

Minute of the runLawrence meeting, Sunday, June 2, 2024, Sunflower Outdoor & Bike

Present: Molly Wood, Becky McClure, John Huchingson, Lori Cackler, Don Cackler, Pat Peery, Kristen Wiens, Heather Krase-Minnick, Gene Wee, Dee Boeck

The meeting was called to order by President Molly.

The May meeting minutes were reviewed. John moved they be approved as submitted; Gene 2nd. Unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Gene. The only action in the treasury the past month was a small new membership income.

Heather and Kristen reported on their recent attendance at the RRCA National Convention in Costa Mesa, California. Ideas included more involvement with media to advertise our club and its activities. Gene and Heather in particular will try to post more news about the activities of the club and its members on Facebook.

It was noted that most other clubs put on more than just one big event per year and usually offer weekly smaller group runs, training sessions, etc. It was noted that that role is kind of filled by the two running stores in Lawrence. It was also agreed that those are proper things for a club to do; however, it would require a long-term commitment by several volunteers. Dee also reminded the group that runLawrence was initially founded for the sole purpose of putting on a big Thanksgiving Day 5K. It certainly could be expanded to provide more weekly or even monthly events, but it would require people to lead such new groups.

Heather and Kristen said they also learned the importance of crisis management at a big event, especially, and the need to have a course of action in place to handle such possibilities. One suggestion was to have a defibrillator readily available on the race course, as well as in the headquarters building. We also have EMS personnel on site or readily available. Our written policies regarding this should be reviewed. It was also noted that a good practice is to have the name and contact info for an emergency contact person written on the back of the competitor numbers. It is also recommended that we annually review our Bylaws and Strategic Plan. It was agreed this is overdue.

Quite a lengthy discussion was had regarding the swag to give out at this year's T-Day 5K. It was eventually agreed that we will give out Buffs and perhaps have Bib Boards with our club logo to give to any participants who want them. Heather will look into the exact cost of those and report back to Gene soon.

Our annual club potluck will be on Sunday, August 4 at the Union Pacific Depot from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Heather will set up an on-line signup sheet where those who wish to attend can sign up along with an indication of what they will bring. It was also recommended that we invite our T-Day 5K volunteers who are not club members to attend the potluck as well as main sponsors. Don and Lori will again bring the iced tea and Gene and Dee will bring paper/plastic tableware.

Kristen made a presentation on the "Sneakers for Good" national program which collects gently used sneakers to provide to those who need them. Shoes could be collected at the race site. She also suggested this program could be implemented at area schools. Members were favorable to this idea.

Submitted by,

Dee Boeck
Secretary