

Triple Cities Runners Club
Board Meeting
May 14, 2013
Relief Pitcher

Members Present: Tom Carter, Mike Murphy, Kevin Pasterchik, Darlene Cempa, Dan Dougherty, Tom Hamlin, Trish Horan, Emily Piza-Taylor, Chris Cowden, Susan Cain, Harry Back, Vince Kelley, Ed Jenner, Grace Tabeek, Steve Esposito

Members Absent: Greg Derick

1. President Tom Carter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Motions passed via email since last meeting: Grace researched the cost to get a time machine repaired as it was only printing the top half of the numbers. It would cost about \$1,000 to replace and under \$200 to repair. Motion was made to repair the machine at a cost not to exceed \$200 and passed. Also a motion to provide running shoes for a local runner in dire need of them was made and passed and will be discussed further at the 5/14 meeting.
3. Run for Carrie 5k – Brett Dean and Mark Silvanic from Opportunities for Broome shared with the club that they are organizing a Run for Carrie. Carrie is Harland Bigelow's daughter and she has stage 4 cancer. The race will be held on August 11th at Otsiningo Park. They wanted to ask the club for volunteers, finish line support and possibly a race director. Barb Morrissey offered to help Brett and Mark with the race director duties. As Harland has been a long time volunteer with the club, the board wanted to support the race. Sue Cain made a motion to provide finish line services for the race as a donation, Vince seconded, motion passed.
4. Sertoma 5k – Heather Sanford from the JC Sertoma spoke to the board. The Sertoma's current project is to purchase ipads for children with apraxia of speech. They would like to host a 5k to fund their project. The 5k is planned in Otsiningo Park on 7/28. The Sertoma inquired about the prices for finish line services. The board members shared the pricing.
5. Halloween 13k - Rachel Johnson said that this year's event is planned for Saturday November 2nd and she wanted to know about having the race become a part of the Grand Prix. She thought it might bring more runners. After discussion, the board felt that adding the race to the Grand Prix would not necessarily bring more runners and shared with Rachel that exposure on the web site's calendar is a better way to reach runners.
6. Secretary's Report - Motion was made by Harry Back and seconded by Chris Cowden to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.
7. Treasurer's Report – Kevin Pasterchik reviewed the treasurer's report. He also mentioned that the 990N had been filed timely for the club. A membership update was shared as well – the club has 98 new members and 283 renewals for a total of 381. Tom Carter made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Chris Cowden. The motion passed.

8. Online membership – Kevin talked about RunSignup. It is being used for the Vestal XX. Harry and Sue both have researched the system and it offers all of the services that a club would want at competitive prices. Steve agreed. There was a discussion about the costs, fees, information that gets gathered, etc. Harry made a motion to move forward for online membership with RunSignup and to also use it for our race registrations, with the fees being added on to the club's fee. Alan Jones will set this up and be administrator and others will be added as necessary. Sue seconded the motion and the motion passed.
9. Forks XV – Tom Hamlin said that this was the second largest running of the Forks XV ever and he reviewed the income and expenses from the race. He then said that after being the director of the race for 10 years, he was stepping down from the position and that Darlene Cempa would be taking over the race. He will assist her and show her what needs to be done next year. Tom Carter thanked Tom for his service in being race director for ten years. Tom then requested clarification that the cost for the Montrose finish line to be chip timed would be \$x.xx per runner. Several members agreed that this is now the rate the club charges to chip time races.
10. Shoe Support – Grace spoke about the fact that the club had discussed providing shoes to needy high school students back in 2010 or 2011 but nothing was ever formalized. It was agreed that the club favors providing support to needy high school students to pay for running shoes. Grace will send a letter or email to the board to formalize how this will work.
11. YMCA Corporate Challenge – June 13th – they need help at the finish line. Volunteers can get credit for the Grand Prix and refreshments are provided. People should see Grace if they can help out.
12. Memberships and merchandise – Chris Cowden spoke about whether or not the club could provide a means to verify membership (such as a member card). It would be useful for events like the running analysis or discounts at local stores. It was agreed that this might be difficult to do right now but we should keep it in mind as we begin using RunSignup. He also said that he thinks the club should keep a stock of TCRC shirts to take to races to sell instead of only doing special order. He and Sue will work together on this.
13. Grand Prix – Tom Carter said that the way the Grand Prix rules are written regarding the person's age and the way it is currently being done don't match. The rules state that it is the person's age on January 1st, but we have been using their age at the first event. This caused a discrepancy in the results for the Grand Prix. Vince Kelley offered to discuss this with Greg Amend and report back at the next meeting.
14. Run for Colors – Joanne Weir from MHASt would like to get votes to have a Run for Colors event in Binghamton. An email was sent telling how to vote for this on the Run for Colors web site.
15. Track meets – Dan, Kristy, Sue, Darlene, Barb and Trish will work together on this. It looks like they will be in July and August this year. Dan also stated that the club needs more Gatorade jugs for water stops as the ones we have are leaking. They are \$50 for a 10 gallon one at Lowe's. Sue made a motion to buy 5 at a cost of approximately \$250 and Trish seconded. Motion passed.

16. Sound System – Grace mentioned that the sound system is still under warranty and is broken. She will contact Suzanne again to try to get it back so we can get it fixed.
17. Adjournment – 9:05 pm