

NON-PROFIT MEETING MINUTES FOR

# RACE *for* RESEARCH

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm (PT)

**Location:** Google Meet

## CALL TO ORDER – Steve Osborne

Steve Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

## ATTENDANCE

- Steve Osborne, President
- Raio Salmon, Vice President
- Nicole Dozier, Treasurer
- Denise DeMartini
- Tori Heimlich
- Janet Monico
- Angie Osborne
- Heather Pacheco
- Mary Piraro
- Kenny Piraro
- Heather Snow

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Steve Osborne

Vote to Approve Minutes from 3/11/26

**Motion to approve 3/11/26 minutes by Heather Snow**

**Seconded by Janet Monico**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**TRADEMARK:** Trademark update: Will be submitted by the end of June 2026

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – Nicole Dozier

Treasurer's Report:

**Account Balance as of 3/11/26:** \$73,968.90

**Table Sales:** \$4750

**Reimbursement Table Runners:** -\$49.67

**Google Meets:** -\$9.99

**Margarita Glasses:** -\$240

**Ending Balance as of 4/1/26:** \$78,419.24

## COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/REPORTS

### Celebrity Waiter & Social Media Manager Committee

**Lead: Heather Pacheco – Social Media:** Subscribed to Textedly where you can create group texts. They can also be scheduled. From our very first message we received 5 questionnaires. Company can be paused when not in use. \$29 per month. We received several perks due to our being a non-profit. Heather spoke to several drivers this weekend and we will probably get a few more waiters. 50/50 raffle at Plaza. Thank you to Stephanie and Angie...They did a great job selling tickets. We made \$2,301! ½ went to Mattix' go fund me and ½ went to the winner with 2 free tickets to the Gala.

**Celebrity Waiters:** 54 (2 pending)

### Sales Committee

**Lead: Raio Salmon** – Total tables sold: 20 tables sold and 11 individual tickets. 212 tickets total

## **Design & Documentation Committee**

**Lead: Denise DeMartini** – Acknowledgement letters are up to date.

## **Sponsorship Committee**

**Lead: Kenny Piraro** – Nothing new to report. Still working on different sponsors/and sponsored tables.

## **Decorating Committee**

**Lead: Tori Heimlich** – Everything is going according to plan. Most of the big items are good to go. Centerpieces, flowers, and lighting are set. If anyone would like a wine glass, please let Tori know how many. We can always add to our original order at a later date. Still waiting for the centerpiece quote.

## **Auction Committee**

**Lead: Nicole Dozier** – Nicole sent the Board the list of auction items. We are short 6 silent auction items. Please let Nicole know if you have any. Janet said there is an outside heater that is still coming in.

## **Logistics Chair Committee**

**Lead: Mary Piraro** – Timelines: hotel room reservations: Block ends on 4/27 (hard date). Rep from Velocita will be coming and has requested a rolling stand. He will have gloves, helmets, shoes etc. at the track. Had a meeting with Tachi last week and will have another next week.

## **Event Coordinator**

**Lead: Angie Osborne** – Steve, Mary, Kenny and Angie met with the executive chefs at Tachi. Strategies were discussed regarding getting the food delivered in a timely manner. 2 beer bars and 2 signature and mixed drink bars will be available. Signage in the lobby: Denise will get the specs from Tori/Angie. Did not approve any outside food. We can only bring in the cookies. Cannot hang signs on room doors. Electronic sign will display our event. There will be a shuttle service once again. Timing will most likely be the same as last year. Tables and Chairs: Same as last year. We will need to clean up Friday night. We will need volunteers to help out. All decorations etc.: we will need to tell staff what needs to be saved at the end of the night. We can put signage and balloons in the lobby. There is a special timeline for food and a timeline for the night. Their waiters are not typically experienced. So, we need to allow them grace. Will the bartenders be professionals??? We asked for bar backs. The mixed bar will most likely be limited. Salads and desserts will already be on the tables when guests sit down.

## **RFR Race Day Committee**

**Lead: Heather Pacheco** – Heather is asking for candy donations. Steve said he will work on it. No chocolate due to the possibility of hot weather. Hard candy is preferred. Possibly after Easter, candy will be discounted. Jamie from Bullett is behind on delivering shirts to Plaza. There is another person in Tulare who does shirts. Let's go to S & S. Last year we didn't get the proof until May 6<sup>th</sup>. We don't want to have to pay up front. Sponsorship funds from Martella: Stickers were purchased at cost. 100 stickers for \$50

**Plaza Park Track 50/50 Raffle:** Raffle was a huge success. \$2301.00 was raised. ½ went to the Mattix Salmon Go-Fund Me and the other ½ went to the winner with 2 free tickets to the Gala. The recipient was very excited to win the tickets.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE – Steve Osborne, Raio Salmon and Nicole Dozer:** None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

West Coast Hall of Fame – 10 seats are available. Over 10 – we will need to purchase additional tickets. \$1250 discounted price. Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Las Vegas. Hotel Rooms are discounted. 8 Rooms are booked and they are discounted. \$84 deposit.

**Storage options in or near venue:** Steve looked into a container for storage. Seems very expensive. We will wait until after the event to secure storage if needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:41 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM