

CRR Board Meeting

9-15-15

Present: Jim Elder, Randy Hawthorne, Rick Platt, Steve Chantry, Steve Menzies, Tom Gerhardt, Mike McDonald, Bob Walker, Brenda Mitchell, Paul Pelletier, Greg Dawson

1. Chesapeake Bay Area Super Grand Prix—see info below from Rick Platt.
2. CRR Scholarship—Shannon Crist submitted an application and the Board voted to award \$500 to her.
3. Membership—181 members. September reminders went out on the 15th.
4. CRR Website—Stan says it is down—he downloaded a PDF from one of the races and then started having problems. He hope to have the problem resolved in a day or two. She wants to install malware antivirus software that costs around \$200. The Board voted to pay for this product.
5. CRR Team
Powhatan Creek Trail Run—Greg reported that there were fewer runners this year, and after expenses he realized a profit of \$329.82. Last year the profit was \$1121. Greg wants to get registration form online earlier and flyers out earlier next year. He wants to improve the race day registration & the race bags, etc. for walkers.

Some members are considering going to the Navy 1 miler on Oct. 4, 2015 in Washington, DC. The Masters 5K Cross Country race in Saratoga is on Oct. 18, 2015. Club Nationals will be in San Francisco.

6. Jaguar Timing System—Jim Elder explained how the system works. Also talked about the back-up system.
7. Hare & Tortoise race director asked if the fee paid to CRR could be reduced from \$250 to \$150. The Board discussed and unanimously agreed not to alter the fee.
8. Runner Friendly City—Rich Saunders is the go-between for the city. Rick Platt thinks Williamsburg will get the designation.
9. Race Schedule Changes:

Colonial Heritage has been postponed to the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Kristin Tolj will direct the race this year, but wants someone to work with her and to take over next year.

Ford's Colony 8K—Ford's Colony wanted \$750, so the race will move to Freedom Park October 10, 2015, and will be called World Class Freedom Run 8K and 5K.

10. Treasurer's Report—Randy reported that we have \$12,000 - \$13,000 in the regular account and there is money in other accounts.
11. Bike Leader, Mike McDonald will be available for most races.
12. CRR Clothing—Steve Menzies reported that he has some photos of CRR clothing and wants creative ideas for selling the clothing.
13. Race Walking—Tom Gerhardt had nothing to report.
14. Finish Line—Bob Walker reported that enough volunteers are helping and everything is OK.

Brenda Mitchell

Chesapeake Bay Area Super Grand Prix

Purpose

To encourage participation in club running events throughout the entire metropolitan area and to offer expanded opportunities for competition.

Timeframe

The Grand Prix will be held during calendar 2016

Participating Clubs

Colonial Road Runners (CRR)

Peninsula Track Club (PTC)

Tidewater Striders (TS)

Participants

All members in good standing of the CRR, PTC and TS may participate. Runners must register with the scorer to be included in event scoring and only races run after registration will be counted. There is no cost to participate.

Races

Each club will select 3 or 4 club supported races for inclusion in the Grand Prix. These races may not be less than 2 weeks apart.

Scoring

Runners will be scored within traditional 5 year age groups, masters and overall for both males and females, going 3 deep. Runners placing in overall and masters at the end of the season will be pulled out of their age groups.

For each race, points will be awarded:

1st place, 20 points

2nd place, 15 points

3rd place, 12 points

4th place, 10 points

5th place, 8 points

Each series participant must run 4 out of the 9 (or 5 out of 12) races to qualify for awards. Points from all races run will count toward awards. Each runner must run at least one run from the clubs that are not their home club.

Results and Standings

Results and standings will be posted on a club's website after each event and connected with links from the other clubs sites. They will also be reported in club newsletters.

Sponsorships and Awards

Race swag is not needed as each race has its own. Series sponsors are desired to fund series awards.

These notes reflect my initial thoughts about the Super Grand Prix.

Input received from others so far includes:

- More races are better than fewer

- Should name it the Virginia Super Series and expand it statewide

- Should have walkers and youth categories

- Consider including Richmond club