



DATE: May 4, 2023

TIME: 6:45 pm

LOCATION:

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:51 pm

Attendees: PSRR Board of Directors: Mark Walker, Nydia Beard, Amy McGoldrick, Raquel Freeza, Javier Martinez, John Davis, Stephen Topf, Eva Rahn

PSRR Guest Member: Past President Mark Walters

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: ✓

New Business:

- **PSRR Free 5K-** We'll need 27 volunteer hours to cover the cost of the preserve. Sign up can be done through the Will County Forest Preserve website- we can offer volunteer credits. This activity can be in lieu of the I&M Canal Cleanup. Amy will post the updated information.
- **I&M Spring Canal Cleanup-** Was cancelled due to the weather.
- **Treasury-** Raquel is planning to meet with Diana and/or Mark Walters at the bank on Saturday to transfer the savings account to be under her management. Mark Walters reported that we should be receiving \$3000 from the Irish Fest Committee next week.
- **Storage Locker-** Several locations were discussed that are midway between Plainfield and Channahon. Raquel will secure a storage unit. 5x5 size should be adequate.
- **PO Box-** Has now been moved from Channahon to Plainfield.
- **Portable Heater-** Mark will price on Amazon. Not needed until colder weather.
- **Nike Run Camp Scholarship-** Amy reported that we had 11 applicants from Joliet, Minooka, Shorewood, Channahon, Yorkville and Manhattan. They were scored using a rubric based on academic achievement, athletic achievement, community involvement/volunteering and motivation. The scoring was done by Amy, John and Eva. In addition, the children of PSRR members were given some extra points. We had some very strong candidates and 3 students have advanced to the next round which will be an informal interview that Amy is currently trying to coordinate. As of now are still spots available in the camp which will cost \$750 per applicant. Some discussion as to whether we will stay with 1 male/ 1 female. It is likely to work out that

way based on our candidate pool. We will also have some alternates selected in the event our students cannot attend. Mark Walters reported that the Irish Fest Committee expressed interest in sponsoring a student for the camp as well. Amy suggested that we have a photo op with our chosen students for future promotion. Also suggested that we change the wording on our sign up page that donations will be for all youth programs, not just the scholarship.

- **Electronic Registration-** Would like to move to all electronic registration so that new member information is received in a timely manner-especially for Mark Bowman scoring races. No need for a tablet or credit card reader as Mark Walters explained that it can be done with a phone using the Square app. Amy will ask Scott to take the paper registration form option off of the website and Mark Walters will remove it from Run Sign Up. With this method we could actually change the registration expiration to a date to date model, but our bylaws currently state that memberships expire at the end of the calendar year.
- **PSRR Banner-** We have 2; one with the older logo and one with the new logo. Both are currently in the Irish Fest storage barn on Essington.
- **PSRR Running Camp-** John reported that we will be using the Troy track and Hammel Woods. The suggested age of participants is 15 and under. John will need 3 volunteers to assist and could handle up to 95 students. He has all the equipment that is needed. Planning for the 3rd week in July and offering participation in our Free 5 k as well. John suggested charging a \$20 fee to increase commitment. We could use the money for shirts and snacks/ drinks. We'll use Run Sign up for registration and put a link on our website. John is working on a flyer for this.
- **May- June Pacesetter-** Mark Walters is working on this now while John Steinmetz is gone. He still needs to finish up his article on the Boston Marathon.
- **Picnic-** Sunday June 4th at 11:00- plan to serve food at 12:00. We have the pavilion on Moose Island reserved (\$70 fee). Eva will organize and Steve Topf volunteered to grill. We'll post on FB, send out an email blast and put it in our newsletter. Plan to serve burgers, brats, maybe hot dogs, and vegan option, members will be asked to bring a dish to share. The club will also provide water, plates, cups and utensils. We'll bring the speaker for music, try to secure some items for a raffle and ask members to bring outdoor games (bean bag, etc.)
- **Patrick Koerner resigned from the Board yesterday. We can appoint another member. Will post this on FB and send an email blast to see if there is any interest- asking for a response within 2 weeks.**
- **Agenda items from Amy:**
 - **By-laws-** Ethics forms were signed by all present members and turned in tonight

- **Background Checks-** per bylaws are required of any new President, Vice President or Treasurer
 - **Communication Preferences-** FB messenger is preferred over email
 - **Email address-** Mark Walters updated us on the Go Daddy web mail used by PSRR President and Statistician
 - **Run Sign Up/ Membership Database-** Current access; Mark Walker, Mark Walters, Amy, Javier and Raquel
 - **Public FB Page-** Current administrator is Judith Warren. Amy reached out to Judith and she is fine with continuing as Admin
 - **PSRR members only FB group-** Will remove old Board members as administrators and replace with current members.
 - **Welcoming New Members-** Will set up a welcome email with FB page information for new members
 - **Publication of Board Meeting Notes-** Will send minutes to Scott Lemke so that they can be posted on our website
 - **Future Board Meetings-** Open to members. Amy will post the agenda on FB, and Mark will also put it in the newsletter.
 - **Sunday Fun Run-** Should post on FB if nobody is available to organize that week.
 - **Review of circuit races-** Low attendance at Morton Arboretum- possibly remove from circuit next year? Liberty discount code needs to be fixed. Javier has contacted Inwood for a Sundowner discount.
 - **Poultry and Pie Predictor-** The Pilcher Park building will not be available. Do we want to try and use the Nature Center, just have it outdoors or secure another location? Further discussion needed.
- **Adjournment: 9:00 pm**

SECRETARY APPROVAL: Eva Rahn 5/8/23
(Signature & Date)
