

**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Road Runners Club of America
April 23, 2015
Des Moines, Iowa**

President Cotter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

David Cotter, President, present
Mitchell Garner, Vice president, present
Treasurer, Dan Edwards, present
Eastern Region Director, Mark Grandonico, present
Central Region Director, Sue Brown-Nickerson, present
Southern Region Director, Lena Hollman, present
At-Large Director, Kelly Richards, present
At-Large Director, Jean Arthur, present
Executive Director, Jean Knaack, present
Western Region Director, Bailey Penzotti, absent

Guests: Ron Macksoud, candidate, Southern Region Director

President Cotter called for a motion to ratify the minutes of the November 8, 2014, Hollywood, Florida meeting that were approved by e-mail. The approval of the minutes was ratified.

Director Reports: Regional Directors submitted written, electronic reports on activities and issues in their respective geographical areas.

Treasurer Dan Edwards reported on the audited 2014 financial statements and first quarter financials for 2015. Discussion followed on both items. Treasurer Edwards, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved to ratify the audited 2014 financial statements and IRS form 990, which had been earlier approved via email. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Knaack reviewed important details from her 1st Quarter Report to the Board regarding progress on objectives and matters at the national office. Lessons learned from the awards selection cycle were shared with the Board and a few updates will be incorporated into the 2015 process.

Award Winners – Executive Director Knaack reported on the winners of the various RRCA awards and Leadership grants. The Board unanimously ratified the email approval of the awardees as outlined below:

RRCA DISTANCE RUNNING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

SARA MAE BERMAN
JACK DANIELS
PHIL STEWART

OUTSTANDING CLUB PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

PETE ABRAHAM

Badgerland Striders – Wauwatosa, WI

BROWNING ROSS SPIRIT OF THE RRCA

BEE MCLEOD

Tidewater Striders – Norfolk, VA

OUTSTANDING STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DAVID MERONEY

Arkansas State Rep

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

GARY HOWSAM

Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers – Grapevine, TX

OUTSTANDING YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

AMY EDDY

River City Runners and Walkers – Parkersburg, WV

ROAD RUNNERS OF THE YEAR

MEB KEFLEZIGHI, Open Male

SARAH HALL, Open Female

LLOYD HANSEN, Male Master

DEENA KASTOR, Female Master

RICHARD HUNTER, Outstanding Challenged Athlete

VI/Blind Youth Paralympic Experience – Folsom, CA

EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARDS

Print Newsletter – ***THE OREGON DISTANCE RUNNER***

Kelly Barten & Blake Timm, Co-Editors

Oregon Road Runners Club – Beaverton, OR

E-Newsletter – **SPACE COAST RUNNERS, INC CLUB NEWSLETTER**

Bob Rall, Editor

Space Coast Runners, Inc – Merritt Island, FL

Excellence in Running Journalism

CHRISTOPHER WHITE

Pikes Peak Road Runners – Colorado Springs, CO

OUTSTANDING WEBSITE

HOUSTON AREA ROAD RUNNERS ASSOCIATION

WWW.HARRA.ORG

RRCA ROAD RACE OF THE YEAR

THE GENWORTH VIRGINIA 10 MILER

Jeff Fedorko, Race Director – Lynchburg Road Runners Club – Lynchburg, VA

Leadership Scholarship: the individuals receiving the Leadership Scholarship grants were outlined and approval was ratified by unanimous vote of the Board. The grantees are as follows:

- Kris Verrit – Travesse City Track Club in Traverse City, MI
- Dave Spell – Steel City Road Runners in Philadelphia, PA
- Christy Loufek– Loma Linda Loppers in Loma Linda, CA
- Tharan Lambert – Savannah Striders in Savannah, GA

Hall of Fame request for “veterans” category – Vice President Garner who chairs the RRCA Hall of Fame committee received a request in writing from Gary Corbitt to create a “veterans” category as an additional category to the RRCA’s Hall of Fame. Discussion followed. Vice President Garner moved to create a specific annual category for veteran runners for the RRCA Hall of Fame inductees.

The motion failed by: No – 7, Yes -1.

Vice President Garner presented a second motion on behalf of the RRCA Hall of Fame committee to affirm the current Hall of Fame selection process including the ability for anyone to nominate potential inductees from all eras. Discussion followed. The motion passed with a vote of 7 yes and 1 abstaining.

2016 Championship Event Selection – Executive Director Knaack presented the bids for hosting the 2016 National Championship Events and noted a 1 mile championship will be recruited. Discussion followed. Director Richards moved to accept the slate of 2016 Championship Events. The board unanimously approved the following 2016 RRCA National Championship Events:

- Debbie Green 5K Run/Walk for Leukemia
- Fort4Fitness 10K Run/Walk
- Run for the Water 10 Mile
- News and Sentinel Half Marathon
- Napa Valley Marathon
- Nashville Ultra Marathon

Complaint Resolution Process – The Board discussed the Complaint Resolution Process developed and submitted by the task force of Executive Director Knaack, Vice President Garner, Eastern Director Grandonico, and Central Director Brown-Nickerson. Vice President Garner moved the Board adopt the Complaint Resolution Process as amended based on pre-motion discussion. Discussion followed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Updated Website Proposal – The Board discussed updating the website to make it more mobile friendly and give it a fresher look. The Board discussed contracting with the current

vendor. The board found that contracting with the current vendor – Matrix Group – to rebuild the website is appropriate, because:

1. RRCA has an established relationship, as the Matrix Group already does website work;
2. There is no conflict of interest with any member of the Board or RRCA Staff;
3. Matrix Group built the current website and associated membership database;
4. Matrix Group specializes in working with associations.

Central Region Director Brown-Nickerson moved that the Board make a capital investment and accept the website proposal from the Matrix Group to redesign www.RRCA.org. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal to award 2016 grants to US Distance Centers and recent Roads Scholars running in the US Olympic trials. – The Board discussed how RRCA could support participants in the 2016 USA Olympic Trials-Marathon based on a proposal from Executive Director Knaack. The Board discussed grants to distance training centers and to individuals entering the 2016 USA Olympic Trials-Marathon with top qualifying times. Vice President Garner made a motion to set aside \$76,000 to support individual participants in 2016 Olympic marathon trials and the US distance training centers. The funds would be distributed as below:

- Five-\$5,000 grants to the teams/training centers and \$2,500 to each of six to eight males and females (up to sixteen total) entering the marathon trials with top qualifying times.
- A grantee who is a previous Roads Scholar recipient would get a \$500 bonus for a total grant of \$3,000.
- Hold in reserve \$10,000 as bonuses to be awarded at \$5,000 to a male and/or female Roads Scholar should he/she make the Olympic Team for 2016.
- The RRCA executive director will work out the specific criteria for eligibility to receive one of these grants.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

- July 9, 2015, 10 a.m. – Arlington, VA in conjunction with RunPro Camp

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.