Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Farmington Country Club

March 16, 2022

**Directors Present**

Aimee Andrews, Roger Higgins, Ben Horne, Thomas Markham, Amy Hart, Jamie White, Susan Evans, Eddie Karoliussen, Ronda Puryear, Dan Alley, Rachel Burns, Wayne Murphy, Franklin Daniels, Ty Cooper, Bruce Woodzell

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Aimee Andrews, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:29am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

***Motion****: Rachel Burns moves to accept the minutes from January 19 meeting. Seconded by Roger Higgins. Approved by the board.*

**Secretary’s Report**

Thomas Markham, Secretary, submitted a report on attendance year-to-date (attached).

**Vice President/Membership**

Ben Horne, Vice President, gave an update on several matters.

* **Membershp**: Orientation was completed for three new prospective members. Tiffany Norman has submitted her application, and we are waiting on Shelby Edwards and Roger Johnson to do so.
* Rabbit Run:
  + The committee has had trouble getting into the race website, as people with access in the past have left the club.
  + Sponsorships:
    - Ronda Puryear noted that sponsors are interested in ensuring that runners participate, and suggested club members should commit to recruiting runners. Bruce Woodzell noted that we need to connect with Mark Lorenzoni, the Cville Track Club, and other local running communities.
    - Mr. Horn asked if sponsors could be featured on the weekly slide show. Ty Cooper and Jamie White will handle this.
    - Ty Cooper offered to get the race advertised on WTJU and noted that the Daily Progress allows ads for non-profit events to run for free.
  + Amplifiers/Speakers
    - These are needed. Rachel Burns offered to talk to her father and member Pat Burns about it.

**President Elect**

Roger Higgins, President-Elect, gave an update on his preparations for next year:

* PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) is underway, which includes nine classes.
  + As part of the training, he noted that applications for district grants would be due June 1, and that reporting for last year’s grant is due May 1.
  + Wayne Murphy noted that last year’s grant was a joint effort with another club, which may be responsible for the reporting.

**Financial Report**

Sam Caughron, Treasurer, was absent but submitted a financial report (attached).

**Program Chairs**

Amy Hart, Program Chair, gave an update

* There have been several requests to host remote speakers by Zoom, but for now we are only inviting in-person speakers
* Ben Horne asked if the Rabbit Run beneficiary would be asked to attend a meeting again. Aimee Andrews noted that the beneficiary typically comes after the race. Mr. Horne suggested that they could come to breakfast and just promote the race.

**Club Adminstration**

Wayne Murphy, Club Admin co-chair, gave the following updates:

* New member social: This will be held in the next few weeks, location TBD.
* Spring Fling: Keith Woodard has offered his home for the weekend of May 7 or April 23.
* District Conference: This is being hosted in Cville in late April.
  + Aimee Andrews noted that registration is $250 per person, so we can’t afford to sponsor all members attending.
  + Jamie White noted that members can volunteer and attend and without paying.
  + Bruce Woodzell submitted a motion to pay for any officers who want to attend. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn until we know more about the cost.
* Rotary gear: Mr. Murphy noted that he is still holding meeting equipment (e.g., banners) from when the club temporarily moved to Greencroft and needs to find a home for it since he has relocated to Fredericksburg.
  + Amy Hart offered to check with Farmington about storing it.

**International / Foundation**

Aimee Andrews, President, presented the following issue to the board.

Several members have asked about making a significant contribution to the RI fund for disaster relief in Ukraine. At last week’s meeting several members made contributions amounting to $10,000. Ms. Andrews proposed that the club might match that with funds from our local foundation.

Bruce Woodzell expressed hesitancy about drawing down our foundation, which functions like an endowment.

Jamie White noted that the funds would simply be going to the “big” RI foundation from our smaller local foundation, and suggested that if the donation is symbolic, the amount could be reduced.

Roger Higgins proposed splitting the contribution and taking $5,000 from the foundation and $5,000 from the operating budget. Ben Horne noted that this will create a deficit unless this type of expenditure was already built into the budget.

Ms. Andrews noted that the amount of the contribution is not fixed at $10,000 and could be reduced. Mr. Higgins then proposed that the contribution be reduced to $5,000, to be split between foundation and operating budget. Franklin Daniels supported this suggestion.

***Motion****: Jamie White moves to contribute $5,000 to the RI Ukraine relief fund, with the apportionment between foundation and operating budget to be determined by the President and Treasurer. Seconded by Dan Alley. Approved by the board.*

**Past President**

Franklin Daniels, Immediate Past President, noted that he is gathering feedback on the continued use of Zoom to allow remote attendance at meetings. The plan is for Zoom to remain a feature for the present.

**Club Executive Secretary**

Bruce Woodzell, executive secretary, noted that the website needs up to date photos of many members. He will challenge members to upload their own photos and failing that we can have someone take photos as needed.

Mr. Woodzell also requested that some “old member talks” be built into the speaker schedule.

**Club Service**

No report

**Public Relations**

No report

**President’s Report**

No report

**Diversity Committee**

No report

There being no further the business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Markham, Secretary