

RunLawrence Club Meeting Minutes

Sun, May 2nd, 2021

(pending approval)

Meeting held at South Park.

Present: Molly Wood, Becky McClure, Gene Wee, Dee Boeck, John Huchingson, Janet Huchingson, Jackie Wilson, Kara Baden, Brenda Groskinsky, Matt O'Reilly, Don Cackler, Lori Cackler

The April minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Treasury

- Gene started the meeting with a treasury update on accounts up to May 2nd.
- Income has been received from Arboretum 2 mile entries and new membership sign ups and outgoings in the form of award mailings.
- Current balance of the club is [not posted on web site; contact treasurer for information].

Facebook Page and Group Update

- Jackie and Gene confirmed increased traffic on both media. All members encouraged to post all things running whenever possible.

Future Time Trial Events

- In response to positive feedback from members, Gene raised the possibility of another event this summer. Distance options could be 15K (out and back on the Levee), 1 mile (This needs to start and finish at the same place – if it's a point to point, state records need to be asterisked as such). Molly suggested a 4 mile for which there was also interest.
- Group discussed location and logistics for each. Members to contact Gene via email and this will be discussed and decided next meeting.

Survey Responses

- Kara shared initial summary of survey results received so far (18 respondents, 3 of whom were not current members).
- Results included lots of positivity and suggestions.
- Jackie to create a summary so far that might be usable for social media communication. Gene to post the survey on the Facebook Page.
- Molly suggested a poll to ascertain wider feedback on potential time trial distances, thus facilitating a dialogue with the wider running community.

Kansas Half Marathon

- Matt advised that KU are currently not approving anything but have stated campus use will only be Sundays when there are no college events.
- Start point of the event is likely to change to South Park from Watson Park due to complaints in previous years.

Thanksgiving Day 5K

- Gene advised that Woodlawn school have delayed decisions on use of the inside of the school until September.
- Jackie and Dee updated on new sponsorship prospects. Lawrence Beer Company are now on board with a contribution and half price beer tokens. Awaiting decisions from 4 other businesses. Jackie to follow up.
- Gene shared some options for goody bag: Towel and various beanies – a runner's cap is also available. Group to continue to review.

Member accomplishments and future race plans

- Molly and Becky secured 1st and 3rd places in age in Austin, describing a large, well run event with staggered starts.
- John and Dee took state records at Top City. Dee will be taking part in Mother's Day run in Overland Park
- Matt paced 4 hour marathon group at the Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene.

Other Business

- Jackie asked about runLawrence running kit. Molly volunteered to look at options and share next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting will be virtual on Sunday, June 6th at 4 pm in person at South Park.

Submitted by Jackie Wilson