

**Arizona Road Racers Board Meetings**  
**May 14, 2018 – Minutes**

**Members Present:** Courtney, Katherine, Norm, Janet, Paula, Elisabeth, Mike, Hal, Sandra, Omar

**Members Absent:** Eric

**Guests:** n/a

**Approval of Minutes** Approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Equipment and Staging.** Omar brought mile marker signs that he purchased with the \$1,000 gift from Robert Lee. We should also buy about 10 inexpensive (approx. \$15 each) tripods to hold them. Omar thinks he could have them by SS#1. We probably also need sandbags. Additional signage is about \$20 each, and we could either paint it or use magnets. We will start with magnets. We should buy at least 20 for the longest race, including for turn arounds.

**Finance Report.** Grand Prix receipts are up almost three times. Awards costs have increased because of the mugs. Insurance costs are down \$469 over last year, but we have not yet paid the errors and omissions policy renewal. Permit costs are down \$1,030 over last year. We have not yet paid for South Mountain yet. SS#2 was at the AZ Falls last year (no permit required) and for SS#3 we have only paid the application fee so far. T-shirt costs are up \$1,377.64 because of the long sleeve technical shirts.

Hal reported that the ARR tax return has been filed.

Hal also reported that we have three CDs that are coming due. Their face value is \$72,000. We get 0.5% interest on the first two and 1.5% on the third. Hal has been able to get 2.5% on CDs online, but they are five years. He will pursue that.

**Marketing Report.** Paula brought the remainder of the post cards for people to distribute.

**Membership Communication.** Janet has to get one more newsletter out before SS#1. It will mainly promote Summer Series and will advertise for the Board's warehouse volunteer spot. 5/15 is the cut off to get the shirt.

**Membership Report.** Norm reported that we are up 11 memberships, but down four members. However, we are up a total of 99 since last year because of family memberships.

**Race Day Clothing Report.** Paula said that people on Facebook are trying to order the shirt only. We could allow that and also try to sell old shirts, but the purchaser will have to go to the race to get the shirt. We will try that with Summer Series shirts, and we will also sell old shirts at the 7/4 race for \$5 each.

Mike found a duffle bag/backpack that is \$6 that we could try to brand and sell. He will look into getting the ARR logo screen printed onto it. Elisabeth mentioned also branding water bottle holders, and she will bring samples of them to the next meeting. Omar suggested other items could be collapsible cups and race bib belts.

Omar has the Summer Series plaques, but not the medals yet.

**Race Timing.** Deferred.

**Race Venues.** We are good on all venues for 2018 races.

**Registration Report.** Deferred.

**Social Report.** The next social event is the poker run on 8/30.

**Social Media.** We have been posting every other weekend for volunteers. Elisabeth says it has helped get volunteers signed up.

**Grand Prix Points Tour.** We have approx. 60 entrants, but expect to get more at SS#1. There are more than 10 races left. For points, we are going to give chip time a shot on some of the wave start races. There will not be a 3,000 meter on the track. Mike will look for a different race. Flash Santoro is open to hosting a 3K cross country race on 6/23.

**Volunteer Report.** We are down to six open spots, but need volunteers for aid stations. We need about four for registration. We have had a lot of new volunteers through RunSignUp.

## **Upcoming Races**

### **Summer Series #1.**

- Parking map is on the ARR website.
- Trucks – Janet has provided a truck entrance and setup map.
- Announcer – Ron Smith is the announcer and Janet has provided him ARR talking points.

- Course – Janet has provided the course details. We will need one right hand turn sign and three left hand turn signs. We will also need a ground directional arrow (straight ahead) near a potential split under the light rail bridge.
- A wave start will be used. There are a substantial number of runners/walkers in the 9-13 minute mile pace group. The waves will start a minute apart.
- Water/aid stations – Need to be at the top of the incline where the north side multiuse path meets the Priest Drive overpass. Janet has provided a map of the area. The truck should be able to pull off the street onto the sidewalk using the driveway access for bikes/wheelchairs at the curb.
- Starting line – The race will start and finish on the pebbled path alongside Tempe Town Lake, just East of the semi-circular gathering area of Neil Giuliano Park.
- Registration/food/shirts – should be set up in front of the semi-circular cement steps. No chairs will be needed as volunteers can sit on the retaining wall.
- Porta-jons – Should be placed alongside the path under the East side of the Mill Avenue bridge. Janet will provide the company a map.
- Shirts - Series entrants that register before the 5/15 deadline will receive the Summer Series Tank Top as part of registration. They should pick up their shirts at this race.
- The 2017 SS1 posted 430 runner/walker finishers. With this centralized location, Janet is expecting 500 finishers, but would like to be prepared for 550 participants.
- Volunteers – Janet needs one to pick up ice. We need to order about 20 bags and 4-6 blocks of ice.

**Summer Series #2.** Marty wants to move it to the Riparian Reserve. We will discuss this after SS#2.

**Summer Series #3.** Norm has the contract with Peoria, which needs to be signed.

**Summer Series #3-#5.** Deferred.

**Jerome.** Deferred.

**Thanksgiving Day Classic** – Deferred.

**Festivus** – See notes above.

**Desert Classic Marathon** – Deferred.

**South Mountain Classic** – Deferred.

**New Business**

- Jeff & Sheri Donnelly – ARR members who have apparently cut courses and forged bibs in several races. We will not ban them from ARR.