



River City Runners & Walkers Club

Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by President Melissa Wigal @ 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Melissa Wigal	Jason Mader	Cherrie Cowan <i>Absent</i>
Scott Burnham <i>Absent</i>	Kevin Trippett	Sara Freed <i>Absent</i>
Steve Browning <i>Absent</i>	Ed Pagan	Nancy Goff
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: *None*

Correspondence: *Nothing to report.*

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss for April 2023

Total Income = \$1,069.00

Total Expenses = \$3,788.79

Community Bank Checking, reconciled 04/29/23, \$38,458.88

Motion to accept: Sharon Marks **seconded:** Joe Corra

March Meeting Minutes: Minutes written by Jason Henthorn were accepted by a **motion:** Sharon Marks **seconded:** Carol Cathey

RRCA Report: *Nothing to report.*

Upcoming Races: *May 6, 2023 Slip, Slap, Slop 2 mile run/walk at 9:00 AM City Park Parkersburg, WV *May 13, 2023 Mother's Day 5K 9:00 AM Civitan Park, Belpre, OH, May 20, 2023 Washington County Special Olympics 5k 9:00 AM Armory 241 Front Street, Marietta, OH, * May 27, 2023 Sternwheel Festival 5k

8:00 AM East Muskingum Park Pavilion, East Front Street Marietta, OH.

* Denotes Series Races

Kids' Series – Running and Walking Series: Kids race in Beverly, OH and in Vienna went well. Both had great turnouts, weather in Beverly was chilly and despite the rain and conditions, Vienna had seventy-five participants, and it was a good turnout. Sharon will be helping Amy at her upcoming races. Amy will not be at two. Board members will help Sharon. Kevin Trippett says his race, Mother's Day 5k, will have inflatables for the kids. Scott Burnham reports the first series races have been well attended.

Timing and Equipment: Tom reports the equipment is good except for battery failure at a race. There will be a timing committee that is being formed to explore whether the club wants to purchase equipment to time races. The committee will be announced soon.

Publicity - Social committee: *Nothing to report.*

Website -Social media: Ed Pagan said he has not received the results from the Bunny Hop 5k. Jason Henthorn will send them to him so he can add it to the website. Jason said he removes spam and other unwanted or unapproved messages on the Facebook page multiple times a day. He says we have people engaging and asking questions about the group and other members are helping in answering questions. New followers are up 27%

Past Races: Bunny Hop 5k in Beverly, OH had a good turnout despite the cool conditions. We had a battery issue with one Sprint 8. The Vienna River Road Race had sixty-eight participants even with the rain and wet conditions. Tom stated that he takes full responsibility for the awards not being out in a timely manner. He worked to get the results and awards put together and they will be available at upcoming races. Jason will put a post on the Facebook page, so folks know.

Old Business: The club is still looking for a volunteer to take pictures at our races. We appreciate Tracy Browning, Scott Simonton, Ashley Gates, and others that take pictures and post them for all to see.

Kevin Trippett talked about the bylaws. He has made changes and they will be posted on Facebook, and our website thirty days before our planned meeting at our June picnic, this is when we will vote to accept or reject said changes.

We will be implementing the “Square Reader” at our race, Kicks for Kids. This is for registrations for the time being.

Cherrie Cowan is checking on the AED for club races. She has agreed to write the grant and she will maintain this unit. We appreciate her and her efforts.

We discussed the ban of transgender athletes at races throughout the country. We are going to continue to follow the RRCA policies and recommendations.

New Business: The Beginner’s Clinic is five weeks in and is going well. Around thirty people are participating. People are still registering. This clinic has also had five guest speakers speak to the participants.

Scott Burnham is wanting to hold low key speed workouts at local high school tracks. He wants to hold these twice a week, Monday, and Wednesday at 7:00 PM. He has asked the club for \$500 to purchase T-shirts for the participants. If they do ten workouts, they could receive a T-shirt. Sharon Marks said we should table this until Scott can talk to the athletic directors at these schools to see if he can get permission to use the tracks.

World Athletics has banned transgender athletes for participating in events and we should follow RRCA policies for transgender athletes.

Joe Corra will no longer be timing our races or any other races. He has decided to retire. We appreciate all he has done for the club. Joe says the club needs to time its own races and he would be willing to sell his equipment to the club. He states that once you learn the system it is easy to operate. There is information online that will walk you through step by step. Missy has a list of a few timers that would be willing to come time local races. She has heard from three individuals that time races. She will make a word document to send out to the race directors so they can make other arrangements for timing. Scott Burnham suggested that we put a timing committee together so we can discuss this urgent need. Scott B, Jason H, Ed P, Kevin T, Tom K, and Joe C are the members committed so far. This committee will work to see what we can do to make this happen for the club and the runners and walkers of this valley. We feel this is vital and it needs to happen now. Scott will send out a meeting date for the committee to meet.

Joe Corra asked that someone take over sending out upcoming races and other information to the club members, he has over 3,300 individuals and families on it.

Jason Henthorn, Secretary

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