## TRIPLE CITIES RUNNERS CLUB

## **December 8, 2020**

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06PM- VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Sue Cain, Grace Tabeek, Kevin Pasterchik, Ken Burt, Jennifer Woltjen, Ray Fryc, Vince Fox, Betsy Perry, Mike Thompson

NOT PRESENT; Kate Warren, Kat Hores, Dan Dougherty

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**: Grace reported and made motion to accept, Ray second, motion passed. Yes-8 No-0

**TURKEY TROT 5 MILER:** Grace reported that all went well with the virtual Turkey Trot and was currently holding a second packet pickup for members. She received an invoice for CNY that included sale tax, but will go back to CNY to request an invoice be sent without sales tax. Grace also reported that there are still members that have not picked up their packets/shirts. These packets will not be mailed out to members but they can coordinate with Grace to get them from her after the final packet pickup. The final numbers for the race will be determined soon, so that we can figure out the amount for the Scholarships.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Ken reported that membership has picked up and registrations are coming in daily due to the Turkey Trot race and the annual renewal email sent out by Run Sign Up. Ken and Kevin have worked on and submitted the tax return for the club. Ken also reported on a scholarship duplicate payment to scholarship recipient Lindsey Szalach. The second cashed check's amount will be returned to the club. Ken will continue to update us. Kevin and Ken will also look into the RCAA dues that are coming due and report back to the board/

Ken made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Ray second, motion passed.

Yes-8 No-0

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Ray reported that he will begin updated the website for 2021 and asked the board to look for errors or needed updates on the website. He also stated that a membership post as well as a post thanking Visions for their contribution this year, will go out in the next few weeks.

**Website Payment to Wix:** Ray reported that it is time for us to renew our website with wix. Last year we paid \$264 for 1 -year. Ray was able to find a deal that allows us to renew until Dec 9, 2022 (24 months) for only \$200.82.

Ray made a motion to pay Wix \$200.82 to extend the website for 24 months, Kevin second, motion passed. \*This motion was updated to \$218.39 through a board vote via email following the meeting.

Yes-8 No-0

**Research Survey:** Ray reported that an email was received from Alex Ehlert, asking for TCRC's assistance in sharing his research survey involving his dissertation. Due to the Social media protocol, which prohibits the use of our social media for Non-TCRC business, the board declined to share the survey.

JANUARY FREEZE 10K SERIES: Vince reported that Gazelle Timing would offer to time the January Freeze at a rate of \$350 per race plus an addition \$1 per runner over 100 runners. Sue then proposed a plan and the board discussed timing the race ourselves. The race would be limited to 45 runners + 5 volunteers. Runners would be required to wear masks and to stand on spaced out spots along the start line. The race would be limited to TCRC members only. Runners would also have the choice of running 2 of the 4 available dates (January, 9, 16, 23, 30 and a makeup date if needed on February 6<sup>th</sup>) Ray will work with Sue to email Liz at the County Parks as well as work on the run sign up page if the plan is approved. Ray will report back to the board once he receives word from Liz.

**JANUARY STREAK:** Sue report that TCRC was approached by STRC for their New Year, New Ewe January Running Streak race. The Challenge is to see which club's members can run more miles in January. The race will be \$25 to enter and the club that runs the most miles will receive at least \$100 towards their scholarship fund.

Ray made a motion to work with TCRC to participate in the event and utilize our social media to promote the even to our runners, Betsy second, motion passed.

Yes-7 Abstained - 1 No-0

**MEMBERSHIP:** Memberships have been rolling in since the beginning of the month. As stated previously in the meeting, post will go out to remind members to renew and encourage new registrations.

**TCRC MERCHANDISE ORDER:** Sue reported that she picked up two boxes of Merchandise from logowise and dropped them off at Confluence. Members can begin to pick up their merchandise from their Binghamton location. Ray reported that Posts have went out on our social media alerting the members. The board will consider another order in the spring.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Ray said that as the year comes to a close, he wanted to thank the board and our running community for staying connected during these difficult times. He understands that just because the New Year begins does not mean that the tough times are over though and encouraged the running community and our membership to stay connected and strong even while apart. He is excited for the prospect of the January Freeze being held in person and is hopeful for 2021. He also reminded the board that 2021 represents the TCRC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club. This is a historic milestone and is something we should celebrate as we enter 2021!

**Other Business:** Sue reported that she is in talks for a prospective Summer Race Series with Beer Tree Factory. She also encouraged the board to promote the benefits of being a part of the TCRC!

**Next Meeting:** Ray made a motion to hold our next meeting on Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Kevin second, motion passed.

Yes-8 No-0

**ADJOURN:** Ray made motion to adjourn, Sue second, motion passed at 8:41pm.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Raymond Fryc (Grace was at Turkey Trot Packet Pickup)

**NEXT MEETING:** Zoom meeting on January 12, 2020 at 7:00pm