

**Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club**  
**Annual Banquet Club Business**  
**January 28, 2017**

99 members of the Steeplechasers and 11 of their guests were in attendance (see <http://steeplechasers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/PresidentsAward-JackGriffinTribute.pdf> for details.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

**President's Report** - Lou King

Lou opened remarks by notifying the group that this portion of the program serves as one of two "general membership meetings" held by the club each year.

Opening remarks can be found in the following document:

<http://steeplechasers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/opening-closing-banquet-2017-01-28.pdf>

***2016 Highlights:***

- 479 participants in 5K through marathon distance training programs
- 188 members ran the Frederick Half Marathon
- Formulated a new mission statement and ratified a new constitution
- JFK mile 19 aid station won 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 439 members participated in the Grand Prix series
- 209 members volunteered for at least one event
- 881 members, an all time high
- \$55,205 donated to charities through FSRC's four signature races and other earmarked donations
- Scholarship program awarded two \$2500 scholarships to local students

**Board Nominations** – Mark Lawrence

Mark recognized current board for their work over the past two years: Javier Montenegro, Sage Norton, Harriet Langlois, and Lou King.

***Executive Board:***

Mark described the nominating process. He stated that Harriet Langlois would like to continue her role as Treasurer. There was no objection from the membership present.

Secretary

- Mark took nominations for the position of Secretary.

- Rachel Ridgway nominated Nicole Davis.
- Pamela Geernaert seconded the nomination.
- There were no other nominations from the floor.
- An overwhelming majority elected Nicole Davis to the position of Secretary.

#### Vice President

- Mark took nominations for the position of Vice President.
- Jason Scaroni nominated Eric Cameron.
- Pamela Geernaert seconded the nomination.
- There were no other nominations from the floor.
- An overwhelming majority elected Eric Cameron to the position of Vice President.

#### President

- Mark took nominations for the position of President.
- Jenny Hallberg nominated Jill Cameron.
- Pamela Geernaert seconded the nomination.
- There were no other nominations from the floor.
- An overwhelming majority elected Jill Cameron to the position of President.

#### ***Confirmation of Board of Directors:***

Tim O’Keefe, Pamela Geernaert, Brent Ayer, John Stuart, and Mark Lawrence

#### ***New Member to Board of Directors:***

Mark presented Lou King with a plaque for Distinguished Service, and appointed him to the Board of Directors.

#### **New President Remarks** – Jill Cameron

Jill thanked Mark and the nominating committee. She is excited to take on this leadership opportunity and appreciates the time she has spent getting to know this running community. Her goal is to get to know everyone. In particular, she thanked Lou for his assistance in preparing her for this role over the past month.

She announced that RRCA will recognize Lou as “President of the Year” for 2016.

#### **2016 Awards** – Shannon Matthews, Sage Norton

Two new awards are being awarded this year based on member input – Unsung Hero and Inspiration.

Major award recipients were recognized – Equalizer, Grand Prix, Rising Star, Most Improved, Ironman/Ironwoman, Unsung Hero, Inspiration, Grand Masters Runner of the Year, Masters

Runner of the Year, Runner of the Year. Award recipients can be found at:

<http://steeplechasers.org/about/hall-of-fame/award-winners-2016/>

***Waxter Award:***

Mark Lawrence explained the reason for the name change of the Anderer Award to the Waxter Award, in honor of Peggy and George Waxter who have directed many successful local races over the years, and exemplify exceptional community volunteerism beyond the bounds of FSRC.

Award recipients: Billy Clem, Crista Horn

***President's Award:***

Lou King presented the President's Award to Coach Jack Griffin for his contributions to the sport of running not only the local level, but also the national and international level, particularly in regards to women's running. Coach Griffin was unable to attend the banquet due to poor health, thus long-time friend and fellow coach, Dwight Scott, accepted the award on his behalf.

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**Closing Remarks – Lou King**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.