Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Zoom Videoconference

June 15, 2022

**Directors Present**

Aimee Andrews, Roger Higgins, Ben Horne, Sam Caughron, Thomas Markham, Amy Hart, Susan Evans, Dan Alley,

**Guests**

Ravi Respeto

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Aimee Andrews welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:04am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

***Motion****: Sam Caughron moves to accept the minutes from May 18 meeting. Seconded by Dan Alley. Approved by the board.*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Sam Caughron, Treasurer, provided the following update.

* Budget: The club is on track to stay within its budget this year. Several major expenditures remain (RI dues, etc.) but the club is in the black now and has the funds to meet these.
* Past Due Accounts: The following updates were given on past due accounts reviewed at the May 18 meeting.
  + Ross Efaw: Ty Cooper spoke with him and he intends to pay his bill.
  + Bill Gray: Sam Caughron spoke with him and he has paid.
  + Andy Jenkins: Uncertain status.
  + Jim McVay: Uncertain status.
  + Write-offs: Ex-members with outstanding balances will be written off. Hantzmon & Wiebel checks ClubRunner and will note these credit adjustments.
    - Matt Robb
    - Jay Blanton
    - Krista Rodgers

***Motion****: Roger Higgins moves to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Ben Horne. Approved by the board.*

**Guest Presentation**

Past President and District AG Ravi Respeto gave an update on her role with the District. She noted that BRMRC continues to have one of the strongest membership levels in the District but that there will be a continued push to transition from ClubRunner to DACDB (as most other clubs in the District have).

**Program Chairs**

Amy Hart, program chair, noted that new member talks will be happening June 22.

She also noted that member Vladimir Kryzhanovski is hosting three family members from the Ukraine and needs summer camp opportunities for his 7-year old grandson. Multiple board members had suggestions and will follow up with Vlad.

**Club Service**

Dan Alley, club service co-chair, noted that UVA has asked for help putting up refugees from Eastern Europe. He will follow up with the club to solicit support.

**President’s Report**

President Aimee Andrews led a recap of the Rabbit Run fundraiser and discussion of plans for the future.

* Ms. Andrews noted that discussion had emerged from a meeting of the Past Out of Office Presidents (POOPS) about the viability of continuing the Rabbit Run event, given concerns about low levels of participation.
* Mr. Higgins noted that donations would total to about $17,000 (after expenses), with $10,000 going to the beneficiary (All Blessings Flow) and $7,000 remaining for club discretionary giving.
* Susan Evans, foundation chair and Rabbit Run co-chair, noted that the committee faced some challenges in reconstructing the organization of the race after a 3-year hiatus, and made the following suggestions:
  + A manual of guidelines should be composed to help members organize any event (not just Rabbit Run).
  + Timeline: the committee would have benefited by starting sooner.
  + Committee: the committee would have benefited from wider member participation.
  + Ultimately, Ms. Evans is in favor of continuing the event. The feedback from participants and the beneficiary (ABF) was highly positive. Ideally the fundraising event will pull in as many members as possible and generate a high level of interest in the beneficiary.
* Mr. Horne noted that if a road race does not interest a significant number of club members, a different event such as a Monte Carlo night could work as well.
* Mr. Higgins noted that the incoming board will form a committee to study the issue and make a recommendation for next year’s fundraiser.

**President Elect**

Roger Higgins, President-Elect, gave the following update.

* Meal Fees: The question of raising meal fees and/or dues remains on the table from the May 18 meeting and will be addressed by the incoming board at its first meeting in July.

**International / Foundation**

No report

**Vice President/Membership**

No report

**Secretary’s Report**

No report

**Club Administration**

No report

**Public Relations**

No report

**Past President**

No report

**Club Executive Secretary**

No report

**Diversity Committee**

No report

There being no further the business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Markham, Secretary