

Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club Board Meeting
Via Zoom
February 19, 2024

Call to Order by President Ron Alford at 6:31 p.m.

Board members present: Ron Alford, Ed Kemper, Connie Comiso, Joy Schoenecker, Sam Aucoin, Judith Inazu, Chris Kam, Kanealii Ng-Osorio

Board Members Absent: Naomi Morita

Guests present: Paula Carroll, Joan Davis, Scott Honjiyo, Kathy Miyahara, Steve Davidson

Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2024, Board Meeting

- a) Minutes were approved.

Financial Report – Ed Kemper

b) The 2024 budget proposed by Ed and edited by Ron was approved (version dated February 19, 2024).

- c) At the December meeting, the Board approved opening a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit with American Savings Bank for twelve months at 5% interest. Due to some complications, Ed will now proceed with a 7-month, 5% interest-bearing \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit with Homestreet Bank.
- d) Ed will also do a survey of online banks which allow non-profits to open an account that can earn interest. A portion of our funds in ASB (\$10K) could be diverted to this account. Our funds in ASB currently earn no interest.
- e) Ron reviewed Kathy's financial report for the past month.

Membership Report – Paula Carroll

- a) We gained 3 members last month, for a total of 765. A huge influx is expected next month, due to the half price promotion at the GAR expo.

Races and Events

- a) Kailua 10-Miler and the Windward Half Marathon – Ron Alford/Frank Floyd/Steve Davidson
- The race operations committee is handling the details.
 - The Coast Guard recruiting division has expressed interest in being a race sponsor for the half marathon, which could entail having their name on the race shirt, information on members' age and gender breakdown, and donating a small fee to the club. They want to set up a recruiting table and may be interested in volunteering for the race. Specifics have yet to be worked out.
 - Ron indicated that he hasn't heard back from the Marine Corps, who may also be interested in volunteering.
- b) Mother's Day Race- Ron Alford, Frank Floyd
- Connie and Craig are scoping out a 10K course at the Moanalua Community Park. The Hawaiian Railway site may not work out for a 10K course.
- c) 2024 Marathon Readiness Series Update – Ron Alford
- Raul is no longer interested in managing the marathon series races for us but may be interested in handling race logistics. Ron will approach the Honolulu Marathon Association and other race organizations to ascertain their interest in handling the series for us.
- d) Great Aloha Run Training – Ron Alford and Naomi Morita
- Ten coaches, led by Kawika Carlson and Naomi, provided training runs for 464 runners over eight Sundays. In return, MPRRC received a discount for a booth at the expo (we paid only \$40) and may receive a small donation as well.
- e) Volunteer Coordinator Update – Joan Davis/Jessica Kieschnick
- Proceeding well.

- f) Board Retreat- Chris Kam
- The retreat will be scheduled after the MPRRC banquet in April, so both incoming and outgoing Board members can participate. On the agenda will be: (1) Inclusiveness, (2) Strategic Planning, (3) Permits and Approvals [Joan], (4) Current situation and future directions.
- g) Annual Banquet & Membership Meeting – Connie Comiso/Judith Inazu
- Connie indicated that although the banquet is free, many end up not coming since there is no penalty for not attending. **The Board decided to assess a \$20 deposit when registering with RunSignUp, which will be returned to them at the door. The RSU fee will be absorbed by the Club.**
- h) GAR Expo – Kane Ng Osorio
- Kane reported that everything went well. There were a lot of high-energy volunteers; more than 40 new members signed up, and about \$1,500 worth of goods was sold.
- i) US Steps for Vets – Ron Alford
- MPRRC has been asked to assist with organizing a 5K race on June 22, 2024, probably at Ala Moana Park. Steps for Vets supports programs for homeless and at-risk veterans across the country. Members of the public will be invited to participate. Ron sent them a proposal outlining our mutual responsibilities and a proposed fee. Responsibility for marketing and promoting the race should be clarified in the proposal.
 - The race ops committee will be handling the details. Ron won't be here. A race director/manager is needed.
- j) Hawaii Running Hall of Fame – Sam Aucoin
- **The Board voted to purchase two tables of ten for \$1,500 (\$750 x 2) and a full-page ad in the program brochure for \$150.** Board members will get first priority, followed by our most dedicated and loyal volunteers. Judith will query the Board and volunteers, as she did last year.
- k) RRCA Convention
- Four people expressed interest in attending the national convention from May 2-6 in California. **The Board agreed to send Naomi Morita and Steve Davidson to attend the conference on behalf of MPRRC. Preference was given to those who are active in Club activities and have attended fewer conferences in the past.** Ron will also be attending on behalf of the RRCA.

New Business

- a) Strava 1000 mile challenge – Ron Alford
- Ron has completed the tally and will be advertising it soon.
- b) Japanese gmail account – Ron Alford
- There is an unidentified account. Ron will check with Yuko who was on the Board about 6-7 years ago.
- c) IV Infusion Therapy- Ron Alford
- The Club should not support this recovery “therapy”, which is not supported by RRCA for a number of reasons.
- d) New membership coordinator -Ron Alford
- A new membership coordinator is needed since Paula Carroll will be resigning, after many, many years at this job.

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.