

RVRR Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2017

Attendees: Shannon, Eric, Jeremy, Will, Bob, Drew, Neil, Louise (2017 Board), plus Tom O'Reilly and Alberto Artasanchez (members)

1. Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. Alberto Artasanchez attended the meeting to talk about the announcements re routes, with a "pitch" for emphasizing the towpath as the preferred or official route. Especially since Chris Lehman got hit by a car on River Road, he is concerned with safety. The Board decided that a compromise would be to emphasize the towpath in Saturday announcements (and on Wednesday evenings in the summer when we assemble in Johnson Park) as a "preferred" route. We don't want to alienate anyone; we want to provide options. Also discussed that the Board needs to model safe behavior re crossings, etc.
3. Tom O'Reilly will be serving as the Race Director for the Turkey Trot, which is coming back after a one-year hiatus. It will now be an official RVRR race. The date this year will be Sunday, November 12 (the weekend between the NYC Marathon and the Philadelphia Marathon). Start time will be 10am. Location is Colonial Park in Somerset. Tom has worked with Compuscore and the route is USATF certified. There is nothing to do yet (for the board), but we will need to purchase some stuff for the race. Previously they cleared about \$2,000 and gave RVRR \$500 (we supplied volunteers). We have to pay for the permit now. Tom needs to find out what else the Park Commission covered before. We will need to supply 15-20 volunteers to make this a success.
 - a. Neil will do a web page.
 - b. Discussion of using runsignup instead of raceit (saves money and has a better interface)
 - c. Cost will be \$20 for either the 5K or 1 mile race. Later registrations will go up to \$25.
 - d. Prizes are frozen turkeys.
 - e. Tom floated the idea of a RVRR Cup – for people who run (for example) four of our races.
4. Tom reminded the Board that next Wednesday (May 10) is the scavenger run. Question: is the board supplying small prizes? (Yes: \$10 off summer series) Teams will be between 3 and 5 people. Start and end is at the church in Highland Park. Reminder that we should emphasize safety!
5. The minutes for the last Board meeting (April) were approved.
6. Bob Tona provided the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Shannon is following up with people who haven't renewed but are participating in events. She will send those names to the board.
 - b. There was a discussion about team funds.
7. Old Business
 - a. Eric – re providing insurance certificates
 - b. UNITE volunteering – there was good interest, at least one new member as a result. The fruit snacks as a giveaway was a hit. The booth is free to RVRR. It was a nice booth with a good location.

- c. Spring breakfast at Mahesha's house – we spent only \$15 on food (eggs, bacon, etc.). Only about a dozen people came. Question: should we do it again next year or just a tailgate breakfast? There was a problem with the park being closed off that day (April 22), which may have held down attendance.
 - d. HP 5K Race and Street Fair table volunteers – enough people signed up today. Jeremy will get there between 8:45 to 10:15 to get our Street Fair table assignment. Eric has a stack of Train Run flyers, trifold brochure and one-page flyers. Tim has the Summer Series flyers. We need to get everything to Claire & Jay for the end-of-race location. We need to supply our own table for both the end of the race location and the street fair. Clean up at the end of the fair is required; remaining items to go to Neil or Angelo (?)
 - e. Train-ing Run: price goes up on May 14. Newsletter with this info is going out soon.
 - f. Summer Series: The race applications have been printed.
 - g. EBRR – Date will be October 15 in the morning. People at the EB Library are interested in participating next year.
8. New Business
- a. On Wednesday nights in May, we will be running the “transition course.”
 - b. The June GMM will be on Saturday, June 10 after the morning run. Shannon will coordinate with St. Peters Sports Medicine for someone to come to talk to the group.
 - c. Matt Ivan and Bob Tona want to do a timed track event. They will suggest a date, probably a Tuesday evening (not to compete with the Summer Series).
 - d. Bob is planning an adventure run – 3 Bridges: Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg for July or August
 - e. Barn Cleanout – Eric will send out an email asking for help on May 13. He only needs a few people.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.
- a. Next meetings: June 5, July 10.