

River City Runners & Walkers Club

Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Attendance:

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

Call to Order:

(By President Scott Burnham on March 4, 2025, at 6:35 pm with eleven board members present.)

Review & Approval of Minutes from February:

Kevin T. made a Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason H., Daniel R. seconded, and the motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

President:

Scott B. recognized Darlene Stout as a guest for the meeting.

Scott has the plaque from On the Run and Walk that Dorsey had displayed in his business, he retired and closed his store. Joe C. had another plaque and brought it into the meeting for Scott to show the board. Scott asked where the board wanted to display or keep these plaques. No one could think of a good spot

so Scott will take them to Rockstar Wellness in Marietta and keep them until we can agree on a location.

Vice President:

Kevin T. reported to the board that the Rotary Club is wanting to bring back the Father's Day 5k. They suggested the new trail behind the floodwall. After speaking with Parkersburg Mayor Tom Joyce, Mayor Joyce said he WILL NOT close the new trail for a 5k race on the trail, we can use Point Park, but he will not close the entire trail for a race. Jason H. will schedule a meeting and go down and meet with Mayor Joyce. Another great venue could be Henderson Hall in Boaz, WV.

Treasurer: Financial Report

Total Income: \$ 6,459.45

Total Expenses: \$ 7,726.81

Community Bank Checking Reconciled: March 3, 2025 \$53,831.56

Steve B. commended Marta for doing a fantastic job with not only the banquet, but also for keeping the expenses down with the banquet funds and providing attendees with a great meal, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle.

Most of the expenses were from the hoodies for the Winter Series, and the rental fees for PHS track, that fee had to be paid up front.

Income is up and the expenses are about the same.

Jason H. asked about check #3574 that was made out to the Wood County 4-H. The amount was \$100.00 and was written last June. Steve said he will void the check and April's report will reflect those changes.

In 30-45 days the first scholarships will go out to the winners.

Motion to accept: Jason H.

Second: Cherrie C.

Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary:

(No Correspondence)

Jason H. reminded the board to PLEASE respond to the emails he sends out

regarding upcoming meetings and other questions. This helps to ensure we have enough for a quorum and if he needs to reserve the library for a different evening. He will continue to send out emails, reminder emails, and group texts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Race Committees

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

Scott reported that the February Classic 5k at Henderson Hall in Boaz, WV had the largest turnout so far with 287 participants.

March Hare 5k will use a course similar to the old Shamrock 5k. Registration will be in the Dyson-Baudo Recreation Center on the campus of Marietta College and the starting line will be at the top of the hill on Butler Street.

Scott informed the board that there are over 1,000 participants for the Winter Series.

Turkey Trot Committee: (Sharon and Marta)

ABSENT

Trail Series Committee: (Steve, Cherrie, and Scott)

Cherrie C. told the board that she has reached out to Brooks Shoes about being the series sponsor for the trail series races. She has a couple of potential sponsors with which she is talking to. She has one with her wellness group where she teaches classes at South Parkersburg Baptist Church. She will be contacting the Marietta Community Foundation for a grant and the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation for a grant. She has contacted the McDonough Foundation about being a sponsor for the McDonough race and she will ask for their input for naming the race.

Kevin T. suggested the name of the trail series, White Tail Trail Series.

Kevin also suggested that we give club members a \$5.00 discount for registration in the trail series. That discount will be used in RunSignUp.

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

ABSENT

Kicks for Kids Committee: (Sharon and Marta)

ABSENT

Kids' Series Committee: (Amy and Sharon)

ABSENT

River City Race Series Committee: (Scott)

In two weeks the first race in the series, The Leprechaun Dash and Bash 5k, will be on March 15, 2025, at the Town House in Marietta, OH.

Kevin T. said the Mother's Day races have moved dates because the park was not available for use on the original date. Since there is a Saturday and Sunday race back-to-back Amy will need to decide which race to have the Kids' Series race at for that weekend. Either Belpre or Parkersburg.

RRCA Report: (Tom)

ABSENT

CLUB PROGRAMS

Mile Contest: (Carol Cathey)

Nothing to report.

Racing Points Contest: (Joe C.)

Joe C. said he would like to give participants something different for awards other than a plaque. Maybe a long sleeve shirt or jacket. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Wood County XC Scholarships: (Chip and Sharon)

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

Nothing to report other than money will be awarded starting in 30-45 days.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Website: (Daniel and Joe C.)

They report the website is going great with no issues.

Facebook: (Jason)

Jason H. reports that viewing and participation with the group page is up 4%. The new Facebook page will be ready in 3-4 months.

Text: (Jenn and Lauren)

Jenn P. reports everything is going well with the texting of information to members.

Email: (Jenn and Lauren)

Kevin suggested that we use RunSignUp to send emails out to members. Scott suggested that he and Kevin will do test emails to the board and see if it works. Board members will let them know with a response to their email. If this works like they think, we can eliminate MailChimp and save money.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Jason M.)

Jason M. reports that last month membership numbers stood at 178, this month, March, stands at 199. You must be a member to receive points in the series of races held in the summer. You must be a member by March 1 to be eligible for The Parkersburg Half Marathon.

Jason M. suggested that we need a club identification of some sort so members can take it to local vendors who are in partnership with RCRWC.

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (TIMING – EQUIPMENT) (Tom and Joe C.)

Joe C. stated that he is ordering a weatherproof cover for one of the clocks. The cost will be around \$100.00.

PUBLICITY – SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Marta and Missy)

Great job with the banquet.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE (Jason)

Jason H. reports that he will try to send a rough draft via email to the board to see around the middle of March.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jason H. will have events created for RCRWC races on the Facebook page at the next meeting.
2. Kevin T. will look on RunSignUp to see if there is a universal waiver we can have members sign so we can post pictures and other information on the website and social media pages.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scott proposed a motion to give Henderson Hall a donation of \$400.00 for the use of their facilities for the Valentine Classic in February. Cherrie C. seconded and the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Steve will prepare a check for them.
2. A proposal was made for one vendor for apparel for club races. After discussion, a motion was made by Joe W. to table the proposal until the next meeting. Jason M. seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Scott sent the race points to Joe to review. Joe C. gave the board members a quick overview of how points are earned.

4. Scott has had requests to allow some races to be turned in as virtual for racing points. The topic was discussed about trusting participants to turn in the correct information, Joe said the results are on an honor system. Kevin suggested that people who participate are not eligible for age group awards. Kevin says if we do not allow virtual results, it may deter people from running or walking. The club wants and encourages participation, we want folks moving. Kevin made a motion to include all virtual distance races (only points based on distance) to be included in the racing points series. Race directors will need to add a virtual option when participants register. Jenn P. seconded the motion. Scott suggested a hand vote for this motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote and the motion carries.
5. Joe C. asked if we could discuss the racing points awards at the next meeting. He wants to do different awards instead of a plaque. Jason H. will put it in the new business for April's meeting.

OTHER Comments for the Good of the Order

Madison T. ran her last college race over the weekend. WVU had its highest finish ever in the Big 12. Congratulations Madison on your stellar career!!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Brenis P.

Second: Kevin T.

Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:30 pm Wood County Library

Secretary: *Jason Henthorn*