



DATE: September 7, 2023

TIME: 6:45 pm

LOCATION:

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:51 pm

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

Absent: John Davis

Past President: Mark Walker

Guests: Gabriela Montejano, Erica Kesler, John Steinmetz

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: ✓

Mark Walker resigned his position on the Board earlier today. In the absence of a President, Amy as current VP of operations offered to run the meeting and preside as interim President. Gratitude was expressed for all the work that Mark has done for the club, including but not limited to; stepping up to take on the role of President and directing the Free 5K. He is welcome to continue to participate in Board meetings in his role as past President.

Old Business:

- **Vacant Board Position-** *Amy nominated Mark Walters and he was approved by a majority Board vote via earlier email. Mark accepted. Raquel requested to step down as Treasurer due to time constraints, but would like to stay on the Board as a Director. Mark Walters will fill the Treasurer vacancy. Appreciation was expressed to Raquel for her great job in managing the Nike Scholarship disbursements. This will leave us with 1 open position for VP of Operations, however it was decided that we will recruit for a Director position which seems more appropriate for a new member.*
- **Transfer of Bank Account to current Board members-** *Mark Walters does have a club debit card and reported that anyone in the club could have a debit card. Race directors should definitely have access to one. Currently the only person who can log into our account is Diana. Mark will work on opening a new account and set up a Zelle for payments. We should have 2 signatories; Mark is one and Steve offered to also be one. He also offered to take on the Treasurer position next year.*
- **PSRR Club Inventory and Storage Lockers-** *Nydia reported that the inventory is completed and that she will email it to Board bers. There is also a copy on a clipboard in the storage unit. The unit itself has a combination lock that can be changed. Any Board member can access the unit, we will be given*

individual access codes for the main gate. We now have a new speaker with a working microphone (it could not be exchanged so we have a Sams Club credit). We discussed looking into a storage unit with climate control for our electronic inventory (speaker, card reader) as well as for the water.

- **Fall/Winter Merchandise-** *Sports Huddle has not returned Mark's calls. Will check with DNA to see who is now doing their imprints and shirts.*
- **Board member Roles and Responsibilities-** *The document with that information has been misplaced and we need to generate a new one.*

New Business:

- **Feedback on Recently Held Circuit Races-** *Sundowner was well attended as always, Herscher Tortoise & Hare took 1.5 hours to give out awards, Water for Life had 78 total runners with 13 club members, age brackets were 15 years. A comment was made that Chasing the Sun (on previous circuit) was a better race. Not on the circuit, but the Will County Brew 5 K was well attended by club members.*
- **Status of Poultry and Pie-** *As noted in previous meetings, because of ongoing renovations at Pilcher Park the indoor facilities will still not be available. The Nature Center is willing to host us; we would have access to the porch and restrooms. There is limited parking there however, and participants would be encouraged to carpool. We would be charged \$300 to cover the cost of staff that would be needed. We still need a Race Director. Mark has reached out to Mary Jones but she has not yet responded. Tom Lambert who directed the race a few years ago is another candidate. If neither are available/ interested Mark said that he would take it on. Mark estimated needing about 12 volunteers. There will be no race day sign up. We would give out vouchers in lieu of turkeys (no freezer access). We will also award pies. The Board voted in favor of proceeding with this race.*
- **Financial Report –** *Raquel reported that our current account balance is \$20,560.28. We did have some issues with our PO box and we were not receiving our mail. There is a new label on the box now which should help.*
- **Annual Christmas Party-** *The bar and party room at Channahon Lanes has been reserved for our annual Christmas party on Thursday Dec 14th at 5:00. We currently have 4 pint glasses and (4) \$25.00 Will County Brew gift cards for raffle prizes. We will need to secure some more items for the raffle (DNA, Treadfit, etc.)*
- **2024 Membership Structure-** *Currently have 198 members (although there may be some duplicates). We need to delete / remove those from our FB page who are no longer active members. Our new year starts on October 1st / current year ends 12/31 (so new members joining on Oct 1 get a 15 month membership). Pricing will continue at; Individual- \$18.00, Family up to 6 members- \$25.00, Student- \$12.00, Senior (75+) \$10. Do we want to offer early bird pricing to register before the banquet? Steve said that he could arrange a radio interview with Scott Slocum to advertise our club.*
- **Circuit Race Prizes-** *Nydia suggested a snuggly/hoodie/ plush poncho (like those given out after the New York Marathon). Will need to check where that could be ordered.*
- **New 2024 Circuit Race Schedule-** *We will have a committee give recommendations to the Board. Per Amy, John Warren has offered to chair this committee. Erica and Raquel indicated that they would also like to serve on this committee. More members are welcome.*

- **New Board Vacancy-** Nydia and Eva indicated that they will be stepping down after this term- leaving 2 vacancies for next year. New Board members will need to be recruited.
- **Planning for the 50th Anniversary-** This will be in 2025. A destination race was discussed. Mark would like to have a member committee formed to give recommendations to the Board.
- **Brew Run Award-** Javier reported that PSRR was awarded (4) \$25.00 Will County Brewing gift certificates for being the group with the largest number of participants at the Will County Brew Run on 8/26.

Open Discussion:

- Discussed scheduling our banquet for either January 20th or 27th. Raquel will contact Larry for availability
- Erica commented that she likes that we are posting our minutes as well as the improved communication
- John Steinmetz reported that he is putting together a Newsletter Committee and stated that a committee is a good way to get others interested and involved. He also offered to chair a committee to review and update club bylaws, including adding a better description of roles and responsibilities.
- Both John and Erica indicated that they would be interested in filling our vacant Board position. John said that he would defer to Erica if she wanted the position.
- John also mentioned that the Providence High School girl's cross country team would be interested in running with club members and have us share our post high school running experiences. He will post more information on our FB page.
- Javier asked if we have liability coverage for our Sunday Fun Run activities (kayaking and biking to be included this coming Sunday). Mark explained that we should be ok as the Fun Runs are technically not sanctioned PSRR activities. In addition, members sign a liability waiver with their membership renewal for all club events. Perhaps we should add a disclaimer on our website?
- Erica expressed interest in PSRR perhaps including a 'Walker Program' similar to Darcy's Tennessee club
- Open meeting structure discussed. For future meetings we will front load visitor comments at the beginning of our meeting and set a time limit, following a typical open/closed Board meeting format.
- Discussed moving our next meeting from October 26th to Wednesday November 1st due to Amy not being available in October. This was approved.

Adjournment: 8:58 pm

Next meeting: November 1st 2023

Secretary Approval: Eva M Rahm 9/15/23