



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
January 13, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jessica Northan, Brian Northan, Jon Rocco, Ray Newkirk, Ed Neiles, Ravi Chauhan, Sally Drake, Tom McGuire, Ed Hampston, Michelle Davis, Courtney Breiner, Erin Murphy, Ken Skinner, Steven Jankowski, Tom & Marcia Adams, Ray Lee; Absent: None

1. Call to Order (Jessica Northan):

Motion to approve the December 9, 2020 board meeting minutes made by Sally Drake.
Seconded by Ravi Chauhan. Approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report (Jessica Northan)

Jessica reported that a retirement email was received from Christine Bishop editor of the pace setter. She will stay on until a replacement is found. Chris mentioned prior pace setter editor Cathy Sliwinski as a possible replacement. Also, conflict of interest update, forms have been received by some if not all board members. Michelle and Marcia will follow up on any missing forms.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Sally Drake):

Sally reported that she continues to work on the scholarship and has started asking for applications. No applications received yet.

2.3 Executive Vice President for Finance (Michelle Davis):

Michelle reported that there will not be an annual review this year due to the cost associated with the review. The plan will be to do an audit next year.

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

Ed reported that the grand prix postponement due to covid-19 has been posted on the website. He is also working on the club's USATF renewal. Virtual stockade-a-thon has been completed there were 85 finishers in the 15k, there were 58 finishers in the 5k.

As expected, OGS rejected the clubs application to use its facilities. There will be no in person winter series. Runnin' of the Green and the Delmar Dash are unlikely. Ed and Brian are working on running the winter series as a virtual race.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire):

Tom will look into the cost to have an accountant's compilation done so the club has financial statements for this year, as they could be helpful when asking for grants & donations.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan):

No report

2.7 Secretary (Steve Jankowski):

No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent, Marcia Adams Absent): Marcia reported membership is at 1,824. The club lost a net 208 members. There are 3,311 likes on Facebook which is plus 7. There are 301 twitter followers which is minus 6.

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): No report

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk): Courtney reported that the club does now have an Instagram account and there are 88 followers.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Ed suggested updating the website with the latest minutes and the 2021 approved budget.

3.5 Conflicts Committee (M. Davis): No conflicts to report

3.6 Grants Committee (Sally Drake):

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner): There was a group meeting on December 16th to discuss sponsors. A packet has been put together and will be sent out one at a time to each potential sponsor likely in early February. Potential sponsors include Pioneer Bank, Regeneron, Key Bank, Dick's Sporting Goods, Albany Medical Center, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Stewarts, Cumberland Farms & Capital Care Physicians.

3.8 Elections Committee (K. Skinner): No report

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

The group discussed finding a new editor for the pace setter following the retirement of Christine Bishop. There was also a discussion of paid vs volunteer for the pace setter editor and/or the publishing role. Marcia is sorting the membership database by occupations that may be similar to website design; searching for volunteers who may be able to fulfill the upcoming website administrator vacancy.

6. Adjourn:

Jessica Northan asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Courtney Breiner, seconded by Ed Neiles. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM