

RESTON RUNNERS
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON DUES INCREASE

Date: September 20, 2020

Start Time: 07:00 pm **End Time:** 8:00 pm **Location:** Virtual/Zoom

A quorum was present. All members of the Board of Directors were present, and 68 members total were present. The meeting was held in virtual format due to the coronavirus pandemic. The motion to be voted on was made available to the membership at least two weeks in advance as required by the club's constitution.

Club President Mike McCord made a presentation on behalf of the board on the financial need to increase our annual dues to \$35 for two primary reasons:

- First, our dues do not cover the fixed costs (such as storage for our equipment, liability insurance, and website maintenance fees) and have not for several years.
- Second, the sharp decrease in program activity due to the coronavirus pandemic forces the club to confront this first fact, as we can no longer "subsidize" the fixed costs of operating the club with the net income from our programs or events when we are unable to conduct programs such as 10 weeks to 10k, Youth in Motion, or Finish Line Services, and both of our club events (Seize the Day 5k and Runners Marathon of Reston) were canceled due to the pandemic.
- The board recommends this taking opportunity to realign our funding model so that membership dues cover the club's anticipated fixed costs and the net income, if any, from programs or events can be devoted to membership and social events such as the annual meeting and dinner, summer pool party, and winter holiday party. This will allow us to spend more on social events when we can afford to and less in years where net income is low.
- The board also noted that the club fees have not changed in many years and are not in line with fees charged by other running clubs in our area.

Motion: The board proposed to change the dues from \$15 to \$35 per person annually and to eliminate the family membership category. This change would go into effect when current memberships expire and come up for renewal. In the future, memberships would run one year from the date each member joins or renews, rather than having all memberships run from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

The motion was approved by a vote of 69% of members present in favor to 31% opposed.