

Triple Cities Runners Club Board Meeting- April 16th, 2011

Attendance: Cindy Manchester, Vince Kelly, Ed Jenner, Trish Horan, Greg Amend, Kathy Anderson, Suzy Myette, Kevin Pasterchik, Chris Cowden, Grace TabEEK, Dan Dougherty, Tom Hamlin, George Joseph, Brendan Flynn

- Call to Order- George Joseph 7:05
- Robert's Run 5K- Cindy Manchester
 - Cindy requested insurance and finish line services for the race through the club. The race will be held on May 21st at SV high school with registration opening at 9 a.m. and the race at 10 a.m. George will coordinate.
- Secretary's Report- Sue Cain
 - Minutes were taken by outgoing secretary Debbie Grassi and presented by incoming secretary Susan Cain.
 - Motion made by Tom Hamlin to accept minutes, second by Ed Jenner. Motion carried
- Treasurer's Report- Kevin Pasterchik
 - Kevin reviewed expenditures/income from the previous month. He noted the club is showing a net profit of \$2953 for the year
 - Income and expenditures from the Annual Dinner included in this month's report
 - Tom Hamlin made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Brendan Flynn. Motion passed
- Forks VX- Tom Hamlin
 - Tom distributed the expenses/income report for the 2011 Forks VX race. The race took in a total of \$3278.20 in registration fees and expenses totaled \$2093.16 leaving a profit of \$1185.04
 - Early start at Forks discussed in length. Decided to table the discussion until later in the meeting
- Early Starters- Alan Jones
 - Alan had raised the issue via an email to George about the logistics for early starters. At Forks, 2 early starter runners finished ahead of the lead runners, which caused chaos at the finish chute. Discussed consequences for early starters that finish ahead of the pack. Other races have done two sets of results, one for early starters (unofficial) and one for typical race participants (official). Discussed having two different chutes for the two groups of runners. Conclusion that each race director will have the freedom to dictate how early starters will be scored and finished.
- TCRC runners at the Boston Marathon- Chris Cowden
 - Chris highlighted the TCRC team of Trish Horan, Rachel Murphy, Emily Piza-Taylor and Janine Fitzgerald placed 10th overall at the Boston Marathon. Other TCRC teams entered included: Male Masters- Erik Maki, Harry Back, Tom

Mullins, and Brian Cummings. The Male Open team consisted of: Shawn Horan, Chris Cowden, Greg Derick and Mike Murphy. Congratulations from the TCRC Board to all participants

- Grand Prix half marathon- Kevin Pasterchik
 - Kevin questioned the decision to have only the Bridges Run count toward the Grand Prix. Cited the high cost of the race entry fee may be prohibitive to some runners. Kevin questioned opening up the ½ marathon option for the Grand Prix to include any ½ marathon. History of the GP discussed, highlighting the choice of 16 other races to fulfill requirement. No motion made
- Chip Timing- Vince Kelly
 - Vince has been in contact with Chrono-track as a possible purchase option for the club. According to a rep at Chrono-track, they will not sell a system to the TCRC as a customer of theirs already exists in the area (Leone Timing out of Oswego). Will continue to pursue other vendors
- Chris Thater- George Joseph for Tom Carter
 - George via Tom presented the opportunity for the club to again be a sponsor of the Chris Thater Memorial Run. Motion made by Tom Hamlin, second by Susan Cain to allot \$500 to the Chris Thater race, with \$250 to be used for food/drinks and \$250 to be used at the race directors discretion
- Equipment- George Joseph
 - Historically the club has lent out equipment without set guidelines. In the past equipment has been returned broken and the club was unable to take action against the party responsible. RRCA does offer insurance through their organization, but the insurance carries a \$1000 deductible. This may be considered if the club buys a chip timing system
 - Suggested any group outside the TCRC that rents the equipment place a \$125 security deposit and needs to sign a waiver that states the group will cover the cost of repairs. Grace and George offered to look in to what other clubs are doing and report back.
- Corning Running Club- Chris Cowden
 - Chris had heard Corning was considering reinstating their cross country series. Chris will pursue this and report back to the board
- Motion to adjourn meeting made by George Joseph, second by Grace Tabeeek. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:50. Next meeting will be on May 10th at 7:00 p.m at the Relief Pitcher

Submitted by Susan Cain