



**Mid-Pacific Road Runners Board Meeting Minutes  
Kaimuki Public Library  
November 20, 2023**

Call to Order by President Ron Alford at 6:38 p.m.

Board members present: Ron Alford, Ed Kemper, Connie Comiso, Joy Schoenecker, Naomi Morita, Sam Aucoin, Judith Inazu (via zoom), Chris Kam

Board members absent: Kanealii Ng-Osorio (excused)

Guests present: Paula Carroll, Joan Davis, Raul Torres de Sa (Boca Hawaii)

**Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2023, Board Meeting**

- Minutes were approved.

**Boca Hawaii Marathon Series Update - Raul**

- Raul shared his concerns about the future role of Boca Hawaii in handling the Honolulu marathon series. The series has not been as financially successful as in past years and he and his team are experiencing burn-out. No decisions have been made but he wanted the Board to be aware of the problems he is facing.

**Financial Report – Ed Kemper/Kathy**

- a. 2024 Budget – Ed Kemper
- Ed distributed a spreadsheet on the 2024 budget. Ron indicated that we should continue examining our revenue and expenditure streams. We usually make money on races and t-shirt sales and need to examine where we are losing money.

**Membership Report – Paula Carroll**

- Memberships declined by four -- 737 current memberships (741 last month).

**Races and Events**

- a. Honolulu Marathon Clinic Turkey Trot – Ron Alford
  - About 700 have registered, requiring about 26-27 HPD officers.
- b. Santa Hat 5K – Ron Alford/Jessica Krieschnick
  - Everything is set. 216 have registered so far (227 last year.) 19 of the requested 23 volunteers have registered so far; need one more person to help in giving out jingle bell necklaces at the finish line.
- c. Bosetti 1<sup>st</sup> Sunrise 10K – Ron Alford/Ed Kemper/Joy Schoenecker
  - Ed will check the Nov. 14 email from D. Wrightman about what's needed to complete the permit process.
  - The medals are done. Joy will get the elite awards from Bonnie. Joy has given the age group awards to race director Ed.
- d. Great Aloha Run Readiness Series – Ron Alford/Connie Comiso
  - Faerber's Flyers are creating the awards for the Faerber 10K race.
- e. Kailua 10-Miler – Ron Alford/Frank Floyd

- A new course is being developed; not final yet.
- f. Additional Race Director – Ron Alford
- Steve Davidson has expressed interest in race directing and will be taking the race director certification course. The agreement with MPRRC is that he will assist Frank with the two Kailua races; maybe the Mother’s Day race as well.

### **Unfinished Business**

- a. Volunteer Coordinator Update – Joan Davis/Jessica Krieschnick
- Proceeding nicely.
- b. Honolulu Marathon Expo update – Ron Alford
- Someone is needed to manage the opening and closing of the MPRRC booth and handle the money and cash box.
  - There are 14 volunteer shifts, hopefully four will staff each shift.
  - The new membership discount (50% off) and race discounts (\$5 per race) will apply again this year.
  - RRCA is splitting the cost of the booth with us, so we only pay \$900 of the \$1800.
- c. Inclusiveness Group (Non-binary) update – Naomi Morita
- Pending.
- d. Equipment Proposal Update – Sam Aucoin
- Craig Knohl has been contracted to handle our race equipment.
- e. Acquisition of Volunteers Update – Connie Comiso
- Connie developed and sent out a proposal to recruit student teams to volunteer for our aid stations. The team will receive a donation.
- f. Great Aloha Run In-Training – Ron Alford/Naomi Morita
- Volunteers are needed to lead the five training groups. Two or three pacers are needed for each pace group; four have signed up so far.
- g. New Club Storage Unit Update – Sam Aucoin/Ed Kemper
- We have a new storage locker at 907 Dillingham Blvd. (Hawaii Self Storage).
  - There are hundreds of unused frames (5’ x 7”) from the Catch Me If You Can Race which was postponed numerous times due to Covid. Connie indicated she could use them for the races she directs.

### **New Business**

- a. Christmas Buffet – Connie Comiso
- Scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at the Hale Koa hotel. Cost is \$26.95 (\$23.95 for those 65 and older). Mimosas are about \$8.
  - There will be a gift exchange, games, and the Predict Your (Honolulu Marathon) Time winners will be announced.
- b. Board Meeting Location Change vs Zoom – Ron Alford
- We will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month, but some of the meetings will be in person and some on zoom. The December 18 meeting will be on zoom; the January 15 will be in person at a location to be determined.
- c. Visitor Package Proposal – Ron Alford
- Ron proposed that we develop a visitor bag with goodies from Hawaii that we sell to out-of-town runners. Approximately 18-20% of racers are from out of town.
  - The canvas bags would include high-quality items made in Hawaii, such as sunglasses, aluminum water bottles, rally towels, visors, etc. and sell for \$40-50. The contents would cost approximately \$30.

- **The Board approved allocating a maximum of \$2,000 to test this concept.**
- d. 2024 Race Pricing – Ron Alford
  - Ron distributed a race pricing sheet using the same structure as last year.
- e. 2024 Race Shirts – Ron Alford
  - Ron and Betty Gail have been handling the race shirts; someone else needs to begin doing this.
- f. Miscellaneous
  - Josh Sappington will donate a camera so we can video races. The finishing time and finishing photo can be captured at the same time. No one else is doing this (“video results with finishing time”). We’ll try it at the Santa Hat race.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting: December 18, 6:30 p.m. on zoom.