

BKVR Meeting via ZOOM, 02/07/24 – 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Present: Ruth Jones, Judy Raffone, Jennifer Sharp, Gail Wood, Elisa Donato, Matt Vernon, Anita Gabalski, Suzy Nealon, Kathy Zemianek, Pat Zemianek

1. Review of Minutes 01/20/24 – approved.
2. Membership and renewals – ~50 members, some have not yet paid dues for this year. Jenn has volunteered to lead membership for this year.
3. Treasurer report – ~\$8000 in account with \$5000 in CD. Club needs to get own EIN per RRCA rules. Moved and approved for Judy to proceed with procuring. Once BKVR has own EIN, will update checking account. QuickBooks accounting for reporting will be maintained (Judy has version that would be free for the club) in addition to Anita's usual accounting.
4. Becky and Len Kolter remembrance – tabled
5. ACH storage – no further information.
6. 501(c)(3) status: 990 postcard sent under RRCA EIN.
7. Annual dinner – 11 members attended the dinner at West Mountain Inn. Matt and Elisa did a slide presentation.
10. Election of officers, board members for 2024 – members will send nominations by end of week to Judy with slate sent out for acceptance/vote by weekend.
11. BKVR races
 - a. Zem-Benn Road Race – Cinco de Mayo theme – we have many decorations in storage. RunReg is active for on-line registration. Mike and Tim will do the registration and timing. Park McCullough grounds have been secured for use (\$500 donation) by Gail. Their organization would like to take a more active role (? Guest passes and/or memberships, volunteers) which Gail will explore with them. T-shirts will be given to first 300 registrants – Gail/Darlene/Pat will check with Crae's for pricing of tech shirt, one color print, Suzy will check with Northeast Promotions. BKVR website is updated with the race link for on-line registration. It's been posted on Facebook. Further promotion via News Guide, on-line forums and race forums will be done by various members. Everyone will seek to procure donations for raffles. BKVR bling will also be part of the raffle. Pat will check with Armstrong's about maple syrup (there are 2 pints left over from last year). Suzy will check with a BKVR member who also produces syrup for a potential donation. We will think of further ideas for age group prizes and will discuss them further via e-mail over the next month. Estimated budget is \$2500 in order to be able to fund both scholarship programs.
 - b. 4 on the Fourth –potential "fun run" with donation on River Road.
12. Fun Runs – Thirsty Thursdays (Greenwich) – sparse currently but will more actively promote in spring; Second Saturday Run from East Arlington – Ruth will coordinate to start; Moonlight Runs – Jenn and Suzy will coordinate. There are also Sunday runs with the Monumental Runners available. Once details are known, can promote on BKVR website and social media.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2024, 6:30 pm, ZOOM – link will be sent 1 week prior.

Submitted by Judy Raffone.