

## TRIPLE CITIES RUNNERS CLUB

September 8, 2015

### **CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03**

**PRESENT:** Charles Wellman, Vince Fox, Kevin Pasterchik, Harry Back, Chris Cowden, Dan Dougherty, Matt Gawors, Mike Murphy, Vince Kelley, Emily Piza-Taylor, Grace TabEEK, Mike Thompson, Meghan Mitrus, Tim O'Neill, Mark Hendley, Chris Simser, Joe Geronimo

**NOT PRESENT:** Aaron Perry, Sue Cain

**BOARD SEATS:** Two members stepping down from their board seats, Charles Wellman (2016) and Vince Kelley (2017). Both seats open to TCRC membership. Mike Thompson and Meghan Mitrus expressed interest in running for a board position and both were voted in with Mike taking the board seat that expires in 2016 and Meghan taking the board seat that expires in 2017.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Chris C. made motion to pass, Matt second, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kevin reported Senior Festival is the only finish line payment outstanding and all scholarship checks had cleared. Mike M. made motion to pass, Dan second, motion passed.

**Chris Simser:** Christopher S. reported on the legal status of the TCRC providing timing services. The Board had retained retired Judge Eugene Peckham of Levene, Gouldin and Thompson to provide the TCRC with an evaluation of the timing services. Christopher read from Judge Peckham's letter that confirmed that the services as currently provided by the TCRC complied with all aspects of the Club's 501(c)(3) status. It was emphasized that all timing services are provided by volunteer members of the TCRC and no salaries or wages are paid to anyone for these services. All funds generated by the timing services are returned to the TCRC to be used in furthering its charitable purposes as stated in its By Laws. Chris also asked the board to look at the amendments to the TCRC by-laws. Harry made a motion to pass the new amendments, Vince F. second, motion passed.

**Wheelchair Race:** Vince Fox brought this idea to the board to see if the board would be interested, if it's something worth pursuing and if TCRC is interested, to what extent. It would be held on the Rail Trail in Vestal and would be exclusively for those in wheelchairs. It would include all abilities and various interested groups in the area such as STIC, disabled vets and Special Olympics to name a few.

**Super Hero 5K:** Race is on 9/12 at 10:00 and Kevin will head up the finish with Dan helping out.

**BURC Open:** Race is on 9/26 and Mark not available so TCRC is not chip timing this event. Suggested rainbow scoring.

**Lockheed Martin Ghost Run:** Race is 10/8, held for Lockheed Martin employees. Kevin will head up finish line with Mark H. helping.

**Falcon 5K:** Race director requested use of clock for race, no board member available to go so will let them know we are not able to help out that day.

**Timing Committee Update:** Harry reported Mark's needs and the suggested recommendations are as follows: October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> training day at Otsiningo Park to work in conjunction with Sunday long run. Have some runners do laps in the park and Mark can train those interested on the chip system. Storage of the chip timing equipment- Matt G. suggested the basement of Confluence. You can access the basement without entering the store. Chris Simser also offered his garage for storage.

**Herald of Victory Marathon:** Matt G. asked TCRC to chip time the race and said he would like everyone to volunteer day of race. He is working on an event with Bing Pop for the Saturday night before the marathon. Matt is also working with STAP on a bike tour that starts before the marathon

**Pancake Breakfast:** Matt suggested a pancake breakfast for TCRC membership, possibly the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Discussed different venues to hold the breakfast.

**Running History Event:** Matt said this will be held in conjunction with the Herald of Victory Marathon and Bundy Museum. On 9/17 at 7:00 at Confluence Running Store, Matt is inviting anyone interested in coming down to share running stories, records or anything running related that you think others would find interesting.

**Finish Line:** Emily reported on a proposed new finish line set up for TCRC. The finish line would be \$47 per piece for a total of \$542.60 with shipping. Kevin asked that it be put on hold until the board decides on direction of chip timing.

**Legal Aid 5K:** Grace asked that someone take over head finish for this race held on 9/27 at noon. Emily agreed to head up finish and Grace will get volunteers to help out.

**Vince Kelley** thanked the board for his years of service.

**ADJOURN:** Kevin made motion to adjourn, Charles second, motion passed at 8:30.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Grace Tabek

**NEXT MEETING:** October 13, 2015