



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
March 9, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jessica Northan, Sally Drake, Ravi Chauhan, Tom McGuire, Nick Demos, Sue Demos, Kathy VanValen, Jon Rocco, Chuck Terry III, Erin Murphy, Courtney Breiner, Ken Skinner, John Parisella, Carol Reardon, David Tromp, Dana Jones, Brian Northan: Absent: Steven Jankowski

1. Call to Order (Jessica Northan):

The meeting was called to order. There were a few corrections that needed to be made to the minutes for February, the meeting start time needed to be corrected to 7:00 p.m., a sentence in paragraph one needed to be finished and the word update also needed to be added. Jessica asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting as edited. A motion was made by Tom McGuire, seconded by Sally Drake. The motion was approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report (Jessica Northan): Jessica mentioned an ad that the club placed on the Discover Albany website which is now running. Jess mentioned she was approached by someone who is interested in putting on a youth running program to take place over the summer. Jess mentioned that Carol has put together a list of possible volunteer coordinators.

Jess announced that the charity of choice was chosen by the workforce team challenge, which will be the Oakwood Community Center from Troy.

Running of the Green Race Director Brian Northan updated the board on the race. He will use RRCA insurance and will be using the club's timing equipment given the expected low turnout. Brian also indicated there could be a possible conflict if the Schalmont Girls Basketball team wins two more games, they would like to have a bus parade.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Sally Drake): Sally has the distinguished service award application updated, posted and on the website. Nominations will likely be made at the April Board meeting, with voting likely to take place at the May Board meeting. Sally also reported that she has received 2 letters of recommendation, but no applications yet. She does feel that the word is out though.

2.3 Executive Vice President for Finance (Ravi Chauhan): Ravi updated the board on donations received from Club members so far this year is \$300. The club is acknowledging the following member donations: Marathoner – Maria Schollenberger; Mark Browne. Track Star - Kathy Chambers; Theresa Girvin; Steve Engel; Anne Grab; Ravi Chauhan. Ultra – Tom McGuire;

Lauren Hamilton. There were also anonymous donations. Ravi also mentioned an idea for an invitational track meet for previous local track athletes.

2.4 VP for Running Events (Nick Demos / Sue Thompson): Nick provided an update on the Workforce Team Challenge. With about 70 days prior to the race, about 900 people are registered for the race which is on par with registration for 2020 at this time and before the race was cancelled due to the pandemic. The race is running below 2016 and 2017, but overall seems to be doing well. There are 212 teams signed up so far.

Delmar Dash Race Director David Tromp was at the meeting and indicated that he has approval from the police department and is going with ARE Event Productions for timing, as Dave is expecting 200 – 300 entrants for the race. He was also able to secure a discount on the event timing by using recycled BIBs from ARE. Registration is open, and there are 5 participants and 1 volunteer signed up so far.

Next John Parisella reported on the Bill Robinson Masters 10K; John indicated that he is about to make registration live. He indicated the permit is in with the town along with certificates of insurance, police are on board and the application for facilities use is in at the school district. Indications are that there is approval for use of the parking lot, the lobby and the restroom facilities, same as pre-pandemic. Tom reminded the board that this is the 40th running of this race. John is expecting at most 150 runners and he and Brian will be doing the timing given the lower number of expected runners.

Nick, indicated that he had been reached out by a person who would like to start a new race. Originally, the thought was a New Year's Eve 5K. Nick indicated the interaction was good and also floated the idea of this individual taking over as race director for one of our other existing races. The board had a discussion about ideas for a 5K during this time frame that would not conflict with the hangover half.

Jessica read a note from Barbara Sorrell about some race updates. Barbara has gotten insurance certificates for the Valley Cat Race and the summer track series. Barbara also indicated that certificates are being turned around by RRCA in 2 – 3 days and is less complicated / easier than USATF. For the Marathon, Albany and Colonie permits have been approved.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire): Tom indicated that the balance sheet and profit and loss reports will be posted on the google drive. The clubs total equity increased slightly year to date and indicated that how the Workforce Team Challenge goes will have a significant impact on how the year goes. Tom also reported that the accountants are working on the year-end financial review.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Kathy VanValen): Kathy reported that the Marathon and Half Marathon are officially closed. 148,000 in income, 125,000 in expenses, netting about \$23,000 in profit, which did not include about 15,500 of deferred income. The stockade-a-thon

still waiting on emergency services bill to come through. Winter Series 1, planned on a loss of \$1,500 currently a loss of about \$1,466. For the rest of the winter series, the club is waiting on the bill from SUNY Albany.

2.7 Secretary (Steve Jankowski): Absent

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership: Carol sent Jessica a membership report. The club has total membership as of March 7, 1,858 members, which is the same as the February meeting. Twitter and Facebook followers are 295 (same as last month) and 3,346 (slightly up) respectively. The club has 301 Instagram followers.

3.2 Volunteers: No report

3.3 Public Relations (Courtney Breiner): Courtney indicated she has been posting about the running of the green, distinguished service award nominations as well as the winter series. Courtney indicated that posts on the winter series had a good response.

3.4 Website (Wei Ma and Dana Jones): Dana was at the meeting, no report on the website.

3.5 Conflicts Committee (Ravi Chauhan): Ravi reported there are no conflicts.

3.6 Grants Committee (Sally Drake): No report

3.7 Just Run Program (Ken Skinner): Ken indicated 21 Schools will be participating in the Spring Just Run Program, he has not heard from 10 – 11 schools. He believes that a few more schools of the remaining may sign up, which would be about 24-25 schools, which is a good number. Ken indicated that Guilderland High School will not be able to host the track meet, as they are installing a turf field. Ken has been in touch with Mohonasen, and is hoping that the June track meet can be held there. Backup plan is SUNY Albany. Ravi and Ken discussed the possibility of having a promotional video made.

3.8 Elections Committee: No report

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

None

6. Adjourn:

Jessica asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom, Ravi seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended at approximately 8:16PM.