



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
October 13, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jessica Northan, Sally Drake, Ravi Chauhan, Ed Hampston, Erin Murphy, Steve Jankowski, Courtney Breiner, Jon Rocco, Chuck Terry III, Kathy VanValen, Brian Northan, Barbara Sorrell, Ray Lee, Absent: Tom McGuire, Nick Demos, Sue Demos

1. Call to Order (Jessica Northan):

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2021 Annual meeting made by Sally Drake, seconded by Courtney Breiner. The motion was approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report (Jessica Northan)

Jessica reported that Wei Ma and Dana Jones have transitioned to running the website from Ed Neiles. She also indicated that the Volunteer Coordinator and Membership Coordinator positions are vacant and is looking for these positions to be filled in order to improve volunteer participation and grow the membership.

Barbara Sorrell indicated that there were 1,159 finishers for the Marathon and Half Marathon held this past weekend, with almost 1,600 that were signed up.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Sally Drake):

Sally indicated that she is starting to work on the Bill Schrader Scholarship Announcement so it is ready for January.

2.3 Executive Vice President for Finance (Ravi Chauhan):

Ravi reported that there should be a draft 2022 budget for review at the next meeting. He has also organized the google drive so board members and race directors have a @hmrrc.com email addresses using their first and last names. Ravi also proposed an idea to provide members the option of "rounding up" their membership renewals as a donation to the club.

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

Ed reported on the status of the winter series. OGS is not accepting applications at this time, he is hopeful though that they will start accepting applications for events and that those applications will be approved. For 2022 races, he foresees that all the races that typically have

taken place prior to Covid-19 will be on the calendar, including the Bill Robinson Masters 10K, but with the exception of the Turkey Raffle Run.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire):

Tom was absent but emailed updated financials to the board prior to the meeting.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Kathy VanValen): No report

2.7 Secretary (Steve Jankowski): No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): No report, Jon Rocco indicated that there are 1,671 current members, which is up from the last report in July.

3.2 Volunteers: No report

3.3 Public Relations (Courtney Breiner): Courtney and Jessica Northan discussed the CDPHP Booth and that the club is trying to participate but there have been some administrative challenges in obtaining permission to participate in the event.

3.4 Website (Wei Ma and Dana Jones): Absent

3.5 Conflicts Committee (Ravi Chauhan): Ravi indicated there are no conflicts. He also made the board aware of the members of the conflicts committee who are Mike Kelly, Mark Warner and himself. He let the board know that the committee itself largely has not needed to meet.

3.6 Grants Committee (Sally Drake): No report

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner): Ken was absent, but provided Jessica with a report to read. Ken reported that Fall just run is underway and there are 13 participating schools, which is about half of what is typical participation. He also mentioned the club has received a grant of \$35,000.

3.8 Elections Committee: No report

4. Old Business:

Barbara Sorrell and Steve Jankowski updated the board with information regarding race insurance through USATF (existing) vs RRCA. Barbara said that USATF said that their new system has to be up and running by the end of the year. In addition, USATF will require safe sport certification from any person from HMRRC that is entering information for races with USATF, which is about 90 minutes of course work. Steve reported that he has read the USATF

and RRCA insurance policies and there is a concern that the proper primary and non-contributory endorsement in the RRCA insurance policy may not be there, but is in the USATF Policy. He will also inquire further into the RRCA policy and the cost of membership as an event management company. Jon Rocco indicated that USATF is about \$50 for the annual membership. Barbara indicated that we may be able to choose to insure HMRRC's running events either through USATF or RRCA and we do not need to use one or the other exclusively as we are charged for the insurance on a per event basis. A report will be ready for the board to review at the November meeting.

5. New Business:

There was a discussion on ways to reward volunteers. Ideas were presented such as providing medals after volunteering at a certain number of events or volunteers would earn points that could be used towards items such as club gear. Ed also mentioned continuing to have a line item on the budget so race directors could have some funds to reward key volunteers, he also suggested having an at large board member that might focus on volunteers.

6. Adjourn:

Jessica asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Jankowski and was seconded by Ravi Chauhan. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24 PM.