



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
October 9, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom and Marcia Adams, Frank Broderick, Jon Rocco, Jim Tierney, Sally Drake, Ravi Chauhan, Jessica Northan, Ken Skinner, Maureen Cox, Ed Hampston, Ray Newkirk

Call to Order (Frank Broderick):

Motion to approve the September minutes made by Jon Rocco, Ed Hampston seconded, Motion approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report

Frank welcomed the new board members. Present was Ed Hampston, Chair of the Race Committee.

Following up on old business, Frank welcomed USATF Adirondack Representative Bill Quinlisk for a briefing on the USATF background screening and training policy, SafeSport. USATF developed the policy to comply with new federal laws on screening for youth sports coaches and other adults working at youth athletic events. Under USATF rules, local associations are responsible for their own events but they do not control member clubs. USATF ADK is responsible only for its volunteers working on a national, regional or association USATF events. Therefore, HMRRRC events are not subject to the safe sport policy. Every USATF official and youth coach is safe sport compliant which includes being a USATF member, and completing a background check and safe-sport training . Volunteers sign a waiver to agree to the safe sport policies and are issued numbered wrist-bands.

As a member club, HMRRRC is not subject to the USATF safe sport policy.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Jessica Northan):

No report

2.3 Executive Vice President (Michelle Davis): Absent, no report

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

The New Scotland 7-miler was held in October. It was a good day with 72 finishers, the most since 2013, with 25 pies distributed. The board discussed the future of the race and is leaning toward ending it in 2020 absent a race director. The Race Committee met in September, and decided to discontinue the Mother's Day race and the Indian Ladder Race. Numbers are down for both races and race directors were stepping down.

Ravi discussed asking Leslie Moore at the University at Albany for a discount or free rate for facility rental if we offered SUNY Albany students a free race entry.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire): Absent.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan): No reports because bill.com reporting system is down.

2.7 Secretary (Sally Drake): No report.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): Marcia reported that we 2453 members, an increase of 23. Over 2000 hits on FB and a couple hundred on Twitter.

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): Need volunteers for Mohawk Hudson Half and Marathon on Sunday. Critical need in Niskayuna and Watervliet. There are 875 runners registered for the full marathon and 1418 half marathon.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk): No report.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Absent, emailed no report

3.5 Conflicts Committee (M. Davis-absent): No report

3.6 Grants Committee (Jessica Northan): No report

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner): Two cross country races are scheduled for Oct. 28 and 29th. There are 45 volunteers in place with 21 schools and about 1200 kids total over both days. Two new schools are participating, Sutherland Elem School and Albany Academies. Ray will follow up with the club's PR volunteer on the possibility of bringing local news coverage to the meet.

3.8 Elections Committee (K. Skinner): No report.

4. Old Business:

Covered in President's report.

5. New Business:

The board discussed the annual meeting. Frank expressed gratitude to Marcia for coordinating the September annual meeting which about 70 people attended. The date for the 2020 Annual Meeting will be Friday, September 25th. Marcia will research new possible locations, taking into account the Board's suggestions that a more casual setting be considered.

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Maureen Cox and seconded by Sally Drake.
Motion approved.

November refreshments will be provided by Sally