



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
November 13, 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, Jessica Northan, Tom McGuire, Chuck Terry, Ed Neiles, Barbara Sorrell, Michelle Davis, Ed Hampston

Call to Order (Frank Broderick):

Motion to approve the October's made by Maureen Cox, seconded by Jon Rocco. Motion approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report

Frank reported that he and Ken attended a celebration of Just Run at a Lansingburgh elementary school.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Jessica Northan):

Jess has begun talking to people about the Club's grant opportunity. Tom congratulated Jssica and Brian on the Stockadeathon.

2.3 Executive Vice President (Michelle Davis):

Michell reported that our accounting software programs are now synced. The 2020 Budget will be ready for presentation at the December board meeting. Tom noted that the budget will be substantially the same as last year except for races that won't happen next year. Tom also noted that we received a proposal letter from the CPA for 2020. Finance committee will review and discuss more fully in December.

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

The Stockadeathon had 1409 finishers, up a little from last year. Next race is Turkey Raffle Run at Tawasentha on November 24th at 10:00am. Ken noted that the inner/outer loop at State Office Campus is still closed which the Winter Series Run 1 race director should be made aware of. Ed H. will follow up with OGS. Marcia asked about the financial contribution of the Valley Cats 5K, noting that most sponsored races give cash for name-branded runs. She said the race's financial statements do not reflect any such contributions. Ray N. noted that when the race first started the Valley Cats contributed much more than now. Ed H. will discuss the status of this race sponsorship with race director John Haley.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire):

Tom mailed financial to everyones for the month of September and October.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan):

Budgets are finalized for the Running of the Green, Delmar Dash, Valley Cats, Indian Ladder, Tawasentha Series, Labor Day, Vorheesville, and Anniversary Run. Labor Day sponsor agreed to come back next year. Overall a bit more of a gain than a loss in the club's race budget, thanks to the Race Directors. Ravi talked with Leslie Moore about reducing the site fee at SUNY Albany. She said fees are not generally not reduced.

2.7 Secretary (Sally Drake): No report.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): Marcia reported that we have 2453 members, an increase of 25. Over 3247 likes on FB and 316 on Twitter.

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): All unclaimed medals for Stockadeathon are in the mail.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk): Ray spoke with Theresa Bourgeois and they are planning to meet to develop an annual public relations plan.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Ed did a 90-day lookback and the website had 5070 unique users. Average session time is about 2 min, 10 seconds. 52% of people access via cell phone, 40% via desktop. High-usage days are after big races, largest single day was day after Stockadeathon. Second largest visit was day after Marathon. Overall usage is up 5% from last year. Sunday and Monday are most active days. Race results get most hits, followed by PaceSetter, then race schedule.

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 were held in October. 630 students over both days. 21 schools total. Ken noted that parking is a real problem at Tawasentha. Ken will follow up with schools who sent a low percentage of registered kids to the meets to see how we can help.

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

4. **Old Business:** None

5. **New Business:**

Ed Hampton: Winter Series Pre-Registration

The board discussed requiring pre-registration for the winter series runs. For this year we will focus on encouraging pre-registration.

Grand Prix: Preliminary final results will be posted in the next week or so. Ed suggests doing a Grand Prix recognition before Winter Series 5 (the Grand Prix 10-Miler), 2020. The Board agreed.

Site-Use Permit/SUNY races: Ed is working on the SUNY agreement, site permit and contract for site fee for all the HMRRRC races held on campus. The SUNY use contract was specific to some issues with events that include minors and safe-sport rules that are new for consideration. Ed will review contract with SUNY, the club's parental consent forms and follow up on any needed action before signing the contract.

Maureen Cox: Headphones and race prizes.

Maureen was contacted by LDR USATF ADK re: the Association's rule that headphones cannot be worn in a championship race and prize-winners can be challenged on this. The third place winner at the HMRRRC Marathon was photographed with headphones. Our race guidelines do not address the use of headphones and are not USATF championship races so therefore the USATF policies do not apply. It was noted that race clubs and organizations everywhere find this rule very difficult to enforce. Recommendation is to amend the waiver to strongly discourage (but not prohibit) headphones. Maureen moved this recommendation, Tom seconded; Motion passed.

Barbara Sorrell--NYS insurance fund. Barbara and the Finance Committee will review account holdings and ensure all the correct people have access.

6. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Ravi, seconded by Tom M. Motion approved.

December refreshments will be provided by Marcia.