

BKVR General Membership Meeting, 10/25/2023 – 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Present: Ruth Jones, Judy Raffone, Suzy Nealon, Jennifer Sharp, Gail Wood, Darlene Barry, Elisa Donato, Matt Vernon, Mark Kelsey, Anita Gabalski, Mark Clark

1. Review of Minutes BOD meeting 09/06/2023 – approved.
2. Membership and renewals – There are 32 active members (18 single and 14 Family). Family is counted as 1 unit in this membership report.
3. Treasurer report – presented with total income \$423.64, total expenses \$2037.65, all allocated scholarship funds now paid in full. Current balance \$8074.96.
4. Quickbooks accounting: Judy still willing to create an accounting in Quickbooks but needs copies of bank statements for 2023. Anita to forward.
5. Becky and Len Kolter remembrance – plan was to donate but not certain to which organization. Jen will reach out to Tom to discuss.
6. Group runs, etc.: Thirsty Thursdays weekly runs from Argyle Brewer in Greenwich continues on a regular basis. Some discussions for ad hoc Full moon runs throughout the winter weather permitting. Turkey Preview Run on Sunday, November 19 at 9 am lead by Ruth.
7. BKVR races
 - a. Running of the Turkeys (ROTT) – BKVR ROTT orange beanie and age group BKVR logo insulated lunch bag presented. The lunch bags were 95% funded through donations by Jenn's Sharper Speech and Judy's Green Mountain Pediatrics. The plan will be to start announcing winners as soon as the majority finishes so that we can start announcements sooner. Raffle will include gift cards, BKVR logo wear, and donated prizes. to distribute prior race bling, maybe some BKVR logo wear as well as any donated prizes. Advertising was reviewed. Elise will develop a flyer to be posted at various businesses as well as on the Front Porch Forum and Bennington Blotter. . Gail will reach out the VT News Guide. Town and building permission have been secured. Will have vintage t-shirts "for sale" with all proceeds donated to Fisher Elementary (? Library).
 - b. Zem-Benn Road Race – Zem-Benn checking will stay with Zak Gringo/Kathy Zemianek. It will be a BKVR race with Zemianek participation so proceeds will go to both organizations.
 - c. 4 on the Fourth –on hiatus. Race director needed for next year. There are still lots of t-shirts that could be used.
 - d. Wandering Witches Trail Run – October – race director needed.
 - e. Kid's "Marathon" – lots of T-shirts. Consideration to participate with local schools and they "finish" the Marathon at the Zem-Benn. Will discuss further at a later meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 6, Wednesday, 6:30 pm in person at Arlington Community House.

Submitted by Judy Raffone.