

River City Runners & Walkers Club

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

Attendance:

<i>Scott Burnham</i>	Joe Corra	Joe Wiltsey
<i>Kevin Trippett</i>	Chip Allman	Daniel Raper
<i>Steve Browning</i>	Tom Kramer	Brenis Phillips
<i>Jason Henthorn</i>	Amy Eddy	Lauren Fissel
Sharon Marks	Nancy Goff	Jenn Parsons
Marta Bailey	Cherrie Cowan - A	
Melissa Wigal	Jason Mader	

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by President Scott Burnham at 6:32 pm. Eighteen members present, quorum verified.

Review & Approval of Minutes from December:

Tom stated that the insurance was through RRCA not RCRWC. Minutes will be corrected from December regarding insurance. Motion to accept after changes by Chip, seconded by Sharon, **Motion passed.**

OFFICER REPORTS

President: (No guests present)

Scott has some goals he would like for us to achieve. He wants to have the three race trail series.

He would like the budget to be back in the black again.

We will be discussing scholarship sources i.e. Turkey Trot.

He would like to increase local sponsorship maybe through community ties.

Better dissemination of the information that is distributed.

Bringing back the club newsletter.

He would like to see more group runs in the Wood County area.

Vice President:

Nothing to report

Treasurer: Financial Report

Total Income: \$ 12,332.69

Total Expenses: \$ 6,063.47

Community Bank Checking Reconciled: 12/31/24 \$58,190.99

Motion to accept: Tom

Second: Sharon Motion passed

Secretary: (Correspondence)

Thank you card from Megan Aul, Memorial Health System.

Jason asked that all board members please respond to emails regarding meeting attendance. He also stated that if members are not receiving emails to verify, they have the correct email address.

He stated that he will try and have the minutes to the board within the week of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Race Committees

Winter Series Committee: (Scott, Missy, Daniel, Kevin, Joe C.)

The Jingle Bell 5k had 249 registered participants, 225 finished the race. The weather was perfect.

The Icicle 5k indeed may be icy this Sunday. Current registration has a total of 188. Scott has verified police escorts and streets will be plowed and treated. Participants can do the race virtually if they wish, it must be verified through Scott and the committee. They have volunteers and they will be posted along the course.

Polar Bear Committee: (Chip and Joe)

Chip reported that 52 people participated on a chilly January 1 morning. Some ran, some walked, and six dogs participated. This fun run has been a staple of the community for 38 years. Afterwards, 12 people ate breakfast at IHOP.

Turkey Trot Committee: (Sharon and Marta)

Sharon stated that participants were just shy of 2,300 and they were happy with the race. Steve provided members with the financials for the race, \$40,890.00 for entry fees, the club had a net of \$13,780.00 some of the money will be used to fund scholarships.

Trail Series Committee: (Steve, Cherrie, Scott)

The McDonough race will be moved to July with a target date of July 26,2025. The club is trying to secure sponsorship of the three-race series.

Chick-Fil-A Road Race Committee: (Chip)

Chip stated the race will be held on June 21,2025 using the same course as last year. Thunderbolt Running and Timing will time this event. This is the only 10k in the area.

Kicks for Kids Committee: (Sharon and Marta)

The ladies report that the race will be held on Saturday evening, July 19,2025. Thunderbolt Running and Timing will time this event.

Kids' Series Committee: (Amy and Sharon)

Amy has the calendar ready for this year. Eleven races will make up the Kids' Series. Some Kids' races will be held with 5k races and some of the races will be held separately. She will have the schedule out soon.

River City Race Series Committee: (Scott)

Scott reported that the Steps Lions Club did not want to be in the River City Race Series because they did not want to pay the \$100 fee to help offset the cost of the awards at the end of the year.

He is ordering the awards for the banquet.

RRCA Report: (Tom)

He was asked about having someone from the board be an RRCA representative. He stated it should be someone young and who is interested in being it for a long time. Our current representative is in Virginia. This takes funding, and the club used to budget for this, however, it has been taken off the budget and we could revisit this later.

CLUB PROGRAMS

Mile Contest: (Carol Cathey)

Carol is still doing this activity. The board agrees this is good and this is her way of still feeling involved with her friends here.

Racing Points Contest: (Joe C.)

Joe is going to set up a new email account for participants to send him the results of races they do. This way he can get an accurate count.

He is also ordering the awards for this contest.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Washington County XC Scholarships: (Scott, Joe W., Chip)

Cadence Waller was selected for this scholarship, she was the only student who applied.

Wood County XC Scholarships: (Chip, Sharon, Tom)

Recipients of these scholarships have been selected and will be announced soon.

Gary Olgivie Scholarships: (Sharon, Marta, and Tom)

The recipient of this scholarship hasn't been selected yet as they have until March. Some changes to how the scholarship is awarded will be made after the committee meets.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Website: (Daniel and Joe)

Daniel and Joe are going over details regarding race points and other items with the page.

Daniel suggested we put upcoming events that are two weeks out in a place where visitors can see them.

He will fix the paper application regarding the Icicle 5k, it is broken.

Nancy noticed that the prior monthly meeting minutes were not on the

website. The club agreed that those needed to be put on there for members to see so he will fix that.

Facebook: (Jason)

Jason reports that he has had to ban a member because she constantly reports other people's posts they make. If this person has an issue, he will address it with them.

Text: (Jenn and Lauren)

The ladies have taken this responsibility from Scott. They will be sending information out. If you need information sent out, please notify them and they will be happy to accommodate you.

Email: (Jenn and Lauren)

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Membership Committee: (Jason M.)

Jason is working with Marta and is transitioning membership to RunSignUp. He would like to have a QR code set up at the Icicle 5k for members to renew or register new folks.

Marta reminded the board that they must be club members who have paid to serve on the board.

It was suggested that this code and link be put on the Facebook page. Jason H. said he would do that.

Asset Management Committee (Timing – Equipment): (Tom and Joe C.)

Tom told the board that he removed displays from The Holiday in the Park. He asked how things looked and if they were illuminated and members said when they visited the park the displays were on.

Publicity – Social Committee: (Marta and Nancy)

Marta reports that she is trying to keep the price at twenty dollars for the banquet that is coming up on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Worthington Golf Club Clubhouse.

She is working with Colombo's on a menu. Cheryl's Diner will do the desserts, Jason M. will oversee the 50/50, and Steve will give the invocation.

Jason H. posted the link through RunSignUp on the RCRWC Facebook page that Sharon set up.

Newsletter Committee: (Jason)

Jason is wanting to start a newsletter for the club. The club used to have one. He asked for member input regarding this. He said he is open to all suggestions board members can give him. Chip has some old newsletters that could be used as a template. Ideally it would be every quarter and would be sent out electronically to the members. It has been suggested that he use Adobe Illustrator, Adobe In-Design, or Microsoft Publisher. The first newsletter may be a page or two to start out with to see how it is welcomed. Rough draft to be presented at the March meeting.

Old Business:

The McDonough Foundation said no to sponsoring the trail race at McDonough, they do not sponsor or fund athletic groups or events. We will look for different vendors for sponsorship

New Business:

The club would like to have a Canva account. This is an online graphic design tool that would help create social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, and logos. Lauren said we could use her personal account first to see if we like it and utilize it before purchasing.

Other Comments for the Good of the Order:

Marta handed out insurance certificates to the board.

Adjournment:

Motion: Chip

Second: Sharon

Motion passed

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2025, 6:30 pm Wood County Library

Secretary: Jason Henthorn