

FREDERICKSBURG AREA RUNNING CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on August 20, 2026.

Board attendees: Vic Culp, Gerry Griffin, Amber Hayghe, William Triplett, Angela Anderson, LaTonya Turner and President Denise Freeman.

Other attendees: Jeff Haber, Kristen Loescher, Arielle Martin, Noel (help needed with last name)

The July minutes were approved.

The July Treasurer's report was approved by the board with one correction to have Meghan's name spelled correctly.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was shared that the Board Minutes are not posted on the FARC website. It was agreed that the Minutes will be sent in PDF format to Edwin. He will ensure placement. LaTonya took the lead to send the July minutes to Edwin.

MCHH and MCM Beer tent. Denise will contact Mike Harpin, Sapporo to receive reimbursement for MCHH beer.

Gerry and Denise are leads for MCM. We need to start on the ABC license, ensure the MCM agreement is in place and contact the Distributor. Vic reminded Gerry and Denise that a physical address is needed for the ABC license. All bibs are sold but three people need to register. Vic will reach out.

Master Calendar – all present reviewed the calendar. The calendar should be shared with everybody via Vic's request. The Trail and Track series need to be listed. We added Arielle Martin to the shared list. It was requested to avoid scheduling more than one event at one day. Also not to schedule social events prior to a race.

The board will decide to schedule an event when there is one listed on the same day or one day after.

Arielle Martin, new social events lead, will add her social events to the calendar.

RRCA Conference Feedback

The attendees need to set a date for a meeting and add the missing items onto Vic's spreadsheet. A Zoom call is preferred after 1600. We will look at dates.

Free race in the fall “Whose race is it anyway”. Denise will ask Chuck Love to time the event. Denise will need to ask the parks and rec about permit and pavilion rules. New Year’s Day, 1100, is suggested.

Shed Inventory. This event needs to be scheduled and determined who is willing to conduct it. It was decided to use paper and clipboard for checking and returning items. Jimm, Denise, Gerry, and LaTonya offered to help out. It was requested to schedule it after DTM.

Required Liquid Cash – tabled to the next board meeting.

Tent Purchase. Amber found a custom tent vendor. The board needs to determine if we want to pay for sides - \$130 per side without customization. Weights need to be purchased separately. The cost for a 10x10 is \$425 for a full color top; \$370 for the 10x10 frame plus anything additional we purchase, i.e., sides. It was suggested to purchase only one wall with FARC printed on it and to have the canopy customized. LaTonya asked for a detailed cost breakdown and then board makes a decision. It was decided to select the color blue for the printing.

New Business

Background Check – Vic set up account NCSI for anyone that needs a background check. The club automatically pays for it. Dana, Osprey’s, has a new volunteer. FARC will pay \$16 per background check upon registration of the individual via the NCSI website’s automated system. Vic stated all Course Marshals (CMs) at GTR need background checks. Needs to be done every two years.

LaTonya will test the background check link before we send it out. Then Angela and Dana will receive the link to register CMs.

2027 Grand Prix Committee. Mason McMahon will be the Grand Prix Director.

Social Committee. Arielle Martin is the new Social Committee Director. Arielle will work with L. J. , Hana McConnel and Claudia Ramirez. There is \$2500 left in the budget.

Fall Track event/Halloween. Denise is trying to get a date from the school and will let us know what day is available. It was suggested to incorporate a Halloween theme. The hope is to host it around 1730 when it gets dark. Thursday night might work because the football team might not practice before games.

Devils Den Race Director – Jimm Lafferty will take over for Chris Kohler.

New battery. Jimm installed the battery in the timing clock. It is \$100 cost.

Pelican case for PA system. Vic suggested buying this item since the items belonging to the speakers are lost in the box. Cost should be \$200. Vic will buy this. Gerry made the motion to buy a pelican case. All approved, none opposed.

Downtown Mile championship race in 2027. The application has to be filed by November. Angela will file.

Committee reports

Grand Prix Committee. Gerry stated he resourced a Photographer for banquet. It is the same Kristen uses (Keith Turner). The cost is \$700 with a \$100 deposit. Grand Prix committee needs to look at budget.

Gerry suggests that we need to find a digital photo storage place and find out the cost – tabled to next meeting.

LaTonya reported about the annual race director meeting on 8/20. It was a good turnout. Race agreements for 2027 were sent out, the importance of race plans stressed. Kristen shared the importance of timing, RunSignUp and bibs. The Race calendar for 2027 was shared. Mason was introduced as new director to begin in January after the banquet. He will attend Grand Prix meetings starting from now on.

Kristen will reach out to the POC for Tree of Life.

Newsletter - Will need input by 8/25.

Trail Series. An 8-mile trail race will be at Motts Reservoir this weekend. Sixty runners are signed up.

Social Committee. Arielle is looking for a new Karaoke location and will provide an update at the next meeting.

She also will need to look for Christmas/Holiday party location. December 12 after the Blue and Gray Half marathon was suggested.

Denise made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm.