President Garner called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Mitchell Garner, President, present
Jean Arthur, Vice president, present
Treasurer, Craig Minyard, present
Eastern Region Director, Blaine Moore, present
Central Region Director, Sue Brown-Nickerson, present
Southern Region Director, Ron Macksoud, present
Western Region Director, George Rehmet, present
At-Large Director, Lisa Rippe, present
Executive Director, Jean Knaack, present
At-Large Director, Goody Tyler, present

Minutes
President Garner called for approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously on the motion of At-Large Director Goody Tyler.

Treasurer’s Report

Executive Director Jean Knaack presented the Treasurer’s report and highlights of the most recent Finance Committee meeting which included 2017 year end numbers presented to the auditors. The 2018 Budget was presented along with notes tied to the 2018 operating objectives. Discussion followed. Western Region Director, George Rehmet moved to approve the 2018 budget as presented. Approved unanimously.

President’s Remarks

President Mitch Garner reported on his attendance at the RUSA conference and his visit to the New York Road Runners.

Executive Director Report

- Executive Director Jean Knaack reported on discussions that work on the audit is underway.
- Auditors will present to the board in-person at the April meeting.
- Registration for the Convention is ahead of this same point in 2017.
- Sponsorship is higher than this point in 2017.
- There is a new entity in the music licensing arena – Global Music Rights. Ms. Knaack has reached out to them with hopes of negotiating a group agreement for members’ benefit.
- The Hall of Fame inductees and award winners are as follows:

RRCA DISTANCE RUNNING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
AMY CRAGG
BART YASSO
OUTSTANDING CLUB PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR
BRENDA GROSKINSKY
runLawrence – Lawrence, KS

BROWNING ROSS SPIRIT OF THE RRCA
KELLY “K2” RICHARDS
Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers – Grapevine, TX

OUTSTANDING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JACKIE BRITTON
California-Southern State Rep

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
JONATHON GOTTSCHALK
Fort Wayne Running Club – Fort Wayne, IN

OUTSTANDING BEGINNING RUNNING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
TRACY HEWITT
Learn to Run, Decatur Running Club – Decatur, IL

OUTSTANDING YOUTH RUNNING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
TEENS RUN DC
Washington, D.C.

ROAD RUNNERS OF THE YEAR
GALEN RUPP, Open Male
SHALANE FLANAGAN, Open Female
ABDI ABDIRAHMAN, Male Master
KATHRINE SWITZER, Female Master

TONY GROSSI - CHALLENGED ATHLETE - Chattanooga Track Club

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE
OREGON ROAD RUNNERS CLUB
Beaverton, OR

EXCELLENCE IN RUNNING JOURNALISM
AMANDA LOUDIN
Howard County Striders – Ellicott City, MD

RRCA ROAD RACE OF THE YEAR
THE DRC HALF MARATHON
Dallas Running Club – Dallas TX

Central Region Director, Sue Brown-Nickerson moved to accept award winners and Hall of Fame inductees as presented. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

- In person meeting in Washington, D.C. area in conjunction with convention – April 4 & 5, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on motion of Central Region Director, Sue Brown-Nickerson.