



On June 13, 2016 the Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept this Charitable Giving Policy as recommended by the Charitable Giving Policy Committee (August 2015 – February 2016 and May 2016) consisting of Chairperson and member Kelly “K2” Richards; (VP) Staci Rivero; (members) Brad Liles, Anne Barnwell, John Winstead and Dennis Novak

Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers Charitable Giving Policy

1. Who/what (organizations and causes) RAW can support

Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers, “LGRAW”, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to encourage running and walking as a healthy lifestyle, one in which the whole family can participate.

All donations from RAW should align with this purpose and be given only to non-profit organizations with the exception of municipalities for purposes noted below.

Specific organizations that were researched, fit the criteria and are suggested by the committee are:

- A. *Kid’s Run the Nation Fund*
- B. *RISE Adaptive Sports*
- C. *Grapevine Parks and Rec*
 - i. *As it relates to trail/path improvements e.g. adding water fountains, additional bathrooms or planting trees for shade*
 - ii. *DORBA – Dallas Off Road Bike Association (dirt trail maintenance/improvement)*
- D. *Special Olympics Texas*
- E. *Start up running clubs (in local area)*
- F. *Sponsoring/adopting local underprivileged cross-country or track team*
- G. *Achilles International*
- H. *Boy Scouts Eagle Scouts project*
 - a. *As it relates to trail/path improvements e.g. building a bridge on the trails*

2. Free services RAW can provide

- A. *Volunteer at aid stations*
 - i. *Maximum of 4 times per year*
 - ii. *For-profit and non-for-profit races*
 - *Preferred at non-profit events*
 - *For-profit events when there is a charitable beneficiary of the race*



- B. *Mentoring to other runners, running clubs and races*
- C. *Couch to 5K (C25K) Training Program associated with club produced races*
- D. *Volunteer outreach for organization RAW is donating to e.g. if donating money to DORBA for trail repair, RAW could announce to the membership that DORBA is seeking volunteers to assist with trail maintenance work*
- E. *No club equipment or assets may be used or borrowed for a non-RAW event by a club member or another organization*

3. Paid for services RAW can provide

Timing system provided that:

- I. *Qualified club member(s) operates the system*
- II. *RAW is paid fair-market value for service*
- III. *RAW members operating system are paid for their time*
- IV. *Has (majority) approval from the board and*
 - *Be based on a vote made at an in-person board meeting unless time critical e.g. emergency situation where originally hired timing company cannot keep commitment to time race*
 - *Be listed on meeting agenda (per policy: agenda to be made available prior to meeting taking place)*
 - *Decision noted in the meeting minutes*

4. Race beneficiaries

When a specific beneficiary has been designated in association with a club-produced race a donation of one-third of net proceeds should be donated to the beneficiary.

When no specific beneficiary has been designated in association with a club-produced race a donation, up to one-third of net proceeds, to an organization listed in #1 or another organization aligned with RAW's purpose is strongly encouraged.

5. Scholarship Program \$2,000 annually

Based on scholarship program criteria (this is an existing program, which required no work from this committee).



6. General guidelines

- A. *All donations must have (majority) approval from the board and
 - i. *Be aligned with the club's purpose (to encourage running and walking as a healthy lifestyle, one in which the whole family can participate)*
 - ii. *Be based on a vote made at an in-person board meeting*
 - iii. *Be listed on meeting agenda (per policy: agenda to be made available prior to meeting taking place)*
 - iv. *Decision noted in the meeting minutes*
 - v. *Announced to membership (via newsletter or other current communication platform)*
 - vi. *Amount of proceeds from races when a beneficiary is named is exempt from approval unless donating more than one-third of net proceeds*
 - vii. *Amount of Scholarship is exempt from approval unless donating more than \$2,000**
- B. *Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers will not discriminate nor consider any funding proposal for discriminatory purposes (related to the age, gender, sexual preferences, religion, disability, etc. of the requesting party/ies).*
- C. *Members with a conflict of interest will abstain from voting on any proposals in accordance with the Conflict of Interest policy and in accordance with the law (club by-laws, state, federal or otherwise).*
- D. *Lake Grapevine Runners and Walkers must decline to fund requests if they violate law, if they would cause a violation of the club's 501(c)3 status, or if not in accordance with the club's purpose.*