



River City Runners & Walkers Club

Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2023

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

Attendance:

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

Guests: None

Correspondence: Thank you card from Kaden Goodwin (*Scholarship*)

Treasurer's Report:

Profit and Loss for July 2023

Total Income = \$9,303.00

Total Expenses = \$6,020.94

Community Bank Checking, reconciled 07/07/23, \$32,537.89

Motion to accept: Sharon Marks **second:** Cherrie Cowan

June Meeting Minutes: Minutes written by Jason Henthorn were accepted by a **motion:** Sharon Marks and **second:** Kevin Trippet

RRCA Report: Nothing to Report

Upcoming Races: Saturday, August 5th 8:00AM, RCRH 5k, Harrisville, WV, Sunday, August 6th 11:00AM Marietta High School Cross Country 5k, Saturday, August 19th 8:00AM News and Sentinel Races *Half Marathon, 2-mile races*, Downtown Parkersburg. Sunday, August 20th 1:00PM River City Kids Classic Races, PHS Stadium Field.

Past Races: July 1st 8:00AM Firecracker 5k, Elizabeth, WV. July 8th at 8:00AM Jan Dils Freedom Fun Run 5k. July 15th Kids' Summer Bash races front lawn of PHS. July 22nd Kicks for Kids 9:00PM Floodwall downtown. July 29th 8:00AM Shamrock 5k, Marietta, OH **All series races except for Summer Bash*

Kids' Series – Running and Walking Series: The Kids' series race following the Ritchie County Regional Health 5k had a good turnout.

The Kids' Series will receive a check from the City of Parkersburg in the amount of \$12,500 for sponsoring the series.

The series has gone very well with great participation, and great crowds, Amy said the party is ready to go. Positive feedback from the parents.

Timing and Equipment: Thunderbolt Running and Timing will time the Mountwood Trail race on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

Publicity - Social committee: Sara Freed received word from Jimmy Carrano, who owns Jimmy Avocados. Jimmy said he does not want payment for the pulled pork and chicken that he prepared for the club picnic. He would like to consider that a donation to the club. We will get a thank you card and send that to him.

Website & Social media: Ed Pagan asked if the bylaws were good so he can update the webpage.

Ed said it has not been ten years since the webpage was last updated, he agreed it needs revamped. He stated we are using a square space platform.

A committee consisting of members, *Amy Eddy, Ed Pagan, Scott Burnham, Kevin Trippett, and Jason Mader* will meet and discuss changing the webpage.

Old Business: The Club thanks the volunteers who continue to take pictures at the races. We need more volunteers to take more so we can post them.

Cherrie Cowan informed members that the AED shipped on August 10th.

New Business: Scott Burnham received word from Meghann Featherstun that she will be unable to speak at the awards banquet on February 9th due to conflict in scheduling. Kevin Trippett suggested that we consider Steve Taylor. He is the current Richmond Spyder coach, he has qualified for US Olympic events, and was an alternate on the US Olympic team. Kevin received positive feedback about the suggestion, and he will speak with him to see if he is available.

Scott would like to expand text messaging for the members for better communication.

Scott has looked at several webpages to mimic what other clubs do. It needs

to be more user friendly. We can promote the kids' series better; the calendar can be updated and clearer, we can have photos uploaded after events, and links to social media. We want to upgrade the webpage in-house.

Missy is working on securing Broughton building for the Broughton Trail Race November 4th.

Kevin presented an idea to the club about a cross country three race series. These could be age graded events that can be held at Mountwood, Broughton's, and McDonough.

Jason H. said the first few half-training runs went well. However, other runs at longer distances did not. Some people start at different times due to work or other circumstances. Members suggested that maybe different pacing groups would help people be involved more. Maybe time instead of distance. We need more support for these to continue. It would be great if we can get group runs established in Parkersburg. Different locations, trails, pavement, etc. He suggested door prizes for club races. We need to give folks more of an incentive to come and it will make the end of the race's fun.

Carol Cathey and Katie Mader would like to see different color bibs for races. Race bibs and colors are up to the timing company that the race director has hired. The Club members agreed that each division should have a designated color. Typically, yellow for walkers and white for runners. One bib color makes it difficult to tell who a walker is, and who a runner is.

Motion to adjourn: Sharon Marks **Second:** Ed Pagan

Jason Henthorn, Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 29th, 2023, at 6:30 PM Wood County Library, Summers Auditorium.