



Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2019

Board members present: Casey Urschel, Patrick Morrison, Mike North, Geoff Rose, Pat Driscoll, Jason Joubert, Roy Lissarague, Randy Schmidt, Fred Ruckert, Rob Stevens, Amanda Villemarette, J.J. Waguespack, Sylvia Kamp, Joey Yanosky, Lori Gaston, Mary White

Members absent: Angela Moore

Also present: Chloe Nicolosi

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of November 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes by P. Morrison, seconded by S. Kamp
- Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence – Club received correspondence from Gulf South LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Presentation by guests – the Briede Family

- Briede Family would like to move the annual event to September to partner with NOLA on Tap event at City Park
- They are also closely associated with LASPCA and NOLA on Tap is their event.
- Discussed the possibility of keeping Gold Cup in March and adding a Summer Series type race in September coordinated with NOLA on Tap.

New Business

- After the Briede Family left, P. Morrison moved to accept their proposal and move the Gold Cup to September to be held in conjunction with NOLA on Tap, seconded by JJ Waguespack.
 - Discussion ensued – all members who spoke agreed that accepting the proposal and holding the race in connection with NOLA on Tap was ideally a good idea and that, given the esteem in which the Briede Family is held by the Club and the Board, everyone felt strongly that we should do our best to accommodate that request.
 - Several members and the Race Director expressed concerns about the move without making additional schedule changes. The concerns expressed included:
 - Adding the Gold Cup in September will result in the following race calendar, which would have the Club producing four races in a 5-6 week period:



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- Saturday, September 5, 2020 – Pride Run and Walk
- Saturday, September 19, Gold Cup
- Saturday, September 26, BlueDoo
- Saturday, October 3 or 10, Octoberfest
- P. Driscoll and M. North expressed concerns about the strain on volunteers and the race director of producing multiple races in such a short period of time, as well as concerns about participation dropping due to the races taking place during the hottest time of the year.
- The Race Director echoed these concerns and added that (1) we may not be able to bump Octoberfest to October 10, which might mean races on three consecutive Saturdays, (2) we will face the possibility of Octoberfest competing with Gleason Gras if it is moved and (3) we will need a strong commitment from the board to volunteer at all the races if they are held so close together.
- Members of the board all committed to provide extra help in producing the races if needed.
- M. North suggested that we table the idea for one year to critically assess whether Blue Doo should remain on the schedule in September if the board feels strongly that Gold Cup should be moved there.
- Vote – all present voted in favor of the motion except M. North (voted against) and P. Driscoll (abstained). Race Director requested that her opposition to making the move this year be noted in the minutes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- Current funds in the bank = \$1,205,624.79
- P&L year to date - \$20,061.35
- Opened new account at Fidelity. They will sponsor Greek Fest for \$1,000

President's Report

- NOAC/LRC group run (Monday 11/18)
- December group run will be with Guido Sportif/LRC/Port Orleans (Tuesday 12/7)
- Discussing January run with Varsity/Covenant House



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- Motion by P. Morrison to schedule General Membership meeting for January 15 at 7pm, seconded by J. Joubert.
 - Approved unanimously
- Next Board meeting January 6, 2019 to eliminate conflict with NCAA Championship Game

RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. UPCOMING:

a. Turkey Day – November 28th

- i. Tad Gormley Stadium
- ii. 5 mile and kids' half mile, starts at 8:30am and 8:35am
- iii. Monitoring the construction on Marconi
 1. NOAC asked opinions on shortening race to a 5K due to the construction but decision was quickly made to proceed with 5 mile race with start on Roosevelt Mall rather than Marconi.
 2. Course adjustments are necessary but the race will remain a 5 mile race

b. Ole Man River – December 14th

- i. Gretna, LA
- ii. Half marathon and 5K, starts at 8am and 8:15am (walkers at 7:30am for the half)
- iii. 5K will be completely on the levee this year

2. RACE RECAPS:

a. Bluedoo Run/Walk 2019 –

- i. Total Registrants –536
 1. 383 pre-reg
 2. 121 race day
 3. 20 Tulane comps
 4. 12 NOTC comps



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- ii. 2018:
 - 1. Total Registrants – 752
 - a. 534 pre-reg
 - b. 139 race day
 - c. 61 Tulane comps
 - d. 18 NOTC comps

b. Oktoberfest Run/Walk 2019 -

- i. Total Registrants –729
 - 1. 637 pre-reg
 - 2. 81 race day
 - 3. 11 packet pick up
- ii. 2018:
 - 1. Total Registrants – 525
 - a. 471 pre-reg
 - b. 48 race day
 - c. 6 packet pickup

3. OTHER RACE DIRECTOR ITEMS:

- a. **Board Comp Code** – It will be eliminated in 2020
 - i.
- b. **Board Member Participation** – Board members are reminded their help is needed at packet pickup, set up days, and race days
- c. **Waivers**
 - i. Please remember waivers **MUST** be signed by the actual participant, including for run groups, race day entry forms, etc.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None this month



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NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- R. Lissarague lamented that we were unable to accomplish a race-connected holiday program to contribute turkeys or gift cards or baskets to persons/families in need for the holiday season this year.
 - There is consensus that we will work toward putting such a program together for next year's holiday season
- A. Villamerette – January 5 will be the volunteer appreciation party at Central City BBQ
- R., Stevens explained his proposal for hiring a third-party vendor to scan the old Footprints into digital format for easier access by members
 - M. North moved to accept proposal and begin work, P. Morrison seconded.
 - Passed unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting on January 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT