

## River City Runners & Walkers Club

### Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

#### Attendance:

Scott Burnham	Joe Corra	Joe Wiltsey
Kevin Trippett	Chip Allman	Daniel Raper
Steve Browning	Tom Kramer	Brenis Phillips
Jason Henthorn	Amy Eddy	Lauren Fissel
Sharon Marks	Nancy Goff	Jenn Parsons PHONE
Marta Bailey	Cherrie Cowan	
Melissa Wigal	Jason Mader	

#### Call to Order:

Quorum verified **(13)** by the secretary. President Scott B. started the meeting at **6:30 pm**.

#### Recognition of Guests:

Darlene Stout, Ashley and Brian Blanc

Ashley and Brian gave the board an update for the Chick-Fil-A cross-country race which is held at the 4-H grounds in Mineral Wells. The race draws a big middle school turnout as well as high schools. PHS, PSHS, and WHS work together and put the race on. The race will be held on September 6, 2025, and they have requested 5-10 people from the board to help with the event.

#### Review & Approval of Minutes from March:

Joe C. made a motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason H. The motion was seconded by Joe W. motion passed unanimously.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

##### President:

Scott B. said he would save his comments for New Business.

**Vice President:**

Kevin T. had nothing to report.

**Treasurer: Financial Report**

**Total Income:** \$928.37

**Total Expenses:** \$3,311.75

**Community Bank Checking Reconciled on:** April 9, 2025 \$54,475.17

Brenis P. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report compiled by Steve B. motion was seconded by Marta B. motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary:**

Jason H. had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS*****RACE COMMITTEES******Winter Series Committee:*** (Scott)

The Winter Series went well. The participation numbers were 1,067 for 2025, down from 1,156 for 2024. Even with the lower numbers we had an increase in revenue since the registration fee was raised. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the series.

***Beginner's Clinic:*** (Missy)

Missy W. reports that she had (8) volunteers on Monday, the first day of the clinic. There were (27) participants with (23) being new. She reports the Beginners Clinic has five sponsors.

***Turkey Trot Committee:*** (Sharon and Marta)

Sharon M. reports that she has already started working on things for the race.

***Trail Series Committee:*** (Steve, Cherrie, and Scott)

Scott B. reports that Cherrie is still working on funding for the McDonough trail race which will be called the McDonough Frontier Trail Race. Scott and Steve recently ran the course, and they have chosen a 4-mile loop. Runners will complete two loops for eight miles, and walkers will complete one loop for four

miles. Since there is limited parking available at the parking lot the committee is thinking about a \$10.00 parking pass people can purchase until spots run out. Otherwise, parking will be at the baseball fields across from the park entrance off Rosemar Road.

The trail series will be called The Whitetail Trail Series which consists of three races: McDonough, Mountwood, and Broughton's, respectively.

***Chick-Fil-A Road Race Committee:*** (Chip)

Registrations are coming in and folks can register on RunSignUp. Jason H. created an event page for the race.

***Kicks for Kids Committee:*** (Sharon and Marta)

Sharon M. reports that she has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for this race. Marta and she are working on the race currently. This is a state RRCA Championship, not a regional one.

***Kids' Series Committee:*** (Amy and Sharon)

Amy E. was absent, and Sharon M. reported that they applied for four grants and received two in the amount of \$20,000 The other two are pending. Awesome job! Many kids will benefit from this work.

The first race of the Kids' Series was held on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Jackson Middle School. The race had 296 kids participate, the most ever! People can register on RunSignUp for the series.

***River City Race Series Committee:*** (Scott)

Scott B. reported the first race in the series, The Leprechaun Dash and Bash had 215 registered and 190 participated. The second race, The Bunny Hop is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Kids' Series will race there too following the 5k.

***RRCA Report:*** (Tom)

Tom reported he gave Amy E. literature and other information she can use for the Kids' Series. With laws and other things changing he wanted to make sure she was current with that.

Sharon M. nominated Amy E. for Kids Director of the Year, but she did not win this year. She has won it before, we hope she can win again.

**CLUB PROGRAMS**

***Mile Contest:*** (Carol Cathey)

Carol is still posting the results for us.

***Racing Points Contest:*** (Joe C.)

Joe C. has been receiving race results from participants. He has been updating the standings and emailing the current standings to the participants.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

***Washington County XC Scholarships:*** (Scott, Joe W., and Chip)

No current update

***Wood County XC Scholarships:*** (Chip and Sharon)

The recipients of these scholarships have been selected. Before the announcements are made to the public it is tradition that the head coach notifies the winner. Look for an update next month.

***Gary Olgivie Scholarships:*** (Sharon, Marta, and Tom)

This committee had (3) valid applicants. After careful review by each member of the committee they have selected Walker Jones as the recipient. He will be receiving a \$2,000 check. Congratulations Walker!

**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

***Website:*** (Daniel R.)

Daniel R. was absent, everything is going well with the site.

***Facebook:*** (Jason)

Jason H. reports declining potential followers because they fail to answer the required questions.

Jason H. reports the new Facebook page should be operational mid-May.

***Text:*** (Jenn and Lauren)

They have been receiving about (10) numbers back when they send out text messages. Jenn will notify the tech team at Simple Texting and see how to remedy the problem.

***Email:*** (Jenn and Lauren)

Scott B. is going to work with Jenn P. and Lauren F. to get the emails going.

***Membership Committee:*** (Jason M.)

Jason M. reports that the RCRWC has 210 listed members. This does not include the new (24) people from the Beginner's Clinic or the Hall of Fame members.

***Asset Management Committee (Timing – Equipment):*** (Tom and Joe C.)

Tom K. reported that Joe C. ordered a cover for one of the clocks and it works great! Tom sent the other clock to Electro-Numerics in Temecula, CA for repairs or any updates it needs. Joe C. said he has not heard anything back yet. He will call them.

***Publicity – Social Committee:*** (Marta and Missy)

Marta reports that she would like to have a family event this summer, may reserve the City Park pool for \$460. She would like to have a projected event at the next meeting.

***Newsletter Committee:*** (Jason)

Jason H. had a printed version of the newsletter. He also had a digital file on a thumb drive that Scott B. showed the members who were in attendance. He asked for feedback from the board. They offered a few corrections and ideas, and he will add and correct those.

He would like to discuss potentially adding sponsors to the next newsletter. We can discuss it at the May meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There has been ongoing discussion of an RFP (Request for Proposal) for club races. The thought behind this request would be for the club to look at each race the club possesses and have each race director, who are board members, get three bids from local vendors for apparel, awards, or whatever else they would need for a race. They would bring the bids to the board for review and the board would determine which vendor to use. If the club used one vendor instead of multiple vendors, we may get a cheaper price if we use one set vendor. Club, race directors do not want to go this route. Jason H. asked why the club race directors would not want to participate and get the requests for the board to review. They feel they are being micro-managed, and they do not want to participate in the RFP. They claim they have relationships with their vendor, and they want to keep things how they are regardless of what it costs. They do the groundwork, they get

their sponsors, and they want to manage it. Jason H. again said he believes the directors should get the bids so the club would receive the best possible pricing for the club and its members. Jason says he just wants the best price for the club and its members. Scott B. also said he feels that if the race directors participated, we would get the best price using one vendor. Other board members who are not directors suggested that we should wait until our whole board was present and could discuss and vote. Kevin T. made a Motion-RCRWC put together an RFP for shirts and awards for any local race director to voluntarily join that RFP to get a group pricing option. RCRWC will create a committee to explore pricing options. President Scott B. told the board we would proceed with a hand vote for the motion from Kevin T. **For the motion:** *Scott B., Kevin T., Jason H., Missy W., Joe C., Jason M., Joe W., Lauren F., and Brenis P.* **Against the motion:** *Sharon M., and Tom K.* **Abstaining from voting:** *Marta B.* The motion carried.

Joe C. would like to give participants something different for awards other than a plaque. Scott B. made a motion to table this action until the next meeting after more research is done to see what Joe wants to do. Jason H. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Scott B. asked if any new board members would like to be on the finance committee. He is voluntarily removing himself from this committee. The committee shall consist of: *Steve B., Sharon M., Jason M., Kevin T., and Jason H.*

The River City Race Series has had one race drop out of the series. Jason H. and Scott B. have been in talks with Carl Kondrach about bringing one of his races which are in Barnesville, Ohio into the series. He participates along with several other folks from that area in races we have here. Folks travel from here to his races so we figured why not add one of his races a series race. Scott B. made a motion to add the Pumpkin Festival 5k Run and Walk to the River City Race Series. Jason H. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Tom K. made a motion to table looking at adjusting the money recipients receive for scholarships until the May meeting. Jason H. seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

***Other Comments for the Good of the Order:***

None

***Adjournment:***

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sharon M. and seconded by Tom K. and the motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:30 pm Wood County Library

**Secretary:** *Jason Henthorn*