentially may be held at the golf course in Marietta. The ladies also report they will need the same for the Christmas dinner.

Website -Social media: Ed Pagan said he has the website updated and asked Kevin Trippett to send the application and times for the Mother's Day 5k and the Pump and Run. Kevin also asked if it would be possible to create race event pages on Facebook so members can link them to their calendar. Ed said he will investigate a way to link them to Facebook from the website.

Jason Henthorn said he removes spam and other unwanted or unapproved messages on the Facebook page. He says we have people engaging and asking questions about the group and other members are helping in answering questions. Engagement is up thirty percent from February. Joe Corra posted the kids, series race and had a great reaction from it. The club may explore the idea of boosting future posts.

Past Race: March Hare 5k in Marietta, OH on March 12 had a great turnout! Scott reports it was the coldest of all four races. The 2022 – 2023 Winter Series had a total of 1,073 participants!! Excellent job everyone!!

Old Business: Scott and Ed are going to meet soon for discussion of new ideas for engagement of members and attracting new members.

The club is still looking for a volunteer to take pictures at our races. We appreciate people like Tracy Browning, Scott Simonton, and others that take pictures and post them for all to see. We just need more people to help.

Kevin Trippett talked about the bylaws and updating them. He has worked diligently on these and says the changes need to be announced and posted for a month on the website and on our Facebook page for all to see and view. He changed some of the language of the bylaws. After the month is over the changes will be voted on by the board with majority rule by members in attendance. It was suggested all board members try to attend that meeting. The meeting will be at the club's June picnic. Ed had one correction, he would like for the "*any member renewal not received by February 16 will not receive the newsletter*" removed. The members agreed. Sharon Marks, pending review changes, made a motion to have the change made and the bylaws be posted on the website and social media. Cherrie Cowan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The new square reader will be used this year. Scott would like it used at the Kicks for Kids race.

Cherrie said we just missed the deadline for the AED grant but, we can apply in July. She reports she may have a donor for this unit. She also agrees to maintain it and keep it working in case of an emergency.

New Business: Monday, April 3rd at 5:15 PM is the first Beginners Clinic workshop at the City Park Pavilion. Missy needs volunteers to help with this ten-week program. She has various speakers from different businesses for this clinic that will come and talk to the group prior to start each week. Please consider helping her and others.

Kevin Trippett asked if we, or anyone else, has ever used the United Way for volunteers. Members said they have not.

Nancy Nichols would like to have the half training maps back up on the website. We could also post them to social media. Joe Corra said the maps need to be updated and he could work on that. People can post Strava maps or other maps for people to use on social media. Some suggested that the club bring the "*half training*" back but Tom Kramer says it takes a huge commitment from volunteers

and he doesn't have the numbers he used to have to do it at this time.

Cherrie Cowan was approached by a rucking group about entering races and being awarded for them. We as a club cannot tell race directors what they can or cannot have in their races. Ultimately they can register for events and participate but we cannot suggest or enforce what the directors do for their events. Cherrie will talk to some people and see how much of an interest there is.

Scott Burnham is still going to hold low key work outs at area high school tracks. All are welcome!

He asked about the Gary Ogilvie scholarship, Sharon Mark's granddaughter, Madison, was the most qualified and was awarded the scholarship.

He would like to see someone get a Parkersburg group run or walk group together. This may help with current and potential new members.

He said the World Athletics which participates in track and field and road running has banned transgender athletes effective March 31st. Scott wants this information out so race directors will have the information when and if the time comes.

Jason Henthorn, Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM Wood County Library, Summers Auditorium.