

FARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

Courtyard by Marriott, Fredericksburg, VA

Call to Order made by President Denise Freeman at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees

Board Members

• In Attendance: Angela Anderson, Denise Freeman, Vic Culp, Will Triplett, James Kemp, Gerry Griffin, Michelle Sledge, LaTonya Turner

• Absent: Amber Hayghe

• Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present: Kristen Loescher, Jimm Lafferty,

Approval of Minutes

• Motion by Gerry Griffin to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025 as circulated.

• Seconded by Will Triplett and carried without dissent.

Reports of Officers

Treasurer's Report (Vic Culp)

• Vic stated that a check for \$127 to Jeff Haber never arrived and has been reissued. Other than this no changes to be made.

• Motion by Gerry Griffin to approve the treasurer's report as circulated.

Seconded by Will Triplett and carried without dissent.

Reports of Committees/Activities

Ospreys (Denise Freeman and Angela Anderson)

• The Ospreys are on break until March

• Angela reach out to Dana no updates at this time

Merchandise

• Angela Anderson spoke in Amber Traunero's absence

• Amber will be dropping FARC merchandise samples to Denise for review.

• FARC members will be used for a mini photoshoot to display the merchandise

- QR codes will be given for social media use and to be used at all FARC races and events
- No tent will be used at the first race of the year for merchandise

Grand Prix (LaTonya Turner, Gerry Griffin, Angela Anderson, Vic Culp)

- Awards celebration preparation is underway. LaTonya and her committee are on top of everything from layout to decor. They can have access at 2 p.m. to start.
- Denise as President will make remarks along with race directors for 2026
- The gift was purchased for the outgoing secretary and the agenda for the banquet to include awards being made. Presentation on the sharedrive
- The RSVP deadline was 1/11. The total count for RSVP's is 79 and total purchased by FARC was 89. This is a decrease from last year at 83.
- 1 person did try to get in after the deadline as well as a board member needs to RSVP. Anyone further can email Vic Culp
- The committee is gearing up for Dahlgren Half on January 31st. They are working with the social media committee to increase participation.

Socials (Jeff Haber)

- Jeff Haber was absent.
- Freds Nats baseball game discussed to be potentially on June 19th or June 20th as suggested for best attendance on a Friday or Saturday

Newsletter (Will Triplett)

- Denise owes President column for January. All inputs need to be to Will by 1/22 for 1/24 release
- There were 123 opens on 12/24, 126 on 12/25, and 31 on 12/26 with a 96.4% open rate
- President remarks to post fresh start and registration with 2026 races
- Use of social media to market the newsletter and its contents
- Richard Vesey Award plaque being engraved and ready to be picked up 1/22 for 1/24 presentation. The placement of award post award ceremony has been tabled.

Training program(Gerry Griffin)

- The program has a total of 201 people signed up with 106 in the 5K, 42 in the 10K, and 53 in the half marathon
- Largest training day had 65 people on January 3rd. The average attendance despite rain days has been 40 people
- There has been great coach support and excitement from participants
- Gerry has been nominated as the membership representative for the club
- He will be speaking to the participants regarding the 5 memberships giveaway and answer any questions they have
- The question was raised regarding what event for the 5K participants at the end of their training
- It was decided that a 5K mat would be placed at the Love the Run You're with 4-Miler, a 20% discount would be given to them, and they can use the remaining distance as a cool down to walk to the finish line.
- This will give them the opportunity to participate in a real race environment
- They do have to make it to the finish line for it to count
- LaTonya after the participants finish get another incentive
- The 5 membership giveaway will be at the tent afterward

Old Business

Audit committee

- Committees consists of Gerry, Kristen, and Clint Firstbrook. They will review before the next board meeting
- Kristen will be the chair. They need to request whatever documents to review. The last review was done last year in February.
- They are looking to see if there is any suspicious activity. Such as checks to board members, balance off on the books, or any transactions that can't be verified.

BOD training

- The training will be February 7th from 10 - 2.
- The agenda will be started and reviewed by board prior to meeting
- Denise will reach out to hotel regarding food options

Volunteer committee

- Tabled until next meeting

New Business

Operating Budget

- Budget was reviewed line by line. Vic explained that the revenue brought in 2026 is the money we intend to spend in 2027.
- In 2025, \$3,103.25 in the budgeted amount was not spent and \$2,894.84 revenue was made from the helping Marine Corps Marathon with the beer gardens at MCHH and MCM
- There has been an accumulation of an additional \$7,000 over the years.
- The recommendation is to include an additional \$1,000 of those funds in this year's budget increasing the amount budgeted to \$18,424.86 for 2026.
- The board decided that the specific use of those funds will be used for community outreach and marketing and Trail/Track Budget to include summer training.
- We will begin looking in to the costs of Farmers Markets and the Christmas parade.
- Raise social committee to \$3,600 in 2026 from \$3,000 in 2025. QuickBooks Online monthly fee increased from last year and checks do need to be purchased this year with additional funds as well
- The budget was approved with the above changes. The Budget spreadsheet is at [FARC Budget vs Actual.xlsx - Google Sheets](#)
- Motion was made to approve by James Kemp and seconded by Will Triplett. All approved no dissent

Dispose of Old Merchandise

- The remaining merchandise is 26 hats and 21 jackets
- A majority of the items of 6 hats and 21 jackets will be given at the banquet
- The excess will be given to the training participants

Support of MCHH and MCM

- The agreement is needed from Marine Corps Marathon Organization for the Marine Corps Historic Half and the Marine Corps Marathon
- The agreement does need to be reviewed by Vic and Denise as well as obtaining the ABC licensing and volunteer training.
- During the MCHH/MCM, the club worked well with Stone.

- The process was more comfortable with the beer garden this year. The club does have signage that can be used as well as all licensure needs
- Put for Old Business for status next month

\$250 donation for memberships

- Vic will give Gerry the 10 coupon codes for the \$25 drawing

Scholarships

- Vic has sent out 1 application at this time.
- The qualification is a high school senior going to college in the fall that is a club member
- The deadline is April 15th to be given out at the Great Train Race
- This will be pushed in the newsletter, social media marketing, and at the banquet

Committee members(transparency/list)

- Should we list committees and members on the website?
- The board decided to list the committee chairs email on the website with the committee members listed below
- Committees to include Membership, Social Media, Social, Volunteers, Track, Trail, Website, Newsletter, Grand Prix, Great Train Race, Devil's Den, Downtown Mile and Audit

Meeting adjourned

Denise made a motion to adjourn

Michelle seconded it at 8:42 p.m.