

Minutes - June, 2015 TCRC Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board and Officers of the Triple Cities Runners Club was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at the home of Board member Sue Cain, due and timely notice having been given.

The following Officers and Board members were present:

Chris Cowden
Mike Murphy
Kevin Pasterchik
Emily Piza-Taylor
Harry Back
Dan Dougherty
Sue Cain
Aaron Perry
Christopher Simser
Vince Fox
Vince Kelly
Mark Hendley
Kara Hendley

Not present: Charles Wellman, Grace TabEEK (Chris Simser reporting minutes for Grace)

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:11 PM by President Chris Cowden

The **Minutes of the May, 2015 meeting** had been distributed to the Board by Secretary Grace TabEEK. A Motion was made by Harry Back and seconded by Emily Piza-Taylor to accept the Minutes. The Motion was approved without opposition.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed by Treasurer Kevin Pasterchik, who briefly reviewed select line items with the Board. A Motion to accept the Report was made by Dan Dougherty and seconded by Vince Kelly. The Motion passed without opposition.

The Audit Report was addressed by Vince Fox. Vince had previously distributed the Report by e-mail together with some suggestions he had for the Board to consider. A discussion followed regarding the Treasurer making deposits and issuing checks, and how this could be construed as violating a separation of duties for the office of Treasurer. The Board came to a general consensus that this practice would be avoided where practical, with, for example, individual race directors making their own deposits. It was also agreed that when the Treasurer is required to make a deposit that receipts will be given to keep as full and accurate a record of

each deposit as possible. In addition, anyone making a deposit should obtain a receipt and provide it to the Treasurer.

Vince recommended that the expenses associated with the TCRC Timing Services be determined so that these expenses can be deducted from Timing Services Income, thereby giving a more accurate picture of what that income is each year.

It was also recommended and agreed that there should be an audit of club items so that an accurate inventory can be compiled listing all items owned by the TCRC, together with their respective serial numbers or other identifying features where applicable.

The Board thanked Vince and his committee for their work on the Audit.

The **report of the Timing Services Committee (“TSC”)** was made by Committee Chair Harry Back. Harry reviewed the June 7, 2015 meeting of the TSC with the Board. A copy of the minutes of that meeting are hereto affixed and incorporated by reference herein.

The TSC has agreed that Aaron Perry will serve as interim Chairman of the TSC in Harry’s absence. Sue Cain has agreed to serve as TCRC Volunteer Services Coordinator.

Help is needed to assist with registration and set up at the upcoming Strawberry Fest in Owego and for the July 4th Races in Montrose, PA.

Aaron Perry and Jim Devona will be reviewing the operation of the “RunScore” program at the Strawberry Fest 5k in Owego on June 19, 2015.

E-mail inquiring about timing services offered by the TCRC will now go to Aaron Perry and Grace Tabek.

There was a brief discussion about the TCRC bidding to time the Bridge Run Half Marathon and 5k in 2017, as it appears the organizers have a contract with the current providers through the 2016 races.

The TSC has discussed offering a different fee structure to certain not-for-profit races in our area, but the idea has been tabled for further discussion at a later date.

The wireless interface for the timing machine is now operable and will be in use at upcoming races. After a brief discussion, Kevin Pasterchik moved to reimburse Mark Hendley \$283.90 (Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Ninety Cents) for purchasing this item. The Motion was seconded by Dan Dougherty and passed without opposition.

Christopher Simser discussed **amending the By-Laws and seeking an independent legal opinion on monies generated from timing services**. Christopher asked that he be authorized to reach out to the Hon. Eugene Peckham, now a partner at Binghamton law firm Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, and request what a retainer would cost the TCRC for a review of current and amended By-Laws, and for a review of TCRC finances and an opinion if revenue received from timing services constitutes Unrelated Business Income as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. Christopher asked for a motion authorizing him to draft a letter and circulate by e-mail to Board members for review and approval. Chris Cowden made the requested Motion; it was seconded by Harry Back, and passed without opposition.

Sue Cain asked the Board if **the TCRC would be interested in sponsoring an event like Runapalooza**, which is held in Syracuse on the campus of Onondaga Community College. It would be a running event with bands, a social component, etc. The Board expressed general interest in pursuing such an event, and Sue will be looking into the possibility of organizing one in the future.

TCRC Summer Track Meets will be held at the Maine Endwell track beginning on July 1, 2015. Individuals are needed to set up and oversee each event. Dan Dougherty agreed that he would oversee the July 1, 2015 meet, and Sue Cain agreed to do the same for the July 8, 2015 meet.

There was an extended discussion about **the role of the TCRC Vice President**. It was agreed that as the TCRC has grown the role of all officers has expanded. Current Vice President Mike Murphy stated that his schedule at present was so demanding as to make it very difficult for him to attend monthly Board meetings. Mike will be considering if he will be able to continue in the Vice President's office given these demands. Mike also expressed his desire that he remain on the Board even if he is no longer able to serve as Vice President.

There being no further old or new business, a **Motion to Adjourn** was made by Kevin Pasterchik at 8:42 PM. It was seconded by Vince Kelly and passed by general acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher I. Simser, Sr.