

## Charlottesville Track Club Board of Directors Meeting

January 18, 2021

Virtual meeting in the Time of COVID - by Zoom

Board members present: Jay Wildermann, Scott Wiseman, Glen Anderson, Trish Robinson, Keith McLaughlin, Rhonda Pearl, Rick Willis, Tim Wendel, and Diane Rosin

Absent: Suzanna Turanyi, Tina Humphreys

Guest: Deb Gilbert (New Year's Day race director); Nicole Brimer (10 Miler race director)

7:06 PM: Meeting called to order by Scott Wiseman, President, and a quorum was established.

**Minutes** of last meeting: Keith moved and Glen seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted; all approved.

**New Year's Day Race update:** Deb Gilbert reported that everything went well. There were 173 in-person finishers. Nicole will work with Leah to enable entry of times for those who ran virtually. Deb thanked Glen for Pepsi's donation of water. Donations of backpacks and gloves have been delivered to PACEM (the race beneficiary), and they will receive the proceeds of the race after expenses have been finalized.

**Ten Miler update:** Nicole reported that a 5-mile loop has been identified at Foxfield that will be run 2x for the in-person race. Foxfield will help to prepare the course. Start times can be spread over 2 days of a weekend – every 10-15 min depending on COVID standards at the time of the race – and can be extended to 2 additional days on the next weekend, if needed. The date remains to be determined but will likely be end of March or beginning of April. For those who wish to register for a virtual race, sidewalks of the official 10 Miler course will be marked but the 10 miles could also be run anywhere else (in both cases using Racejoy). Registration will open 4-5 weeks before race day. 1751 registrants from last year's cancelled race will be given 1<sup>st</sup> priority to sign up for this year's in-person race, after which any remaining spots will be opened up to others. Beneficiaries are the same as last year, and they will provide volunteers (as part of their agreement to CTC for being selected as beneficiaries). There will be prizes for chip-timed runners at Foxfield, and there may be a drawing for prizes for registrants who submit times for their virtual race.

**Scholarships:** the student who was unable to accept her scholarship in fall 2020 contacted Scott to let the club know about the dire family situation that required her to postpone her college attendance at VA Tech. She has been attending PVCC during this time and will return to Tech next fall. The board gave conditional approval to re-issuing the check for her scholarship pending clarification of her situation and CTC policy on scholarships at 2- vs 4-year colleges (note added after meeting – students of either 2- or 4-year colleges are eligible, and we will honor her scholarship award).

Plans for **CTC newsletter (Running Shorts):** requests for stories will be solicited and we hope to include lots of photos. It was suggested that there be a theme for each issue, which will probably be quarterly. Example: running in a pandemic. Rick and Tim will work on getting out the first issue soon as a symbolic replacement for our annual meeting/party, which will not be held this year because of COVID.

Considerable discussion followed on the topic of improving **diversity and inclusion** in the CTC prompted by the message received from former CTC board member Charlie Feigenoff and the NY Times article 12/27/20 on the ProlyFyck Run Crew (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/27/sports/charlottesville-running-club.html>). One suggestion is to include more black neighborhoods in the 10 Miler course. In addition, it was felt that the club should work to attract more people of color to run in the 10 Miler and other CTC races (we could offer decreased or free registration for disadvantaged registrants) and come up with ways to improve diversity and inclusion in our membership and participation in our events. Ideas – advertise the club more, make everyone more aware of CTC, reach out to athletic directors of public and private K-12 schools and colleges, make groups aware of our programs (races, training, group runs), increase outreach through RMRS (which is already a hub for the running community).

Scholarships for 2021: last year's deadline was April 1. We would need to check our financials to determine if we can award similar amounts as 2020 or if the amount should be decreased (or not offered at all in 2021). Balances are down because there have been fewer races and reduced renewal of memberships. Scott will check with Leah to see about sending out a reminder to members to renew. Notices about scholarships and membership renewal will be added to the newsletter. Note added after the meeting – it was decided not to offer scholarships in 2021.

The next meeting will be by zoom: 2/15/21 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Rosin, Secretary