BKVR Meeting 12/16/2025 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Arlington Community House

Present: Judy Raffone, Ruth Jones, Gail Wood, Jenn Sharpe, Anita Gabalski, Rob Raffone, Tobias Counts

1. **Review of Minutes:** 9/29/25 – approved
2. **Membership Status**: Jen sent out a reminder to all members that it is time to register. There are currently 65 members (35 families). Discussed going back to 2023 renewals as a reminder.
3. **Treasurer's Report**: Balance $15,118.74 as of 12/16/25. The last scholarship check has been cashed; Underdog has been reimbursed. Upcoming payments: renewal of website ($1194.12); RRCA (no music licenses) $395. Other: membership dues have decreased; expenses from advertising ZemBenn in USA Running.
4. **Race Updates**:
5. a. ROTT: $500 donated to Fisher for playground from ROTT. Consider Foodbank donation next year for ROTT.
   b. Zem Benn: 5/3/26. A meeting was held with the school art teachers to encourage participation in the logo contest. The winner will receive $50 cash. Judy provided photos of previous shirts. Deadline to hear about participants is the end of January. Those present thought there should be more advertising done to promote participation in the race. Upstate Sports will be utilized, and Jenn will follow up on other resources. It was also suggested that the race participants be asked how they heard about the race during the registration process. Also provide for food bank donations.
   c. Equipment/logistics support for Arlington Memorial Community Service Club: Tobias Counts, a senior at Arlington Memorial, is planning a race (5k &12k) on River Road on 5/9/26. This will be a community service club project. He and others are already working on the race, but he came to the meeting to gain a better understanding of the logistics of sponsoring a race and what assistance BKVR and its members can provide. Potential race sponsors were suggested.
6. **Scholarships:** BBA has already been received. Judy will send an email reminder to the schools. There is an April 30th cutoff date to apply. Applicants will not be chased for their forms.
7. **Moonlight and Other Runs:** Moonlight still on hold. There will be a lighted run at 5:30 from Argyle on Friday December 19.
8. **Officers for 2026:** Current officers have agreed to serve for another year, but someone is needed to fill the Vice President position

NEXT MEETING: **TBA**

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Wood