

**Minutes of the Board of Director Meeting  
Road Runners Club of America  
November 8, 2014  
Hollywood Beach, Florida**

President Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Roll Call:**

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

President Cotter called for a motion to ratify the minutes of the August 20, 2014, teleconference meeting, which were approved by e-mail. The minutes were ratified.

President Cotter announced that Western Region Director Bailey Penzotti had resigned as the Board Secretary and that At-Large member Jean Arthur would record minutes for this meeting.

The Board discussed whether the policy of prohibiting board members from simultaneously serving as state representatives should be revised. It was decided to retain the policy and consider each case individually.

**Vice President Garner** reported that he staffed, with help from Central Region Director Brown-Nickerson, Western Region Director Penzotti and Beth Onines, an RRCA booth at the Chicago marathon expo. Garner reported that he continues to work with the committee (consisting of Mark Grandonico, Sue Brown-Nickerson and Jean Knaack) to develop a member complaint process. Garner announced that he is willing to continue to lead the committee to select members of the Hall of Fame.

**Treasurer Dan Edwards** reported on the third quarter financials mentioning that the organization is in a strong financial position.

**Director Reports:**

**Regional and At-large directors** reported on happenings in their respective geographical areas.

**Executive Director Report:**

Executive Director Knaack reviewed important details from her 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report to the Board regarding progress on 2014 objectives. She noted the positive meeting with USATF and other running leaders that was hosted by USATF a few days before the NYC Marathon.

**Kids on the Run** - Executive Director Knaack reported that RRCA granted 25 Kids on the Run grants for a total of over \$20,000. Bailey Penzotti moved to ratify the Kids on the Run grants. The motion passed unanimously. Grants were awarded to the following:

Nuniwarmiut School Running Club	Mekoryuk	AK
Boys & Girls Clubs of South County	Imperial Beach	CA
Run After School	Goodyear	AZ

Montebello Police Athletic & Activities League	Montebello	CA
Isabelle Jackson Elementary School	Sacramento	CA
Woodruff Elementary School	Logan	UT
Patterson Park Public Charter School	Baltimore	MD
PS 124 Yung Wing School	New York	NY
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Kingston	NY
The Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School	Philadelphia	PA
Tyler Elementary PTA	Washington	DC
Kids Run the Nation Rutland VT	Rutland	VT
West Texas Running Club	Lubbock	TX
Furtah Prep. School	acworth	GA
Bridgeton Elementary	New Bern	NC
Americana Community Center	Louisville	KY
YMCA of Central Kentucky	Lexington	KY
Northwest Broward Road Runners Club	parkland	FL
Sabal Elementary	Melbourne	FL
Kolb Elementary School	Bay City	MI
The Kansas City Track Club	Kansas City	MO
Hastings YMCA	Hastings	MN
Catalayah Elementary School	Claremore	OK
Van Wert Elementary School	Van Wert	OH
Open Door Youth Services	New Albany	IN

Road Scholars grant – Eight grants were awarded this year. Mitchell Garner moved to ratify the Road Scholars awards. The motion passed unanimously to award grants to the following: Esther Erb, Emily Gordon, Matt Llano, Jonathon Peterson, Daniel Quigley, Natasha Rogers, Ethan Shaw, and Amy Van Alstine.

Board assessment survey – Executive Director facilitated discussion of the results of the board assessment survey. Board members will arrange to talk with President Cotter about board development.

2015 Objectives and Budget – Executive Director Knaack led a discussion of the proposed 2015 Objectives and Operating Budget, which includes maintaining current staff levels and engaging an additional consultant. Dan Edwards moved to approve the attached budget. The 2015 Objectives and Budget were approved unanimously.

**Future Board Meetings:**

- February 2015 – Teleconference
- April 21, 2015 – Des Moines, Iowa in conjunction with the RRCA National Convention
- July 2015 – Washington, DC region in conjunction with RunPro Camp
- October 24, 2015 – Washington, DC region in conjunction with Marine Corp Marathon 10K – National 10K Championship
- February 2016 – Los Angeles, CA in conjunction with Olympic Marathon Trials
- March 2016 – Dallas, TX in conjunction with RRCA National Convention

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.