

Fredericksburg Area Running Club Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Rebecca Ivester on behalf of Carrie Thibodeau

Board Members in Attendance:	Board Members Absent:	Guests in Attendance:
Brian Pessolano Vic Barthelemy Rebecca Ivester David Lovegrove William Triplett	Carrie Thibodeau Shawn Carrington Angela Anderson Mike Wood	Vic Culp Jeff Haber Kristen Loescher Tracy Lloyd

Treasurer's Report (Rebecca Ivester)

- As agreed on at the last board meeting, Rebecca (RAI) moved the Heppe 15k donation to the club from Account 331 (Donation Income) to Account 311 (Community Outreach). The donation amount was \$974.30 and we voted to move the total amount
 - RAI used money from this account to cover the purchase of Malware protection for the website. Brian purchased this for the website for \$99.00
 - For next year, we will modify the "Domain Renewal" account to be a general "Website" account, that will provide funds for the cost of domain renewal, malware protection, and other ad hoc website-related needs
- RAI is closing out the Downtown Mile account tomorrow; owes Sara \$12 reimbursement
- Braswell prize checks are written and will be sent once RAI purchases more envelopes
- We still have only received one quarterly Grand Prix sponsorship from Lucky Road. We received the first one in August and I deposited it on August 20
 - For reference, by October 15 of last year, we had received all four payments from Lucky Road
- RAI is walking the Banquet deposit over to Water's End after this meeting
- The Ospreys still have about \$150 left in their RRCA Grant account. The money is use-it-(by the end of the year)-or-lose-it
- RAI believes she is all caught up on making adjustments to the accounts relating to merchandise—specifically, making sure I am using Account 193 and Account 372
- RAI's outstanding items:
 - Review the taxes
 - Vic Culp did the taxes, RAI just needs to review. Vic read the financial spreadsheets into Quicken. The same setup can be used when we do taxes next year
 - Vic was able to emulate the balance sheets with assets and funds. It is simpler than our current method in part because you only need to do a single entry. Quicken is cheaper and easier than Quickbooks

- Move money race accounts that have been closed out for this year to the Grand Prix account to get an updated balance for that account
 - Not Grand Prix related, but the funds that remain in the Great Train Race (GTR) account need to be moved to the Operations account. GTR gives a percent (10%?) of its proceeds each year to the club; that is what this “leftover” money is, RAI just never moved it

Vice President Report (Vic Barthelemy)

- The Ospreys have been meeting from 6:00 - 7:15 PM and have, on average 30-40/50 kids. They will continue to meet through the end of October. Going to move 5:30-5:45 PM start time—more likely 5:30 PM than 5:45 PM
- Ospreys have been participating in a lot of races and have about 20-25 per race
- Dana bought shirts for kids and kids/families are able to purchase them through Dana
- Lots of good use of the supplies purchased with the RRCA grant
- Grattan (our Virginia RRCA state rep) had no comments about a single heat at the Downtown Mile for Ospreys
 - Grattan and the MCM lady (name?) were impressed with number of Ospreys
- Ospreys also had a high turnout at Braswell 5k
- William will continue to post in the newsletter about admin for Ospreys
 - They did have someone volunteer to help out

Merchandise (Vic Barhelemy)

- Winter merchandise is out at Lucky Road (LR); summer merchandise remains on the floor, too
- LR gave us a slightly bigger rack
- Plenty of hoodies; good number of windbreakers; quarter-zips are low-ish for men, but we have a fair amount of women's
- Vic B will talk to Steph about long sleeves; we only have the OG (Vic B, this means “original gangsta,” which essentially means old-school or original—figured I'd throw in a special note for you since you (and probably Vic C) are the only ones who will read this. Ha!) “silver” right now

Grand Prix (Vic Barthelemy and Brian Pessolano)

- Shawn sent email to the board that listed four options for catering for the banquet, so Vic backed off (he had originally agreed to help figure out the catering) because he didn't want two people reaching out to the same place
 - Sounding like Olive Garden - spaghetti bar
- Need to make sure we have all the medals at the next GP race

Social Committee (Jeff Haber)

- We will be returning to Red Dragon (RD) for our next social run. Seems like people generally like it there/ no one complains about it
- Brian Pessolano terrorized children with spray cheese at our previous social run . . .
- Robyn's been helping organize the social runs; she might take over for next month because Jeff is really busy. He says Robyn has been very helpful and great to work with!
 - October is our Halloween social run. Already on Robyn's radar, wants to play it up
 - Robyn just needs to coordinate with Amber, Will, and the RD contact (new guy is not super responsive; takes a week or two for him to get back to us)
- Jeff has been working on planning the holiday party
 - RD and Water's End (Water's End is available on three days:
 - **Saturday, December 2**, which is the day of the Christmas parade and is also the evening before Blue and Gray Half Marathon and day before B&G)
 - **Friday, December 15** and **Saturday, December 16**
 - Jeff is leaning toward 16th
 - Interested in inviting other groups from the community—e.g., Friends of the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg Cycling Club, maybe charities that we work with
- Maybe be in the holiday parade
 - Tracy said that there is an "application" on the website

Newsletter (William Triplett)

- First day open rate: 413 of 455
- 0.2% bounce rate
- Get items for next newsletter to Will by Sunday, September 24

Miscellaneous

- RSU is finally updating the club pages—save credit card, prorate for entering middle of year

Volunteer (David Lovegrove)

- No updates

Old Business

- Nomination committee (Angela)
 - Rebecca will send the information she collected last year about the current board positions and who has terms that are expiring

New Business

- Brian Pessolano wants to get Patty and Scott a gift card for being *amazing* and taking the time to clean up and reorganize the storage unit
 - Folks generally liked the idea, but some did feel uncomfortable providing monetary compensation for this
 - Rename the shed in their honor?
- Anna is planning to take the orange fencing from the storage unit
- Vic Barthelemy is still working on getting the MCM Beer license. He will be calling Bret Schmidt tomorrow. MCM cannot produce a document that Vic needs. Sometimes takes 30 days to get the license, other times it takes two; if on the long end this year, we're getting close on time

Chicken

- KristenLoescher: Rumor has it no more new road races; town may want to set generic race courses