

Road Runners Club of America
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
July 6, 2022
Via Zoom

In attendance:

George Rehmet: President
Lisa Rippe: Vice President
Barbara Jewell: Treasurer
Stephanie Davies: Secretary
Betsy Boudreaux: Southern Region Director
Mickie Sanders-Jauquet : Eastern Region Director
Bonnie Sexton: Central Region Director
Stephen Wright: Western Region Director
Hans Wong : At-Large Board Member
Lionel Adams: At-Large Board Member
Jean Knaack: CEO
Peter Qumseyeh: Chair of Board Development Committee

President Rehmet welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 6:02 PM Eastern. He welcomed new board members: Hans, Bonnie, and Mickie.

Ratify the Items approved by the Board via email

Vice President Lisa Rippe moved to ratify the following items approved via email:

- Approval of the Minutes from March meeting
- Approval of the RRCA Audited Statements for 2021
- Approval of the RRCA IRS Form 990 for 2021
- Secretary Appointment – Stephanie Davies
- Vice President Appointment – Lisa Rippe
- Board Development Committee Appointments – Peter Qumseyah (Chair), Kelly Richards, Goody Tyler, Nikkia Young, and Tim Bently
- Performance Review Committee Appointments – Lionel Adams (Chair), Betsy Boudreaux, Hans Wong, and Barb Jewell

Review Coaching Code of Ethics complaint:

A formal written complaint about an RRCA Certified Coach by another RRCA Certified Coach was received. The Ethics Review Committee, consisting of George Rehmet, Lisa Rippe, and Stephen Wright, reviewed the complaint and social media posts associated with the complaint with Jean Knaack, Randy Accetta, and Erica Gminski. Following deliberation by the Ethics Review Committee, a report outlining no further action is recommended was submitted to the Board of Directors.

The Board engaged in discussion about the complaint, committee review process, and related challenges for social media management within the Coaches group, on personal pages, and on other 3rd party pages.

Southern Region Director Betsy Boudreaux moved to accept the recommendation of the Ethics Review Committee, which outlines no further action will be taken by the Board. The appropriate RRCA staff will report back to the complainant.

Finance & Fundraising:

A brief overview of the financial status through May was shared. The 2nd quarter has just concluded, and more time is needed to finalize, and for the Finance Committee to review, formal 2nd Q statements. The status of the investment account was reviewed along with the potential impact on net assets at year's end if the market does not rebound.

Discussion was held about fundraising strategies with Championship Event hosts that said they would donate as part of their bid to host. Tools will be shared with the Board to assist in fundraising outreach efforts.

CEO Report:

CEO Knaack provided an overview of the progress for sight selection for both 2024 and 2025 RRCA Convention locations. Productive conversations have been had, and formal proposals will be shared at the October Board meeting.

Coaching Program staff are meeting with a working group to finalize the Coaching Certification Scholarship fund that will be designed to provide support and increase the number of coaches of color. Program criteria and procedures will be presented at the October Board meeting.

The slate of recommended 2023 National Championship Events was presented. Discussion followed. Central Region Director Bonnie Sexton moved to approve the slate of events as proposed. The following events comprise the 2023 RRCA National Championship Event Series:

- **Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile** Washington, DC 4/2/23 (Eastern)
- **Glass City Marathon** Toledo, OH 4/23/23 (Central)
- **The OC Marathon Running Festival Half Marathon** Newport Beach, CA 5/7/23 (Western)
- **The Macklind Mile** St. Louis, MO 6/24/23 (Central)
- **Big Chief 50K** Tahoe City, CA 7/16/23 (Western)
- **Woodstock 5K** Anniston, AL 8/5/23 (Southern)
- **Prefontaine Memorial Run 10K** Coos Bay, OR 9/16/23 (Western)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:

CEO Knaack report that this will be a standing topic on the agenda for meetings moving forward. Staff will work on an inventory report to outline what has been done and goals for the future to help current and future board members monitor progress and opportunities.

RRCA has a promotional partnership with Jake Fedorowski to promote his work with the ***The Guide to Non-Binary Inclusion in Running***.

Director Reports:

Highlights were shared by Board members related to outreach, fundraising, and more.

Next Board Meeting:

October 29, 2022 in Chicago, IL at the Palmer House Hotel

Vice President Lisa Rippe motioned to adjourn at 7:26pm Eastern.