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## **ORRC Annual Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 7:00 pm, via Zoom**

**YouTube Recording: <https://youtu.be/GzNOKXsnODs>**

### **Attendance:**

- Board Roster: Tracy Reisinger (President), Mark Barrett (VP Race Operations), Deb Brown (Secretary), Debbie Hall (Treasurer), Susan Cooper, Carrie Fleisher (Volunteer Coordinator), Adnan Muranovic, Joel Phillips (RD), Valerie Pratt (RD), Julia Reisinger (1200 Club), Mark Takizawa (RD).
- Board Members Not present: Deb Brown & Joel Phillips
- ORRC Members Present: Charissa Yang (Communications), Daniel Brewer & Randy Fujioka

**7:04 pm Call to order** by Tracy Reisinger, President.

### **Minutes of November 2024 Meeting - vote/approve**

Corrections: None needed

Motion to approve: Julia Reisinger , Second: Mark Barrett. Vote: 9 ayes - 0 nays Motion passes.

### **President's Report** (Tracy Reisinger)

- Tracy Reisinger read a State of the Club report. In it she:
- Introduced new and returning board members
- Thanked outgoing board members
- Thanked race directors and reported we have 20 race directors for 2025, including for the new Autumn Leaves Ultra (coming back after several years absence), and returning Best Dam Run after we thought we had to cancel it due to no RDs.
- Thanked the coordinators for different activities such as 1200 Club, membership, volunteer coordinator, etc.
- Thanked Foot Traffic for their partnership in offering evening runs for our members twice a week
- Reported that in 2024 we had 230 individual volunteers for our events, not including the school clubs that provided additional volunteers
- Reported that in December 2024 we had 744 individual members (up from 713 in December 2023), so membership is going in the right direction
- The budget that was approved for 2025 relies mostly on membership dues and Turkey Trot revenue to run the organization. In 2025 ORRC shifted where spending was going. By saving funds on storage fees, and professional services, we were able to save over

\$30,000 and we can use this money to donate to community organizations, and spend more on members. This also allows individual races to not have to generate as much profit to meet club administrative costs

- In late 2024 and continuing in 2025, we now ask event registrants if they want to donate to ORRC's Community Outreach Fund (or a specific charity determined by the event), and we ask volunteers if they want to donate their \$50 credit for volunteering to the "Pay it Forward" fund for race directors to use to assist participants with race registration fees

#### **Conflict of Interest Forms (Tracy Reisinger)**

All board members need to submit a conflict of interest form (sent by Tracy earlier). This must be done annually for each current board member

#### **Treasurer's Report (Debbie Hall)**

- Debbie provided reports summarizing 2024 income and expenses, and showing the approved budget for 2025. In 2024 not all Turkey Trot expenses are in, but the club overall made a profit.
- Mark Takizawa had a question about "in kind" donations for his event, and it was determined that we haven't been tracking this, but race directors should provide this information in a race report, or track it in case they don't have the donation again, and have to pay for it in future years.
- Debbie also provided a balance sheet of assets, and some time in 2025 we hope to form a sub-committee to review where assets sit, and if there is a better option for investing our funds.
- The assets were about 1 ½ years of operating expenses which is good to have in reserve for a non-profit in case there is no income for an extended period.
- Daniel Brewer updated the board on the task of researching/creating a Venmo account for participants to use at races to purchase items like t-shirts. He said in the transition to a new Treasurer and bank accounts in 2024, this task fell through the cracks, so it still needs to be done by someone on the board in 2025.
- Adnan Muranovic volunteered to track the new donations category by event to see how much we raise for each event.

#### **1200 Club Reports (Julia Reisinger)**

- The 1200 Club finished its 12th year with 30 participants earning a jacket, and another 81 picking up patches after completing 1200 miles in one calendar year.
- 2024 participation numbers higher than in 2023 (171 registered in 2024; 150 in 2023).
- Since inception, 776 ORRC members have participated in the 1200 Club, with 586 earning jackets.
- 11 individuals have completed 1200 miles each of the last 12 years.
- To date we have 148 registered for 2025 (up from 124 at the same time last year).
- While the 1200 Club is free for members, with the new question asking for donations at registration, we have already raised over \$580 in donations for ORRC's community outreach program.

#### **Positions Needing Filled (Tracy Reisinger)**

With the retirement of some board members, there are some coordinator positions that need filled. Currently Tracy & Julia Reisinger are doing all of them, unless someone steps up.

- Award Banquet for 2026 → Valerie Pratt volunteers to take on the award banquet for 2026 (after the upcoming 2025 meeting)
- Expo Coordinator
- Membership → Carrie Fleisher volunteers to take on Membership Coordinator
- Member Challenge Coordinator → Mark Takizawa and Adnan Muranovic volunteer to take on the Member Challenge
- Member Picnic

### **Questions for the Board (Tracy Reisinger)**

There were no questions asked at the meeting

### **Recap of Ralph's Run (Mark Barrett & Carrie Fleisher)**

The numbers were up slightly from last year, and they almost had too many volunteers (which is a good problem to have).

There are some things to tweak for next year, but overall it went really well. Carol Brown was there to start the event, Ralph's grand daughter ran her first 5K with the t-shirt that said "running for poppa", and the pancake breakfast was a hit as usual.

### **Upcoming 2025 Events:**

- Awards Banquet - Sat, Jan 25, 2025 - Tracy & Julia Reisinger.  
Everything is set, and since it is being held at the Spaghetti factory... there will be food at the banquet! (last year there was a mixup in communicating when the food was supposed to be catered and it never showed up)
- **Hagg Mud** 25K, 50K - Sat, Feb 15, 2025 - RDs Mark Friess, Deb Brown  
Numbers are down this year, but that is because it is only one day instead of two
- Race Director Workshop - Sat, Mar 1, 2025 - Tracy & Julia Reisinger.  
The venue we planned on wasn't available when we tried to reserve it, but we were able to secure another location. It will now be at the Bethany Library Annex (instead of the Brookwood library)
- Shamrock Expo - March 1, 2025 - Tracy Reisinger  
The signup sheet is out there for board members to sign up for shifts at the expo
- **Champoege** 10K, 20K, 30K - Sat, Mar 22, 2025 - RDs Valerie Pratt, Mark Takizawa.  
Numbers are slightly higher than last year at this time, but still low. It should pick up the last 6 weeks prior to the event

### **RunSignup Insurance for All Events?**

- We discovered that RunSignup started offering "event insurance" directly to race participants at checkout for races, and some of our races had/have it, while others don't. If participants pay for it, they contact the insurance company directly for a refund, NOT US!

- However, after discussion it was determined that ORRC does not want to offer this option to race participants because 1) it could make people think ORRC is offering it, and if they contact us for a refund and we defer them to the insurance company, they might not have a good experience; 2) our events aren't expensive enough to bother with insurance; and 3) RDs already have the prerogative to grant refunds if necessary.
- The board decided that we would turn off all insurance policies for our events, and notify race directors and RunSignup that we would not be utilizing this option.

#### **Upcoming 2025 Events:**

- 67th RRCA National Convention, Minneapolis, MN, Thu April 24 - Sun April 27, 2025.  
Mark Barret has registered 6 people and will purchase plane tickets later this month (the prices for airfare have been high and he's hoping it will come down)
- **Dual Duel**, 10-mile relay - Tue Jul 22, 2025.  
Kim Kovacs has volunteered to be race director for this event. There was a transition meeting yesterday with Daniel Brewer, and she is ready to take it on with the assistance of Sarah Welsh as a super-volunteer.
- **Best Dam Run** - September 6, 2025  
Mark Barrett said one of the new RDs (either Tyra Baird or Melanie Woods he couldn't remember) shadowed him at Ralph's Run, and "wasn't scared off." (meaning: still seemed willing to volunteer!)

#### **Spotify Account for music at races** (Tracy Reisinger)

- Since we have a sound system for our finish line area, do we want to purchase a Spotify account to play music, along with a bluetooth player to attach to our sound system (so we don't have to use our phones).
- The board discussed this, and determined that a spotify account wasn't necessary. We can create music lists on phones, old ipods, or on a thumb drive and hook it up to the sound system through the speaker jack.
- Tracy will bring a sound system back to her place and "play with it" to see if we can figure it out.

#### **Twitter/X/Bluesky links to ORRC website/Facebook** (Tracy Reisinger)

A member asked if we could start a Bluesky account since she used that instead of Twitter/X. She also asked if we could remove X/Twitter. Adnan reported that the last "Tweet" we had was in 2023, and the one before that was in June 2020, so we are not using it at all.

The board determined that since we don't use it, we will remove X/Twitter from our social feeds. Unless we can get a volunteer to manage a Bluesky account, we will not add to it our social media at this time.

The board discussed how many of our members are older, and how we can attract, or better communicate with others, including younger people who don't tend to use Facebook anymore. There was a suggestion to recruit members in a newsletter to "review and research other social media methods to better diversify how we connect with the community."

**Future Meetings & Topic Suggestions:**

- Tues, February 11, 2025. 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Tues, March 11, 2025. 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Community Outreach Applications are due at the end of February for review at the March meeting

**Adjourn at 8:03 pm**

**Submitted by Julia Reisinger on behalf of the Secretary**

**Approved February 11, 2025.**