

NON-PROFIT MEETING MINUTES FOR

# RACE *for* RESEARCH

**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 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

**ABSENT:** Heather Snow

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Steve Osborne

Vote to Approve Minutes from 2/11/26

**Motion to approve 2/11/26 minutes with date change by Kenny Piraro**

**Seconded by Mary Piraro**

**Motion passed unanimously**

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

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – Nicole Dozier

Treasurer's Report: As of 2/24/26

**Account Balance:** \$69,747.62

**Donations:** \$2,000

**Table Sales:** \$4,060 (4 tables)

**Ticket Sales:** \$200 (2 tickets)

**Google Meets:** \$-9.99

## COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/REPORTS

### Celebrity Waiter & Social Media Manager Committee

**Lead: Heather Pacheco – Social Media:** Nothing to report

**Celebrity Waiters:** 49 (Please encourage Celebrity Waiters to send in their pictures in ASAP; for banners and pictures in the program) Nicole will print 8 ½ by 11 color pages if needed. There will be a folder in Google Docs for printing

### Sales Committee

**Lead: Raio Salmon** – 14 total tables sold; 2 Champ tables, 12 Checkered Flag tables and 9 individual tickets.

### Design & Documentation Committee

**Lead: Denise DeMartini** – Nothing to report

### **Sponsorship Committee**

**Lead: Kenny Piraro** – Nothing to report. Steve spoke to Samantha at Watsonville. We need to get a banner to them. On June 20<sup>th</sup> they will hold a 50/50 raffle for RFR. They will also promote RFR during their regular season. Mary reported that we do have 3 banners already ordered.

### **Decorating Committee**

**Lead: Tori Heimlich** – Design for centerpieces is coming together. Lighting is within our budget and includes the additional spotlights. We believe we will be able to stay within our budget because a lot of our items will cost less than last year. The committee will let the Board know if we need more money for accessories.

### **Auction Committee**

**Lead: Nicole Dozier** – She is continuing to get auction items. Please let Nicole know if the Board is securing auction items. There will be 4-5 silent auction trips. Freddie suggested selling \$100 raffle tickets. (100 tickets minimum = \$10,000) Winner would be able to choose any live auction item. OR Possibly choose 5 trips/items for the raffle chosen just for this raffle.

### **Logistics Chair Committee**

**Lead: Mary Piraro** – Mary is working with MX Trophies for centerpieces and trophies. She is working with Nicole on choosing the trips. She reported that 3 more tables have sold today. She has been touching base with Angie every week.

### **Event Coordinator**

**Lead: Angie Osborne** – She has been working with Heather and fine-tuning the timeline for the event. She will update the Board when it gets closer to the Gala. She reached out to Flo Racing to coordinate advertising and will report back if she hears from them.

### **RFR Race Day Committee**

**Lead: Heather Pacheco** – Heather spoke to Koen and he has confirmed that he will be announcing at the race and will be a Celebrity Waiter as well. She is also working on the trophies.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE – Steve Osborne, Raio Salmon and Nicole Dozer:** A letter was sent to our St. Jude representatives about rumors that have been going around regarding fraud/Race For Research. If our reps choose not to attend our Gala, we may invite a rep from the LA office. Nicole also invited Marie from Sacramento.

### **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.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:34 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 4, 18, April 11, 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM