

FARC Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott, Fredericksburg, VA

Call to Order

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm by President, Brian Pessolano

Board Members

- In Attendance: Brian Pessolano, Vic Barthelemy, David Lovegrove, Angela Anderson, Rebecca Ivester, Shawn Carrington
- Absent: Carrie Jones, Will Triplett, Mike Wood
- Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present: Vic Culp, Jeff Haber, Amanda Lovegrove, Kristen Loescher, Tracy Lloyd

Approval of the Minutes

- Motion by Vic Barthelemy to approve the minutes of October 19, 2023 as circulated.
- Seconded by Angela Anderson and carried without dissent.

Reports of Officers

- Treasurers Report (Rebecca Ivester)
 - No report this month
- Vice President (Vic Barthelemy)
 - Ospreys are on break until January and their recent meet was well attended
 - Merchandise: sold some hoodies, long-sleeve shirts, and sweatshirts and will order more merchandise soon
 - Action item: Add a regular section in the newsletter about the Ospreys, including schedule, event highlights, and pictures

Reports of Committees

- Merchandise (Vic Barthelemy)
 - See Vice President report above

- Grand Prix (Shawn Carrington)
 - 2 Grand Prix races are left for this year: Blue & Gray Half Marathon and Frosty 5k
 - 100,000th Grand Prix finisher will happen next year.
 - Action item: Add budget for 100,000th Grand Prix finisher and use as incentive for participation.
 - Action item: Solicit freebies (i.e. new shoes, etc.) for winner.

- Social (Jeff Haber)
 - Holiday Potluck Party is December 16th at 7pm at Water's End Brewery
 1. Amber is using ticket signup (extension of runsignup) to get a headcount for the holiday party
 2. Jeff will get plates/napkins/utensils
 3. Angela volunteered to track guest list, solicit decorations, hand out drink tickets, etc.
 4. Action item: Jeff to review holiday party budget and ensure it's spent somehow (ham, beer, etc.) to give back to club members
 5. Action item: Jeff to ensure there are enough tables for food (check with Water's End or use FARC tables from the shed)
 - Next social run will be at Red Dragon Brewery on December 13th at 6pm
 6. Action item: Have Amber remind people to bring lights
 - We missed the registration cutoff for this year's Christmas Parade. If we want to participate next year, we should start discussions and register in late summer/early fall.

- Newsletter (Will Triplett)
 - Action item: Submit items for the newsletter by this weekend

- Volunteer (Will Triplett/David Lovegrove)
 - This is no longer an active topic

Old Business

- Elections
 - Will Triplett and David Lovegrove have one more year in their roles as 2-year directors
 - Nominees are:
 1. Treasurer (2 year role): Tony Luna
 2. Secretary (2 year role): Tracy Lloyd
 3. Director (2 year role): Rebecca Ivester
 4. 2 Directors (1 year role): Angela Anderson, Andrew Wood, Jeff Haber
 - Action item: Add the list of nominees to the newsletter this month and announce voting will be during the December board meeting

New Business

- 30th Anniversary of Club and Great Train Race
 - Set budget aside for 30th anniversary (maybe anniversary shirts, magnets, roll out vintage merchandise, etc.)
 - Club anniversary is April 9th, so we should plan something special at the April social run
- Budget
 - Annual budget should be presented and finalized in December board meeting
 - Rebecca Ivester will share the current budget
 - Race Director budgets will be handled separately
 - Action item: Committee members send proposed budgets to Rebecca Ivester prior to December board meeting (note: include budget for 30th anniversary of club and 100,000th Grand Prix finisher)
- List of next year's races/dates are still a bit up in the air. Heppe race is out for next year. Vic Cup suggested adding the Valhalla 10k (Pratt Park) on Memorial Day to the Grand Prix.
- New Runner Training for next year is being discussed with Carrie

- Grand Prix Banquet
 - Grand Prix Banquet will be on January 27, 2024 from 3-5pm
 - Shawn Carrington came up with prizes - winners will receive backpacks printed with our logo and “award winner” and participant gift is a towel printed with our logo
 - It was suggested to send Jeff VanHorn and Kevin Green “save the date” emails
 - It was suggested to use event signup for participants, their guests, and race directors before opening up to remaining FARC members since space will be limited
 - Action item: Need to find a projector for the banquet and test ahead of time. Potential leads are Brian and the Bakers.
 - Action item: Send “save the date” and banquet schedule information to Will Triplett for the newsletter

Around the Table (Chicken)

- Vic Culp
 - The sound system had issues during the FredNats Salute to Veterans 5k and we need to find someone to fix it.
 - Requested Kristen Loescher send the final data from the Blue & Gray Half Marathon on Sunday before the Frosty 5k
- Kristen Loescher
 - Race shirt inventory for the Blue & Gray Half Marathon is in runsignup.
 - T-shirt order will be done for Frosty 5k next week.
 - Encourage registration for Blue & Gray Half Marathon and Frosty 5k
 - Turkey Trot needs course marshal volunteers - signup on their website
- David Lovegrove
 - Requested that Grand Prix Banquet invites are sent to award winners as soon as possible after the last race
- Jeff Haber
 - Confirmed with Rebecca Ivester that Robin submitted the October reimbursement

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm by President, Brian Pessolano

Minutes submitted by Tracy Lloyd on November 17, 2023