

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting January 11 , 2021 (6pm) By Videoconference

**Board members present:** Casey Urschel, Patrick Morrison, Geoff Rose, Lori Gaston, Kristin Braud, Pat Driscoll, Jason Joubert, Roy Lissarague, Ashley Rosenberry, Amanda Villemarette, Joey Yanosky , Lenetra Jefferson, Sylvia Kamp, Heidi Lovett, Tony Margherio, Fred Ruckert, J.J. Waguespack, Mary White

**Not Present:** Randy Schmidt, April Thomas, Vicky Morales

**Also Present:** Bob Lanteigne

## **Call to Order**

## **Pledge of Allegiance (lead by Patrick Morrison - VP)**

### **Correspondence:** CCC 10K – Mardi Gras Marathon

Eric Stuart with CCC moved forward with a virtual race calling it “Mardi Gras Marathon,” per G. Rose. F. Ruckert offered there are NOTC trademark issues with the name. G. Rose. contacted E. Stuart to ask to work on name change here and E. Stuart advised he would cooperate to modify name (NOTC trademarked it when Rock N Roll Marathon group dropped it). Discussion on cost to get further rights/trademark for NOTC potential with future races with use of name.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Current funds in the bank = \$1.129 million (effective end of 12/2020)
- Loss for month of 12/2020: \$1641
- Current fiscal year loss: \$24144
- Chloe Nicolosi finished her contract last month as Race Director. Ole Man River made \$3000 approximate; Treasurer advised no PPP money, thanks to R. Lissarague (per C. Urschel) this was secured previously with discussion on if we do not have salaried RD, PPP money might or might not cover options for benefit of NOTC. No resolution or further discussion here.

### **President’s Report**

- With the resignation of Mike North effective December 2020, per NOTC bylaws (Article VIII), President has authority to appoint a Secretary for Board of Directors with board approval until the end of the unexpired term. Casey nominated and moved to approve nomination of Lori Gaston for remainder of term as Secretary (requested L. Gaston to get off Zoom/videoconference call so board members could discuss and return immediately following), seconded by J. Joubert.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- With need for a new Equipment Manager, with Chris Nicolosi leaving this position at the end of 2020, per NOTC bylaws (Article IV, Article II, and Article VIII), President moved to appoint Joey Yanosky as Equipment Manager (requested J. Yanosky to get off Zoom/videoconference call so board members could discuss and return immediately following). Discussion by F. Ruckert regarding J. Yanosky having a vested interest here as NOTC’s primary revenue is based on race production with discussion of conflict of interest (being an employee and board member would present a conflict). P. Morrison offered hourly

wage here with G.Rose offering that Chris N. was paid approximately \$100-\$150, per race. Per P.Morrison, he spoke with M. North who indicated Joey won't profit here with minimal races listed. Discussion from other board members including J.J. Waguespack. saying it is a minimal amount for this paid position.

- J. Joubert moved to hire J. Yanosky. as Equipment Manager, allowing him to remain on the Board of Directors, with the stipulation that he cannot vote or be involved in any budgetary items. S. Kamp seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- RD interviews/process: President advised several interviews have been set up via Zoom/videoconference with all candidates having the links and times. President thanked those board members who have offered to sit in on these interviews as part of the process. President remarked the scoring rubrics and links to meetings were available to all board members participating in such interviews for our new RD.

President advised per bylaws, vote is required to set our next General Membership meeting, as we too need to reconnect to our NOTC members and focus on safety and COVID protocols moving forward into 2021.

- J. Joubert. moved to hold our next General Membership meeting on February 3, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom/videoconference. S. Kamp seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE RACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (provided by Casey Urschel, President)**

- **Upcoming Races:**
- **3/27/2021 Crawfish Festival Race:** Popular festival in Chalmette, LA. but does not look as though per Parish officials this festival will occur on dates listed (like Mardi Gras/Family Gras cancellations in Jefferson Parish per parish officials), but possible for future date possible race option depending on parish allowances/restrictions.
- **5/28/2021 Greek Festival Race:** G.Rose offered here no hard decision yet on if festival will occur on dates listed (should know more late January early February from festival officials), might move to another date, another area, but unknown now depending on festival officials as well as parish allowances/restrictions.
- **6/9/2021, 6/30/2021, 7/21/2021 Summer Series (Wednesdays):** President offered we can plan for all 3 races to go on in Lafreniere Park as this is a good option for permits in Jefferson Parish versus no permits in New Orleans.
- **6/20/2021 Father's Day Race:** President stated how Lafreniere Park or another Jefferson Parish location for this race looks good. G. Rose offered Lasalle Park as another option, but again, no permits for New Orleans due to parish allowances/restrictions.
- **7/11/2021 Spillway Race:** President said low cost of venue and permits look good for Spillway with J.J. Waguespack. advising very confident this race will be able to happen with parish officials and permits for this region.
- **Previous Races:**
- **1/10/2021 Jackson Day Race:** Congratulations and thanks per President to R. Schmidt for his participation as our temporary, volunteer RD at this race. Very successful race per Jason J. and his report of very positive feedback from race participants regarding the race and safety protocols.

**Standing Committee Reports**  
**Special Committee Reports**  
**Unfinished Business**

**New Business:** F. Ruckert advised we have board minutes outstanding that have not been approved. President advised this is a task we must update as our Secretary had resigned and a new one is now in place. We will work towards filling in gaps here with a new person in this position. L. Jefferson offered here how important training as a board it is for diversity and inclusion and remarked about the UNO-offered diversity meeting suggestion. She too offered that she would like to see the Jackson Day Race renamed and made a motion to rename this race. J.J. Waguespack remarked that this motion was defeated previously. President offered 2 motions were previously not passed and the motion was defeated has been discussed previously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Randy S., father in law passed, we will send arrangement from NOTC for he, Julie S., and family.  
Next board meeting February 8, 2021 at 6pm via videoconference.  
General Membership meeting February 3, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom/videoconference.

**ADJOURNMENT**