

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ROAD RUNNERS CLUB OF AMERICA

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

On the above-specified date, the Board of Directors of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) met in regular session via teleconference. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

Officer/Director	Present	Absent
President Bee McLeod	X	
Vice-President Tom Downing	X (7:04 p.m. EDT)	
Secretary David Epstein	X	
Treasurer Dennis Novak	X	
Eastern Region Director Brent Ayer	X	
Southern Region Director Ken Bendy	X	
Central Region Director Beth Onines	X	
Western Region Director Lisa Paige	X	
A/L Director Bob Holmes		X
A/L Director John Farrow	X (departed at 8:12 p.m. EDT)	

Also present was Executive Director Jean Knaack.

A quorum being present, President Bee McLeod called the session to order at 7:03 p.m. EDT.

Approval of September 20, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes. Discussion was held concerning documentation of minutes according to Roberts Rules of Order. President McLeod recommended removal of a quotation not pertinent to the Southern Region report. President McLeod moved that the minutes of the September 20, 2006, Board of Directors meeting be approved as amended. A voice vote was taken and the result was unanimous approval of the motion.

Directors' Reports. President McLeod offered congratulations to Executive Director Knaack and Webmaster Finke on the newly-redesigned and launched web site. She also thanked Director Bendy for representing RRCA at last weekend's Chile Pepper Run. President McLeod then moved on to the topic of the proposed in-person Board meeting. Discussion was held over an acceptable date. After discussion it was determined that the next in person board meeting will be held January 19 through 20, 2007 near Washington Reagan National Airport.

President McLeod outlined the appointed National Awards Selection Committee Chairs as follows: Hall of Fame – Jim Oaks, Journalism Awards – Marlene Atwood, Browning Ross – Freddi Carlip, State Rep of the Year – RD at regional level, Bee for National, Road Runner of the Year – Phil Lang, Women's Running – Evan Thomas, Club President – Bee McLeod, Children's Development – Don Kardong, Volunteer of the Year – Dawn Howard, Road Race of the Year – Ron Macksoud, AL State Rep, Website – Warren Finke

President McLeod reported on a meeting about the Distance Running Hall of Fame. After discussion more information is desired by the Board before further discussion.

Vice President Downing reported on his involvement in the Atlanta, GA Run@Work Day event. He asked President McLeod for input on the Regional Director's job description effort.

Director Paige reported on the Regional Trail Half-Marathon championship event at Lake Tahoe. Run@Work reports indicated a low turnout in Colorado. Better marketing will help grow the event.

Director Bendy reported on the Chile Pepper championship race and related events which went well. He sent President McLeod a report, and requested the race director submit one, also. This coming weekend, he will attend the Peachtree City 15-K championship race and conduct a regional meeting. Director Bendy is reviewing the RRCA Guidelines and will be wrapping up his efforts in the near future.

Director Onines reported on the Illinois State Championship Half-Marathon race and the regional marathon championship – the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon. Both went well. This coming weekend will be the Chicago Marathon, at which she will host an expo booth promoting the RRCA Convention.

Director Ayer reported the Eastern Region Marathon Championship which was held on October 1 (Maine Marathon) as well as other notable races. Maryland has established a full complement of championship races for 2007. New York is also doing a good job in this regard.

Management of RRCA Legal Affairs. Director Farrow noted that the memo submitted to the Board should be considered a working draft. It is an attempt to delineate the responsibilities and authorities conferred upon the Executive Director and members of the Board. He suggested that we discuss it in depth at the next in-person meeting.

RRCA Financial Status. Treasurer Novak reported that he had reviewed the financial report. Offline, he posed some questions to Executive Director Knaack, which she is researching. He is comfortable with the report. Brief discussion was had concerning the year-end net surplus. Director Bendy asked Executive Director Knaack about the accounting for State Rep's travel to the Convention. Executive Director Knaack will address this on the next month's financial report.

2007 RRCA Dues Rate. Executive Director Knaack requested the Board to set the dues rate for 2007 so membership renewals for next year can be sent out by the end of this month. Discussion was held concerning a dues increase for 2007. Executive Director Knaack proposed a modest 1% dues increase. Director Epstein moved that we increase the dues by 1% for 2007. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a voice vote of 6 yeas and 3 nays.

2008 RRCA National Convention. Executive Director Knaack reported that convention marketing efforts will increase in the coming months. With regard to the 2008 convention (50th Anniversary), the question at hand is do we put the convention on ourselves in New York City, or entertain a bid from a host club. Board consensus was to put the 2008 Convention out for bid. Executive Director Knaack will announce the 2008 competitive bidding process for the Convention.

Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Knaack reported on the Road Race Management meeting this past weekend. Membership continues to grow. We have more members now than ever. We are going to sign a letter of agreement with SkirtSports, a title sponsor for the Women's Distance Festival. She has resubmitted the grant to Saucony to revise the children's running program. Early next month, she will begin a fundraising campaign for the Roads Scholar Program. With respect to insurance, Terry Diller is working to get a no rate increase for 2007. Executive Director Knaack will keep us advised of the final outcome. She reported on a telephone call held with leadership of USATF. In closing, Executive Director Knaack noted that the web site launch was a major accomplishment and thanked Warren Finke for his efforts.

50th Anniversary Celebrations Update. Director Ayer reported that he secured a volunteer to produce a 50th convention slide show presentation. Hal Higdon will be writing an associated piece for "Marathon and Beyond".

New Business. President McLeod reviewed the appointed Audit Committee, which will include Irv Newman as Chair, Mark Grandonico (MN State Rep), and Dennis Novak. Duties will commence in January.

Closure. There being no further business to come before the Board, the session was brought to closure at 8:18 p.m. EDT by President Bee McLeod. This action was based upon a motion by Director Bendy, which was seconded by Vice President Downing. It passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Epstein
Secretary
Road Runners Club of America