

Road Runners Club of America
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
February 24, 2021

Location: via Zoom

President George Rehmet welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1903 hrs. EST/1603 hrs. PST.

Attendants:

George Rehmet: President
Lisa Rippe: Vice President – via phone link
Barb Jewell: Treasurer
Goody Tyler: Secretary
Blaine Moore: Eastern Regional Director
Sue Brown-Nickerson: Central Regional Director
Betsy Boudreaux: Southern Regional Director
Stephen Wright: Western Regional Director
Samantha Collman: At-Large Board Member
Jean Knaack: Executive Director

The following item was ratified:

- Minutes approved via email for the September board meeting. Moved Director Wright, and seconded. Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jewell presented the notes from the Finance Committee meeting along with the Financial report for 2020 Year End. All documents were given to the board prior to the meeting in DropBox.

Executive Director Knaack reviewed the status of the 2017 business tax matter with Arlington County. She outlined the draft letter from Webster Chamberlain and Bean that was been reviewed by both Barb and Jean. This legal opinion outlines that we believe no tax is due to the county due to mistreatment of the insurance program income on the 990-T for many years, and not detected by our auditors/tax form preparers. The current audit firm just repeated what the prior audit firms have done over the years and didn't question those practices. The matter needs to be fully addressed with Arlington County to avoid tax bills for the years 2018 and 2019, thus justifying the cost of the legal review by a tax attorney. The 2020 990-T filing will correctly address the insurance income, as it is tied directly with our exempt purpose and is not a revenue source, but a pass thru to the insurance broker.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Knaack reviewed the memo provided in advance of the meeting for updating the budget to provide for full health insurance coverage for all staff members, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Vice President Rippe moved that the RRCA provide full, Dental, Vision, and Health Insurance for all RRCA staff members beginning March 1st, 2021." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Executive Director Knaack provided a brief overview of the award selections, which were shared in advance via email. She noted the Outstanding Youth Running Program award will be decided within the week. Director Moore moved that all RRCA award winners, as presented, be approved. Seconded and passed unanimously.

- **Browning Ross Spirit of the RRCA - CHUCK GEORGE**, New Orleans Running Systems, Inc., Kenner, Louisiana
- **Outstanding Club President of the Year - HANS WONG**, Houston Striders, Houston, Texas
- **Outstanding RRCA State Representative - ALEX MORROW**, Alabama State Rep.
- **Outstanding Volunteer of the Year - JACK HASE**, Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers, Grapevine, TX
- **Outstanding Beginning Running Program - LISA TEAGUE**, Front Runners New York, New York, NY
- **Outstanding Youth Running Program - Runner's Edge Youth Running**, Boca Raton, FL (Finalized post-board meeting)
- **Road Runners of the Year - NATHAN MARTIN**, Open Male - **ALIPHINE TULIAMUK**, Open Female, **ABDI ABDIRAHMAN**, Male Master, **KATE LANDAU**, Female Master
- **Communications Excellence - ALPINE RUNNERS**, Lake Zurich, IL
- **Excellence in Running Journalism - ALISON MARIELLA DÉ SIR**
- **Road Race of the Year - PUBLIX ATLANTA MARATHON**, Atlanta Track Club – Atlanta, GA, Rich Kenah, Executive Director

We are moving ahead with the 2021 National Convention in Orlando, FL this April. Details are in the works.

The status of the AMS/CMS overhaul was provided. The goal is to have a go live date prior to the convention.

A discussion on restarting the RRCA Championship Event Series put on hold during 2020 and 1st Q 2021. Following discussion, Secretary Tyler moved the RRCA Championship Event Series and status be awarded to events that receive a permit for holding the event. The 2021 Championship Event Series will begin on April 1st, 2021. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Having no further business Director Boudreaux moved to end the meeting. Seconded and passed unamously.

Meeting adjourned at 2017 hrs. EST/1717 hrs. PST.

"In honor of Ahmaud Arbery."