

Pine Belt Pacers Business Meeting
January 11, 2017
6:00 pm

Present: Nestor Anzola, Toni Bailey, Brandi Blake, Drew Blake, Theresa Caluag, Donna Davis, Audrey Jackson, Charles Jackson, Jane Kersh, Nick Lomeli, James McRee, Vernon Napp, April Shoffner, Julie Teater

The meeting, held at the Keg and Barrel, was called to order by President Audrey Jackson. The first order of business was the need to elect a replacement secretary for 2017. The current bylaws do not provide for this process, so, on motion by Audrey Jackson, seconded by Julie Teater, the members voted to amend the bylaws to provide for election of officers, at a business meeting, as needed to fill vacancies during the year. Following the unanimous passage of this amendment, Toni Bailey was nominated as secretary on motion by Donna Davis, seconded by Julie Teater. Toni was unanimously elected.

The group then began a discussion of goals for 2017. On motion by Julie Teater seconded by Brandi Blake the group agreed to either move control of the current website to the club's webmaster Charles Jackson, or get a new domain for the website. This decision was based on the need to have the capability to directly make changes such as the officer names attached to info@pinebeltpacers.org.

Audrey reported on a discussion with Becky Ryder, the club's Longleaf Trace liaison. Plans proceed for a memorial stone on the Trace for Raechel Dickinson. Keith Barrett will be contacted about producing the stone and April will speak with Raechel's family about the wording on it. Becky also reported that the Steam Whistle event raised approximately 4,000 of which 3,000 will be donated to the Longleaf Trace. Trace management welcomes suggestions from the group about the use of the donation. A variety of ideas were mentioned, including safety lighting, or an additional station at Sumrall or Prentiss. Those present agreed on an email presentation and vote on options which could be funded by the donation. The group also identified navigation of the Trace by emergency responders as an issue of concern.

A discussion of major Pacer events for 2017 included the need for a Race Director for Steam Whistle. Jane Kersh volunteered for the post. The group expressed their appreciation for Jane's willingness to take this post, as well as for her service as PR chair. Nestor Alonza volunteered to help Julie with Trek the Trace. Other members were encouraged to volunteer to help with races and to also offer to set up a Pacer membership table at races they attend.

The next club meeting/event was discussed. On motion by Julie seconded by Brandi, the meeting will be an outdoor event at a location such as Black Creek Park held on a Sunday afternoon in April. Details will follow.

Membership was discussed with regard to the definition of family membership. Charles recommended looking at the New Orleans' club description which limit the family designation by age, address and number of family members included. A committee was designated to look at this and other membership issues. Teresa, Charles, April, Brandi and Drew will come up with recommendations for the group to consider.

The group agreed that buying a table at the Rise and Shine Expo would be a good opportunity for promoting the club and this will be pursued.

Audrey reported the following information presented by Treasurer Deborah Barrett: The website raised \$1,500 along with a club donation of \$500 for the family of Raechel Dickinson.

After paying RRCA dues and the club's liability insurance (733.69) the club has a balance of 11,972.41. This includes club funds of 4,424.02, Steam Whistle proceeds of 4,037.77, and an equipment fund of 3,510.62. Given that the group no longer owns timing equipment, on motion by Nestor, seconded by Julie, the group agreed to transfer the equipment fund into general club funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.