

BRRG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES

DATE: **04/10/14- 6:33 PM**

LOCATION: **PERKINS**

ATTENDEES

Jean Green, Jim Hoppe, Paul Fitzpatrick, Pat Trout, Sue Fitzpatrick, Joan Pribnow, Dennis Doyle, Patty Doyle, Brenda Gill, Paul Gill, Lori Chauvin, Dori Whitford, Joel Whitaker, Gunhild Swanson, Matthew Kee, Javier Pita, Jody Shapiro, Diana Crabtree, Will Schmitt, Ken Mulvania, Mariko Morgan

The minutes of the 03/13/14 General Meeting were approved by the membership.

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MEETING: 05/08/14- Perkins
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AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC: TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved by the membership.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: OREO COOKIE AWARD

DISCUSSION	The Oreo Award was given to all of the people who were attacked by the geese and "swam" through the water on the Centennial Trail at St. Paddy's.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: BLOOMSDAY TRADESHOW BOOTH

DISCUSSION	Pat reported on plans for this year's booth. She is still looking for volunteers to man the booth, and passed around a sign-up sheet.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: RRCA NATIONAL CONVENTION- SPOKANE 2014

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill provided an update. He stated, according to RRCA Executive Director Jean Knaack, this year's Convention is on track to have the highest attendance of any Convention since she took over as ED. Paul reported over 300 people are registered. He also stated he has enough volunteers.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: RECYCLE RUN

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill, RD, stated the Run will be held on 04/24/14, at 6:00 PM at the Fish Lake Trailhead. Paul stated 32 people have registered for the race. He stated he plans to talk to the pastor of the church near the Trail about using their parking lot, as last year a tow company was monitoring it. There was a suggestion to move the Run to a different day of the week in the future, as the Flying Irish runs are on Thursdays. Paul stated he would consider this idea; the race is limited to 200 runners due to the size of the Trail.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: ST PADDY'S

DISCUSSION	Lori reported on this year's race. There were 1,112 finishers. The race brought in over \$19,000, and profited approximately \$5,300. Lori stated about half of the runners elected the no-shirt option. Gunhild stated she was aware of a problem with the finish times for some runners. She stated her finish time was listed as almost 1 minute faster than what her watch said. She stated other people who finished near her also voiced a similar discrepancy. Dori stated she would contact Scott Ward about the results.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Scott Ward about the results.	Dori	ASAP

TOPIC: CENTENNIAL TRAIL CLEANUP

DISCUSSION	Jim Hoppe stated he has the "kit" for the cleanup. He agreed to work on scheduling a date for this annual event, which is typically held in conjunction with a Saturday group run.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Ken Briggs about scheduling the cleanup and post the date on the website.	Jim	ASAP

TOPIC: SPEEDWORK

DISCUSSION	Dori reported approximately 30 people have been attending Speedwork so far this year.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: ACCOUNTING MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill reported he dropped off the Club's tax information to a local accountant. He also stated that by the May General Meeting, he hopes to be set up with Quick Books. Paul reported he is working with an accountant on changing our taxes to a calendar year.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Consult with a CPA about changing to a calendar year. Purchase Quick Books.	Paul Paul	ASAP ASAP

TOPIC: SCHOLARSHIPS

DISCUSSION	Will stated the Club received a thank you letter from one of the BRRC Scholarship recipients, Elizabeth Smith, which he read.	
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: FESTIVAL OF MILES

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill reported this year's event will be held on 06/07/14. He stated a group in Coeur d'Alene is putting on a similar race this year. Paul stated he is need of volunteers.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: CLUB SHIRTS

DISCUSSION	Paul Gill stated the shirts have been ordered. These shirts will be given to people who sign up for membership at the Bloomsday Tradeshow. There was a consensus that the shirts will be good advertizing for the BRRC.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Deliver shirts to the Convention Center (booth #818) at 10:00 on May 2, 2014.	Paul	5/2/14

TOPIC: MEMBERSHIP CARDS/LETTER

DISCUSSION	Brenda suggested discontinuing the practice of sending out membership letters and cards to those who join/renew the Club via Active.com or snail mail. She said she contacted Nate Kinghorn at Runner's Soul and he said Club members do not show their cards to get the BRRC discount on shoes. Nate also stated their store employees do not ask to see membership cards. Brenda stated she would like to email member welcome letters to those who include their email address on their membership application, and discontinue issuing membership cards as they do not appear to be used or to serve a purpose. Brenda would snail mail welcome letters to those who do not provide an email address. This change would save the Club stamps, envelopes, paper, and printing costs, and would be an effort to "go green." This change was voted on and approved by the membership.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

TOPIC: INCREASING RACE DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	Ken proposed offering more of a discount on Club races, and then increasing the cost of these races to offset the discount. This practice might create an additional incentive for people to join the BRRC. It was suggested that such a discount be offered for pre-registered runners only. There was also a suggestion to have a link on Active.com so that when someone signs up for a race, he/she can also sign up for membership. It was recommended by the membership that this topic be revisited in the future.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Add this item to future agenda.	Board	Ongoing

TOPIC: SPOKANE SUMMER GAMES

DISCUSSION	Lori reported on this event, to be held at SFCC on 08/02/14. Paul Gill stated he spoke to committee member, Steve Jones, and Steve recommended the BRRC	
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	<p>establish a subaccount for the event's monies. Reportedly, the Club would not be responsible for this account. Their Treasurer, Jeff Caviness, would do all of their own accounting and bank transactions. Some Club members expressed concern about establishing a subaccount. Dori suggested we table the issue until the next General Meeting in May; the membership agreed.</p> <p>Lori stated the Games has agreed to give the BRRC a free ad, listing our Club races, in their program.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Speak with Steve Jones about the logistics/risks of a subaccount.	Dori	ASAP

TOPIC: CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

DISCUSSION	A Race Director is needed for Qualchan, as Jeff Corkill has retired. Larry Taylor and Chris Morlan/Spokane Distance Project, were suggested as possible replacements.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Follow up with Larry and Chris.	Sue/Gunhild	ASAP

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Submitted by Brenda Gill