

## TRIPLE CITIES RUNNERS CLUB

October 11, 2022

CALLED TO ORDER – 7:06 PM

**PRESENT:** Ray Fryc, Chris McManus, Eric Purdy, Vince Fox, David Fellows, Jason Palmer, Sarah Kane, Kevin Pasterchik, Dan Dougherty

**NOT PRESENT:** Grace TabEEK, Kat Hores, Susan Cain, Ken Burt

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Grace was not present for this meeting but did send out the September minutes prior to the meeting. In an email to Ray, she said she received no changes from the board. Ray made a motion to accept the Secretary's report with Kevin seconding. Motion passed, Yes -9

Ray is taking the minutes for today's meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chris reported that Vestal XX will be closed out soon as he just received the information to send the donation check to Skylake. Women's distance festival has been closed out. King and Queen financials are just awaiting final bills that need to be paid. There is still one outstanding scholarship check that has been out for over a year. Chris will contact Visions with the help of Eric to put a stop on the check. Chris made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with Kevin Seconding. Motion passed. Yes -9

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Ray reported that posts have gone out about the Turkey Trot race! Ray also did some optimizations and visual changes to the website including updating and optimizing the page headers, updating and optimizing the mobile side, visual changes to the board member page, completely redoing the "Our Races" page to be more streamlined and offer information about each of our races, and updates to the financial page. The board suggested removing the "retired race" section of the "our races" page to keep the page clean.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** There are currently 354 TCRC member up from 321 at this time last year. Ray also reported that he will be updating the registration window starting Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to include the rest of 2022 and 2023 for one price.

**King and Queen of Beer Tree:** Sue was not at today's meeting so we will hold the wrap up until next month. However, the board did express their thanks to Sue and the volunteers as well as Vince for the results.

**Pete Keyes Turkey Trot:** Grace was not at today's meeting so we will await updates from her next month. Ray did report that as of the meeting, 57 runners were registered for the race! He also stated that Grace does have 4 sponsors so far including Christine Marchuska, FrancesFitness, Visions, BAE and has a few more sponsorships in the works. Dan reminded the board of the importance of helping to volunteer at the Turkey Trot if you are not running that day.

**2023 Races:** Ray reported that he would like to start planning our 2023 race schedule. Our first race will be the January Freeze so we will want to look into securing Otsiningo for January. He also showcased a logo for the freeze that can be used on the website. Ray will be reaching out to race directors to get 2023 dates and he would prefer to have all 2023 expected dates set as of Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. These will facilitate the created of magnets to send to the membership to advertise the 2023 races.

**Race Schedule Magnet:** As talked at the last meeting, the board would like to have magnets for the membership that advertise our races. It was discussed that the magnets would include a QR code that links to the "our Races" page on the website, which then showcases all the races with their dates. The board discussed that 500 magnets would likely be a good purchase amount pending different quotes. Chris shared a Quote from Proforma Boat House for an 8X3.5 magnet and an 8X5.5 magnet and Grace emailed a quote to the board from USA racing for a 4X6 magnet. The board asked Chris to return to Proforma and ask for a quote on a 4X6 magnet before deciding.

**Social Events:** Ray will reach out to those that are planning the locations for the Pancake Breakfast as well as the Member Social to see if progress has been made on choosing dates or locations.

**TCRC Self-Defense Course:** Sarah reported that she would like to gauge the boards interest in hosting a runner's self-defense course through Binghamton University. The program is a 2-day, 12-hour course held on Binghamton Campus. Cost is expected to be \$50 and would be open to anyone in the community. In an email following the meeting, Sarah confirmed that the course is for females only. TCRC would advertise and host the event, but would not pay the fee for members. However, a potential discount could be given if someone is a TCRC Member. Sarah will coordinate and look into dates for the event to be held some time in late 2022 or early 2023. Sarah will also look into if there is a minimum number of registrants as well as if the course covers insurance or waivers for those involved.

**TCRC Jackets:** Chris, Eric, Sarah, and Jason reported to the board about the recent meeting of the Jacket committee. They are looking into the ways to earn your Jacket including things like years of membership, miles ran, volunteer hours, etc. as well as the ways to track this data. The hope is to start the Jacket advertising in 2023 and award the jackets at the annual dinner in 2024. There was also talk about slowly releasing patches for completing races, volunteering, etc. to spread out the costs. The committee is planning to meet again in November and will have more details related to the financials soon.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ray thanked Sue for her work on the King and Queen Race as well as the Jacket Committee for their work on this new endeavor for TCRC. He reminded the board that the Turkey Trot race is coming up and to please share posts and tell others about the race. He also encouraged everyone to volunteer if they are not running the race!

**Other Business:** Jason brought up the idea of a Race Director Binder or some packet of information to help new race directors including things like check lists, general time lines, etc. The board will look into gather this sort of information to assist new race directors!

**ADJOURN:** Ray made motion to adjourn, Kevin second, motion passed at 8: 34pm.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ray Fryc (Substituting for Grace Tabeek).

**NEXT MEETING:** November 8th, 2022 at Dan Dougherty's home at 7:00pm.

