

RR BOARD MEETING Minutes – 1/12/19

In attendance:

Marcy Foster, President
Mike McCord, Vice President
Shandila Collins, Member at Large
Kevin Hart, Director of Walking Programs
Joan Koss, Member at Large
John Koss, Secretary
Pablo Raffo, Member at Large (U40)
Mary Shedlock, Treasurer

Action items are in italics with the name of the responsible person in bold italics.

Old Business

Around Reston Article: An article on Reston runners was submitted to Around Reston and accepted by the editor on December 21.

Commemorative Brick: Additional comments were received from Club members on recommended wording for the Reston Runners commemorative brick and were forwarded to Board members. The order was submitted using wording chosen by a previous vote of the Board, and confirmed by the Reston Historic Trust.

Gifts for new members: Shandila is sending contact information for new members to Jeannie Johns, who contacts them to arrange for a face to face meeting at one of our weekend runs where they will receive a Reston Runners license plate frame and magnet.

Annual Nomination and Election schedule and status: nominations continue until January 20th. Elections will be held on February 1-14. All eight board members wishing to run again for their current positions have been nominated, in addition to other individuals.

RRCA membership and insurance renewal: Payment was made and received by RRCA, and RRCA issued our certificates of insurance. The Board discussed certain policies related to RRCA membership:

The RRCA has a policy that member clubs must require all guests on training runs to sign a liability waiver. ***John will prepare a form that will travel with each set of water coolers for the Sunday runs, containing a liability release to be signed.***

The payment of royalties to performing rights organizations for playing recordings of licensed music at Club events was discussed. It was determined that it is not necessary to pay the royalties.

Joe Fleig Award: The Board discussed nominees for the Joe Fleig award (also known as the Green Jacket award). A nominee was selected. Kevin Hart prepared a form for nominators to use in future years to highlight the RR programs that the nominee has participated in and served, as well as the nominee's other leadership roles. Ellen Hart has provided a helpful history of the Joe Fleig award and a list of prior recipients. ***Marcy will talk with Jack to get this history and prior recipients posted on the Web site.***

Potluck schedule: Kevin identified four volunteers to host potluck breakfasts and is coordinating with Dennis on the course committee to schedule the potlucks. Kevin will check with Sarah H. to determine whether she plans to hold another Tim Cohn memorial run/potluck.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held on February 23rd. The club will order a main course and members will bring side dishes or desserts. *Marcy will ask Luz if she can prepare a slide show for the meeting.*

Long-term planning schedule: *John will prepare a calendar of planning and reservation deadlines for our annual events – in process.*

RR document Repository: Pablo created a repository, accessible to Board members by password, to store documents relating to Club business. *John will post the club certificate of insurance, incident report form, and bylaws. We may also post a current roster.*

Winter Training Program: The Board has considered a Winter Training Program, as suggested on the member survey. Such a program could focus on half marathon training to align with the Runners' Marathon of Reston. With RMR being just 12 weeks away, this plan will be deferred for consideration next Fall, for a Winter 2020 start.

RMR Course Familiarization Run: The Board would like to get a familiarization run on the course calendar in early March. *Marcy will contact Dennis to arrange it.*

Membership Renewals: The majority of memberships expired in December. *John will prepare a message to remind members to renew, for posting on the eNews and the website, and Board members will make announcements at the weekly runs.*

Digital Strategy and Reston Runners Publicity:

The Reston Runners advertisement is ready for publishing in the RA circular. The plan is to advertise every other week, or once a month. *Kevin will contact RA to place an ad.*

Mary will ask Potomac River Running (PRR) if Reston Runners might leave business cards on display at the store. Pablo can print the cards. Marcy will ask whether PRR is able to publicize our joint Saturday morning runs.

New Business:

Breakfast locations: Balducci's was discussed as an alternate location for breakfast at Reston Town Center. The seating area there is probably too small to accommodate our group.

Treasurer's report: Mary presented an updated financial statement in detail. Membership income is down significantly from last year. This may be because a large number of memberships expired in December 2018 and are due for renewal at this time. The Board will consider raising dues next year, however, it is too late to do so for the 2019 year. The Board will post a financial statement of the Club's account on the web site in January or February.

Club Cohesion: *Marcy and Mike will check in with the Morning Stars group to discuss whether they might be interested in participating more closely with Reston Runners.*

Safety: Runners have fallen on some of our runs and incurred abrasions. The club plans to provision several first aid kits that will travel with the water cooler sets.

Next meeting date and place: The next meeting will be held on February 17th, after the run (approximately 10:15 am).