

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ROAD RUNNERS CLUB OF AMERICA
 Wednesday, August 16, 2006

On the above-specified date, the Board of Directors of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) met in regular session via teleconference. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

Officer/Director	Present	Absent
President Bee McLeod	X	
Vice-President Tom Downing	X	
Secretary David Epstein	X	
Treasurer Dennis Novak	X	
Eastern Region Director Brent Ayer		X
Southern Region Director Ken Bendy	X	
Central Region Director Beth Onines		X
Western Region Director Lisa Paige	X	
A/L Director Bob Holmes	Logged on at 7:06 p.m. EDT and departed at 8:00 p.m. EDT	
A/L Director John Farrow	X	

Also present was Executive Director Jean Knaack.

A quorum being present, President Bee McLeod called the session to order at 7:04 p.m. EDT.

Approval of July 21, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes. Director Bendy moved, and Director Paige seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously. However, Director Holmes was not present for this vote.

Directors' Reports. President McLeod has received positive feedback regarding our facilitated session at the July in-person Board meeting. The ad-hoc Executive Director performance review committee will be headed by Director Paige with assistance from Director Onines and Secretary Epstein. Michael Hughes will continue to chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2007 elections. President McLeod has tasked Vice-President Downing to work with the regional directors to develop a guideline document similar to the state reps handbook. The awards and legal committees will be dissolved, with the National Office picking up the duties of the former committee. President McLeod informed the board that the legal committee will be dissolved. The rationale for dissolving the legal committee is that we have paid independent legal counsel and have a letter of

agreement for pro bono support from the DC law firm of Crowell & Moring. Director Farrow stated that the Board was fortunate to have had the services David Williams, Esq. Questions and comments were made by several members. President McLeod responded that there is an approved budget line item for legal services, and we have the additional pro bono support as well. Director Holmes and Farrow requested a copy of the pro bono agreement from Jean Knaack. President McLeod will contact David Williams to inform him of the direction for managing legal needs from here on out.

President McLeod noted that she and Executive Director Knaack attended the National 5K Championship and would be present at Parkersburg, WV, the National Half Marathon Championship. Executive Director Knaack and Jessica Sleight will be present at the National 10 Mile Championship in Annapolis, MD.

With regard to the 2008 convention, President McLeod asked if we wished to solicit bids or make a decision on selecting the site. We do not need to come to terms with this tonight, but must make a decision by next month's teleconference. Discussion was held about potential cost concerns for a New York City convention.

Action item for September: Finalize selection approach for the 2008 Convention.

President McLeod presented a resolution authorizing Executive Director Knaack to submit all charitable solicitation registrations on behalf of RRCA. Such a resolution is required by some of the states. Information on this matter can be found on www.multistatefiling.org.

Resolution: The board resolves that Jean Knaack, Executive Director, is authorized on behalf of the Board of the RRCA to submit all charitable solicitation registrations.

Director Holmes moved, and Treasurer Novak seconded, the resolution. Director Farrow asked a clarifying question and Executive Director Knaack referenced the Multi-State Filing website for further details. A vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director Bendy asked for clarification on dissolution of the Awards Committee, and President McLeod responded to his inquiry that the awards process is being returned to the management of the National Office. Director Bendy has several championship races coming up, the first of which is the Chile Pepper 10K Cross Country National/Regional on October 14. Seven days later will be the Peachtree City 15-K Regional Championship race, with several others following throughout the fall. He went on to report that the Gasparilla Classic race director, Susan Harmeling, is interested in making some of her events championship races. He has contacted Houston Area Runners Association regarding an update of the RRCA Guidelines book. He closed by requesting a Regional Director budget review with Executive Director Knaack.

Director Paige is anticipating her fall championship races, and will discuss with Executive Director Knaack in further detail how to provide more exposure for these events.

Vice-President Downing inquired about follow-up on awards documentation. Executive Director Knaack replied that she would be sending out the requested information shortly. We are not going to have an overarching awards committee, but rather, committees for each of the individual awards, as needed.

RRCA Financial Status. Executive Director Knaack reviewed the current RRCA financial status. She noted that we have received and fully paid the insurance for the New York Road Runners. Executive Director Knaack noted that Webmaster Warren Finke has been generous by meeting our budget for the website re-design.

Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Knaack spoke to the revisions in the privacy policy that had been sent as part of the board meeting email. However, Director Holmes stated that he had not yet received it. Treasurer Novak stated he did not have it either due to email problems, so the issue was tabled until next month.

Action Item for September: Review privacy policy updates and approve.

Data is slowly being migrated to the new RRCA web page. It will be at least another 30 days before the site goes live. Launch may be timed to coincide with announcement our new on-line registration partnership. Executive Director Knaack is starting work on the 2007 budget, using real data from this year. Executive Director Knaack and President McLeod will meet in September to discuss the 2007 budget and organizational objectives in further depth. We have a new sponsor, Sports Science. The details of the arrangements were emailed earlier in the week. Executive Director Knaack will send the Board information from on a proposed membership benefit for home and auto insurance. Planning for the 2007 convention continues.

50th Anniversary Celebrations Update. Director Ayer was not present, therefore, there was no report. On his behalf, Executive Director Knaack solicited pre-2002 convention memorabilia for display in Chicago next March.

New Business. None.

Closure. There being no further business to come before the Board, the session was brought to closure at 8:15 p.m. EDT by President Bee McLeod. This action was based upon a motion by Treasurer Novak, which was seconded by Director Bendy. It passed by unanimous voice vote. Director Holmes was not present for this vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Epstein
Secretary
Road Runners Club of America