

## **Minutes: Dec 7, 2025 runLawrence Club Meeting (Lawrence Public Library)**

Present: Kent, Liz, Doug, Janet, John, Don, Gene, Dee, Cristal, Kristen, Heather, Tom, Molly, Becky

Meeting was held at the Lawrence Public Library and was called to order by President Molly at 4 p.m.

The November minutes were perused and, upon motion by Heather and second by Don, were unanimously approved.

Gene presented a detailed accounting of both the general club's finances as well as a separate accounting of the Thanksgiving Day 5K financial statement. The T-Day 5K was a big financial success with a record attendance of 1,456 registered which is 115 over last year's record. We are in good financial shape to increase the amounts given to grant recipients this year.

The floor was opened for comments from members present, most of whom were volunteers at the race. Kent Ely relayed an incident where an unhappy resident along the course seemed to deliberately get in his vehicle just as the lead runners were heading towards his residence and proceeded to drive off despite the pleas of our volunteer marshal. Fortunately, no one was injured. We will be doing some research with other similar runs, RRCA, etc. as to how best handle situations such as this. One idea presented was to have more signs posted along the route on the day of the event. Placement of barriers will also be reviewed.

It was noted that we were registering people even just past the start time of the race. This was due in part to long lines created at day of race registration and to the record turnout. It was noted that the timing company had to scrounge up some competitor numbers from their truck as the ones provided were all used up. Per the timing company, this was due to the unusually low percentage of no-shows (2%). More laptops on race day morning was suggested, as well as the thought that we have no race day registrations. Another complication arose when the timers could not print out age group winners in a timely fashion due to low ink in their printers. The awards crew did a fantastic job of working around that problem with paper and pen.

There was discussion about opening up the grant eligibility beyond Lawrence public schools and a few other youth running groups in town. It was noted that we have granted funds to Eudora entities. It was decided that this topic merits further discussion with a broadening of our reach in the future.

Doug reported that he is completing the application process to designate the T-Day 5K as the RRCA Kansas State Championship event for 2026. There is no charge to the club for this and we would get special medals to award to winners in certain categories over and above our usual awards indicating the recipient is an RRCA Kansas State Champion. This emphasizes masters runners especially.

A discussion was also held as to whether we should change the way we distribute gift cards (particularly from restaurants). We currently distribute them to volunteers via a drawing. There was

a suggestion that these be given to random runners in a drawing. This will be further discussed in the future.

Gene noted that he will be submitting RRCA club membership renewal papers soon. He also asked that club members submit their club dues as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

The next meeting was set for January 11, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned upon motion of Becky and second by Kent.

Submitted by,  
Dee Boeck  
Secretary