

**Road Runners Club of America
Minutes of the Board of Director Meeting
November 10, 2018
Vinoy Renaissance Hotel
St. Petersburg Florida**

President Garner called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. All members present.

Roll Call:

Mitchell Garner, President, present
Treasurer, Craig Minyard, present
Jean Arthur, Vice president, 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
At-Large Director, Goody Tyler, present
Executive Director, Jean Knaack, present
Program Manager, Andy Smith, present

Minutes

President Garner called for approval of the June minutes. Western Region Director Rehmet moved for approval of the April minutes. Approved unanimously among those present

Appointment of Vice president – President Mitch Garner appointed George Rehmet as Vice President

Appointment of Secretary - President Mitch Garner appointed Jean Arthur as Secretary

Nominating Committee Review - The Nominating Committee to fill board positions for 2019-2021 will be activated soon. President Garner asked board members to send him recommendations for people who can serve on the committee.

Finance Items

- 2019 Finance Committee Recommendations – Board members were asked to consider people in their areas who might be good candidates to serve on the Finance Committee.
- 3rd quarter financials
 - Treasurer Minyard reported on the most recent Finance Committee meeting. Finances are stable. Investment accounts are up and down as the market is volatile right now.
 - ED Knaack reported that **if** the accounts show significant gains at the end of the year, the Board should consider options for special grant projects in support of Roads Scholar/RunPro Camp programs and Championship Event Series.
- Dues – The Finance Committee recommended that member dues not be increased for 2019. At-large director Tyler moved that dues remain at 2018 levels for clubs, events, event management companies, and individuals. Approved unanimously.

- 2019 Budget – ED Knaack discussed various incentives for budgetary consideration with board support. The 2019 budget will be presented to the board in late December.

State Reps Program Review

- State Rep survey found that most people are satisfied in the position.
- Board members discussed the survey and brainstormed on how to address the concerns reflected in the responses to the survey.
- Board members discussed the concept of instituting term limits for State Reps. ED Knaack and national office staff will formulate a plan and send out to board members for consideration.

Executive Director's Report

At-large Director Rippe moved to ratify the following program decisions, and the Board unanimously approved:

National Championship Events

- April 14, 2019 – **10 Mile National Championship** – Presidio 10, San Francisco, CA
- April 27, 2019 – **10K National Championship** – Get in Gear 10K, St. Paul, MN www.getingearerevents.com
- May 11, 2019 - **Ultra National Championship** – Ice Age Trail 50 Mile, LaGrange, WI
- May 26, 2019 - **Marathon National Championship** – People's United Vermont City Marathon, Burlington, VT
- June 15, 2019 – **5K National Championship** – Kalamazoo Klassic 5K, Kalamazoo, MI
- August 3, 2019 – **1 Mile National Championship** – State Street Mile, Rockford, IL
- October 27, 2019 – **Half Marathon National Championship** – Houston Half Marathon, Houston, TX

Roads Scholar grantees

- Samantha Bluske-Palmer
- Reid Buchanan
- Eric Clark
- Reed Fischer
- Grayson Murphy
- Nicolas Montanez

Kids Run the Nation grantees

- Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program CT Chapter
- Junior Bulldogs Running Club
- ACDS Littlest Runners
- Golden Knights in Motion
- iRun4Life.com
- Northern Border Running Club Inc.
- Grove City Athletics Club Elementary Cross Country & Track
- Olivet Running is Fun
- Oki Warrior Youth Run Clinic
- Lourdes Running Club
- Newtown Soaring Eagles Run Club
- SJ Run Club
- Tangi Knights
- Kids Run SARR

- Kingdom Kids and Families Support Running Club
- SS Dixon Primary Running Club
- PSE Running Club
- Roberts Wildcats Running Club
- NDS Warrior Runners
- SMART Girls and Boys
- Healthy Soles, Healthy Hearts Running Club
- MRTC-KIDS!â„¢
- Pecan Trail Runners Club
- DHNS Run for Fun
- HAUN JOGGING CLUB
- Judson Elementary Running Club
- Westridge Running Club
- Run Club
- Mileage Club
- Seven Oaks Classical School
- Amanda Moore Running Club
- Triple Play Walk/Run Challenge
- Fort Leonard Wood Striders
- YMCA Running Club
- KIDS Klub FitKids 5K
- Hillcrest Running Club
- Manhattan Cross Country Club
- Sandy Valley Elementary Running Club
- Under Thunder Runners
- Matrix Mighty Milers
- Running for a Better Oakland
- Sandburg Running / Walking Club
- Training for a Marathon...Training for Life
- James Dukes Running Club
- Recess Running
- Road Runners Running Club
- Semper Fit kids on the Run

Runner Friendly Community designations

- Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Carrollton, Georgia
- Cleveland, Tennessee
- Georgetown, Texas
- Mesa, Arizona

ED Knaack reported on various initiatives and programs, highlights include:

- Coaching certification courses are going well; more courses will be held in 2018 over 2017
- State specific RRCA logo creation are in progress
- Kids Run the Nations – we are behind of our fundraising goal. A 2019 donor has been identified so the program will have strong support in years to come with 2018 being a slow fundraising year.
- Planning for the 2019 convention is going well.

- The National Office lease expires on March 31, 2019. ED Knaack is exploring possibilities including negotiating less space and lower rent at current location or moving the office to less costly, smaller space.

Update of Vision statement – At-Large Director Rippe moved that the board update the RRCA Vision point (adopted July 2015) that states “Anti-doping compliance” to read “Fair competition, no cheating, anti-doping compliance, and respect by participants for race and club rules and policies.” Motion approved unanimously

Regional Reports - Board members reported on activities in their respective geographical areas.

Board Survey Review/Discussion - Board discussed results of survey. In particular, the Board discussed the importance of engaging the newer generations of runners in clubs, events, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Board reviewed its goals and progress made towards meeting them.

2018 Fundraising Results - Reviewed donations for the past period and strategized on ways to encourage Championship events to donate.

Executive Review/Compensation Discussion - ED Knaack presented a memo to the Board regarding executive compensation for 2019 and the timing of the review process for 2018. Discussion followed.

Future Meetings

- Next in-person meeting – March 27, 28, 2019 in conjunction with the RRCA convention in New Orleans, LA
- Potential teleconference meeting in January/February, as necessary
- Board agreed that generally, it needs only two in-person meetings per year; other business can be conducted via teleconference and e-mail. Only two in-person meetings will be budgeted for 2019.
- Proposal for 2019 is a March in-person meeting at the convention and a fall, in-person meeting in conjunction with the Road Race Management Race Director’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.