

## SAR Board Meeting – Monday September 12, 2011

Steve Outridge called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Mary Lasser - A	Kara Middendorf- A	Ron Lumm- A	Andy Dolphin - P
Shane Carr - P	Randy Accetta- A	Lucas Tyler- P	Keith Schlottman- P
Jocie Riley- P	Sheryl Felde- P	Steve Felde- A	Don Branaman- A
Greg Gadarian- P	Greg Wenneborg- A	Tim Bentley- A	
John Sabatine - A	Amelie Messingham- P	Steve Outridge- P	

1. Two Guests have joined us tonight
  - a. The first is Julie. Julie runs a decent amount of races. She feels the need to give back, and wanted to attend the meeting.
  - b. Roger Shanley. He has been running with WOG for a while, has been nominated to be on the SAR Board. Roger is a high school teacher, and has been running in Tucson since the 70s and feels like it is time to give back.
2. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Greg Gadarian, seconded by Sheryl Felde, Randy Accetta abstains. All others approve.
3. Good Neighbor Races. Two races in front of the board for approval.
  - a. Feeling Fit 5k. We received a letter from the race director requesting that it be considered as a Good Neighbor Race in 2012. This race was a SAR Good Neighbor Race in 2011. The race is scheduled for January 14, 2012 at 5am in Sahuarita. They do T-shirts, goodie bags, award groups, etc. Randy Accetta makes a motion to approve the race as a Good Neighbor Race in 2012, Sheryl Felde seconds. All approve.
  - b. Autism 5K Run & Walk. March 31, 2012, or April 1, 2012. Coincides with National Autism Month in April. The course starts by the UA Mall, and goes around the campus. The event has existed for a while, but next year is the first year they will add a competitive 5k run. The race director talked with Mary Lasser, and she was very comfortable with the conditions we ask of SAR Good Neighbor Races.
  - c. A note on the above. The conditions SAR imposes on a race to become a Good Neighbor race includes the requirement that the charity be a charity promoting fitness and running. This is not something we have been enforcing. The Board concludes that we should modify that requirement to make it broader. The board also is of the opinion that the Good Neighbor race directors should also be required to write an article following the race to include in the SAR Newsletter.
  - d. Motion to approve by Greg Gadarian, Jocie Riley seconds. All approve.
4. Keith Schlottman, our treasurer, makes a motion that the signers on the account be changed to Mary Lasser, Steve Outridge and Keith Schlottman. Greg Gadarian seconds. All approve.
5. SAR Grand Prix 2012
  - a. We already decided on eight of the races that would be in the Grand Prix. Steve Outridge prepared a summary of the proposed requirements for the other 4 races to be included in the SAR Grand Prix in 2012.

- b. The Board will make a decision at the October meeting to determine which races will be included, accordingly, the directors for these potential other races must provide their submissions by October 1. Note that these races should be either SAR races or SAR-sponsored races (ie, races that are subject to an agreement with SAR). Other race directors that are not part of SAR may submit their races for approval, but:
  - i. We may have to decide first whether those races should be included are SAR Races for a year, then included as part of the Grand Prix the following year.
  - ii. Shane Carr makes the argument that if it is a race that has an established history it would not make a lot of sense to exclude them from the Grand Prix.
  - iii. Randy Accetta expresses that his concern is to protect SAR and SAR's investment in the running community. Some races that are part of the Grand Prix are not SAR races so he believes that is acceptable to consider non-SAR races for inclusion.
- c. Motion by Randy Accetta that (i) we will open the Grand Prix to non-SAR races so long as they become SAR-sponsored races, (ii) we will post on the SAR website a request for submittals, (iii) the requirements for inclusion will be the requirements set forth in Paragraph 5 of the list compiled by Steve O (subject to some modifications by the sub-committee), and (iv) the sub-committee, following the October 1 deadline, will meet to review the proposals, and will make recommendations to the Board at the October Board meeting. Seconded by Andy Dolphin. All approve.
- d. Steve O will contact all the SAR race directors that have a race not yet included in the Grand Prix to let them know about the October deadline.
- e. Big thank you to Steve O for preparing the summary list.
- 6. Children's Fitness Fund.
  - a. All the submittals reviewed and put together by Ron Lumm. Ron made some recommendations, but he is out of town.
  - b. The following applicants were recommended by Ron:
    - i. The Grow to be Fit Foundation. Use of money to purchase pedometers for students to monitor. \$300.
    - ii. Solington Elementary. For after-school programs for students to participate in cross-country track meets. \$225.
    - iii. After-School Running & Walking Club. Money going to advertising, shoes, water bottles, shirts \$300.
    - iv. Holaway Elementary. For running, diet, fitness, yoga, other forms of exercise. Money used for shirts and books for students to be able to track their fitness. \$275.
    - v. Cottonwood Elementary. Mainly to use for prizes for the students. \$300.
    - vi. Walter Douglas School. Money used for medals, prizes, etc. \$300.

In addition, the board considers the following two applicants:

- vii. Project Fit For Life. 10 week program where they are introduced to a different sport each week, one of which is running. \$1,000 is requested to implement the program. Randy Accetta reminds the board that SAR has

in the past given money to non-running related activities, although the preference goes to running activities.

viii. Project Kinder Sports.

Motion by Randy Accetta to accept the sub-committee's recommendations for the first six proposals listed above, except that \$225 will be donated to Solington, and \$275 to Holaway (instead of the \$300 and \$200, respectively). In addition, \$300 will be donated for the Project Fit For Life, for a total of \$2,000 donated. Sheryl Felde seconds.

Discussion. Jocie argues that next year we should use more criteria, and that more money should be donated to the Children's Fitness Fund because we grew so much over the years. Steve O will put this on the agenda for next month, regarding what amounts should be given away. Randy Accetta also says that many more schools are applying than in the past, it has become much more competitive.

9 in favor. 1 opposed. No abstention.

\$550 remains in the budget. Agua Caliente and El Grupo are proposed as additional grantees by Steve O. Agua Caliente is requesting money for shoes, bags, shirts, prizes, etc. El Grupo is asking for \$720. It is a cycling team but the request is to have funds to buy shoes to cross-train.

Keith motions that we donate \$300 to each and we will be \$50 over-budget, Sheryl Felde seconds, 9 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstaining.

Keith will mail the letters to the recipients. Jocie will prepare the letters, and will email the people that did not get a grant to notify them.

Around the Room.

Shane Carr. Looked up the RRCA awards. There are several running awards categories, but the submittals have to be in (online) by December 31. The board should decide what awards we wish SAR to be considered for. Shane will email the board with a list of awards and the board will decide which nominations to pursue.

Lucas Tyler. He has had a hard time getting our logo printed on anything because it is not in the right format, and it cannot be fixed as the computer in which we have the original image is broken. Lucas needs approval for us to allow a new high resolution "runner" picture, to be used for any form of printing we do. Motion by Randy Accetta to approve the people in charge of materials to pick a logo/image suitable for SAR. Seconded by Sheryl Felde, all approve.

Keith Schlottman. Inquires whether the Pumpkin Race will happen. A sponsor of the race sent an email to an undetermined email list, and SAR was not mentioned anywhere in the email. SAR president sent an email out to race director but he has not responded yet. We have a clear problem that the race is being shifted away from us.

Steve Outridge. We had a SAR social run and injury prevention talk on Saturday morning. It went very well, was well attended, and we received positive feedback. Steve

O suggests that we organize this type of social run/talk once per quarter, and is looking for names of people that can make presentations.

Jocie Riley. Riley is hoping we can have some sort of social event in the Fall and invite the people that were involved with SAR in the 70s/80s.

Randy Accetta:

Saguaro Race. We had 1391 registrants, including 591 Triple Crown. Pricing was very low. Park Services was delighted with the whole event. The Park Services did a great job managing the parking, and there was only one parking incident.

We had 1105 finishers, 848 in the 8-mile, which is more than we ever had. For the 5k, we were a little down finishers.

We are paying the park \$2,000 for their fees and services, and \$5 entry fee per runner (only 66 runners used park passes), meaning that a total of \$7,085 went to the park, which was up from last year.

We are paying \$300 to Saguaro High School, and other schools for volunteering at the race, and donating money to other charities as well.

Chip timing did not go extremely well, but Greg will keep working at it. Chip timing will not be used for Run & Roll because of the way registration is set up.

Get Moving Tucson. Close to 1,000 runners have registered. Dave Hill and Randy rode the course yesterday, there is now a big construction site by the Santa Cruz River. Randy had to come with an agreement with the crew to open the construction site so that runners could go through on race day.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Randy Accetta - Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm