



Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 12, 2019

**Board members present:** Casey Urschel, Patrick Morrison, Mike North (by telephone), Pat Driscoll, Jason Joubert, Roy Lissarague, Randy Schmidt, Angela Moore, Rob Stevens, Amanda Villemarette, J.J. Waguespack, Sylvia Kamp, Joey Yanosky, Lori Gaston, Fred Ruckert

**Members absent:** Mary White

**Also present:** Chloe Nicolosi, Denali Lander (Youth Run Nola)

**Comments from Guest** – Denali Lander of Youth Run Nola spoke to the Board about the decision of their group not to participate as a group in the Club’s Fall races based on incidents occurring at the last two general membership meetings. She also explained how her organization cultivates an inclusive and positive culture among their members and suggested ways to improve the Club’s general membership meetings.

### **Call to Order**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes**

- Motion to accept minutes by JJ. Waguespack, seconded by J. Joubert
- Motion passed unanimously

**Correspondence** – Anniversary Race invites went out (Casey thanked Charlene Brinkman); Don Brinkman (sister passed); Stonewall/NOAGE regarding group run with NOTC; Thank You from LPSCA; and correspondence related to Liz donating old shirts to Covenant House.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- 2019-2020 Proposed Budget
  - Budget worksheets and proposed budgets were forwarded by Finance Committee to Board prior to meeting
  - Changes to proposed budget were suggested in the following areas: decreasing the cost of certain insurance; increasing expected investment earnings; increasing the cost of the volunteer party, increasing the cost of Grand Prix awards due to lack of sponsor, and increasing ambulance charges for Jefferson Parish
  - Motion to accept the proposed budget with foregoing changes by M. North, seconded by JJ Waguespack.
  - Motion approved unanimously.



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## President's Report

- Stonewall/NOAGE social run last Monday was great success. Thanks to Fred Ruckert and Communications Committee. Roughly 100 runners.
- Committee list 2019-20. Casey read through proposed Committee Chairs.
  - Finish Line Randy Schmidt
  - Communications Fred Ruckert
  - Race Day Registration TBD
  - Results/Scoring JJ Waguespack
  - Race Site/Safety Mike North
  - Race Walking Pat Driscoll
  - Race Course Jason Joubert
  - Grand Prix Patrick Morrison
  - Volunteers Angela Moore
  - Awards Roy Lissarrague
  - Club Merchandise Amanda Tinney
  - Race Premiums Lori Gaston
  - Hall of Fame Anne Marie St. Claire
  - Scholarships Rob Stevens
  - Data Entry Sylvia Kamp
  - Finance Geoff Rose
- Motion to accept proposed list of chairs by J. Joubert, seconded by JJ Waguespack.
- Motion passed unanimously.

## Comments by Vice-President

- We have an upcoming social run next month, partner with Rum House and Varsity Sports. September 19th.
- Six-pack membership package has been a huge hit and we should do it again next year.
- Suggests an all-inclusive annual membership for flat fee. Suggesting pre-registration fee of \$290 for all races (including Ole Man River).
  - C. Nicolosi is concerned if we add race(s), it could cause problem ordering medals/gifts. If we do it there should be no refunds.
  - M. North wants to wait until next month so Race Committee can discuss before any board action.
  - JJ Waguespack suggests family membership would be an issue.
  - F. Ruckert said we should do six-pack OR annual membership because too many different options may cause confusion as far as communication.



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- P. Morrison thinks more options shouldn't be difficult.
- Tabled to next month's meeting.

### RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Upcoming:
  - **Pride Run/Walk – August 31<sup>st</sup>**
    - Crescent Park
    - 9:00am start of 5K
  - **Summer Series #3 – September 4<sup>th</sup>**
    - Lafreniere Park
    - 7:00pm start
  - **Bluedoo Run Walk Festival – September 21<sup>st</sup>**
    - Tulane Uptown Campus
    - 2 mile race, starts at 5pm
- Race Recaps:
  - **Anniversary Race 2019 –**
    - Total Registrants -344
      - 288 pre-reg
      - 56 race day (16 comps)
    - 2018:
      - Total Registrants – 350
        - 289 pre-reg
        - 61 race day
- Other:
  - **Responsible Vendor Card - \$23**
    - Online certification
    - Thank you to Randy, Pat, Patrick and Joey for already completing this
  - **Summer Series #3**
    - Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in Lafreniere Park
    - Race report attached showing costs.
    - No food except beer, soft drinks, bananas, cookies
  - **Possible New Event –**
    - Aiming for May 2020
    - Will be discussed in upcoming Race Committee
    - Current races may be impacted – discussed rescheduling



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- **Grand Prix 2019 award ceremony -**
  - Needs to be discussed SOON. Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> next general membership.
  - Budget, awards, who is chairing the award ceremony (Patrick) ?  
No sponsor.
- FYI – We may need to move Jackson Day to January 11 because Sugar Bowl 5K is on January 12

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Scholarship Committee** – R. Stevens – At the Anniversary race, Pete Soutullo gave him \$1,000 cash as a donation. Is there a way to ask members if they want to donate to scholarship money? J. Joubert suggested asking for sponsors. A. Moore suggested a social media contest. G. Rose reminded us that we don't get many applications. The past two Al Briede races are to fund scholarships in future.
- **Communications** – F. Ruckert – asked to put his number in everyone's phone. Wants more coverage during/before/after races to share so please help taking photos and videos and send to him ASAP.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Someone contacted P. Driscoll about presentation to Humana on racewalking. September 30<sup>th</sup> is the class with Humana Medicaid. She also discussed the recent RRCA coaching class.
- J. Joubert discussed Tim Clement mentioning getting rid of old race shirts. Maybe a sale of some kind for members. C. Nicolosi suggested saving for donation to Covenant House. G. Rose said we did with shoes years ago.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting on September 16, 2019 (moved due to home Saints game on September 9, 2019).

### ADJOURNMENT