



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
May 12, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jessica Northan, Brian Northan, Ed Neiles, Ravi Chauhan, Sally Drake, Tom McGuire, Ed Hampston, Michelle Davis, Ken Skinner, Steven Jankowski, Jon Rocco, Marcia Adams, Tom Adams, Courtney Breiner, Ray Newkirk, Barbara Sorrell, Mark Warner, Ray Lee;
Absent: Erin Murphy

1. Call to Order (Jessica Northan):

Motion to approve the April 14, 2021 board meeting minutes made by Tom McGuire. Seconded by Jon Rocco. Approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report (Jessica Northan)

Jessica opened the floor first for the vote on the distinguished service award. Following the vote there were updates on in person race progress.

Mark Warner – updated the board on the CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge. He is still waiting on a permit from OGS for Albany, with a backup being for the Altamont Fairgrounds. Mark indicated positive interactions with Altamont. Will need to pay the Altamont Fairground and the Guilderland police, but this should still cost less than Albany Fire, Police & OGS. Given the delays and uncertainty around Albany, if race sponsor CDPHP agrees the race will likely go forward with Altamont with a race date of 8/26/2021. There was also a discussion on parking and the course were the event held at the Altamont fairgrounds.

Barbara Sorrell – gave an update on the Hannaford Marathon. She is currently working on having a meeting with Schenectady Parks on parking.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Sally Drake):

Sally reported that four winners have been selected for the Bill Shrader Sr Memorial scholarship awards. There were 34 applicants, 17 boys and 17 girls. The winners were Noah Bonesteel of Averill Park, Noah Engel of Queensbury, Clare Howard of Taconic Hills and Hannah Lewis of Burnt Hills - Ballston Lake. Committee members were Jon Rocco, Ken Skinner, Meghan Mortensen & Chuck Terry who reviewed all the application material.

2.3 Executive Vice President for Finance (Michelle Davis): No report

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

Ed reported that he has been working on the summer track meets and that things are looking favorable to start 7/6/2021 for a 6-week session. Tawasentha Park events are looking to be scheduled for August 2, 9 & 16th a week earlier than originally planned. Ed also mentioned that permits are in for Central Park to put on both a 5k and a 10K (10K would be linked to Bill Robinson). The anniversary run should be on 9/26/2021, a permit has not been submitted yet, but Ed said things are looking good for this event. There have been suggestions made for Pint glasses to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of HMRRRC.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire):

Tom circulated financials prior to the meeting. Included in the financial was a draft copy of the 990 which is required to be circulated to the board prior to submission. He reported that club is down about \$30,000 year to date, this includes \$12,000 for the scholarships. Tom reiterated his hope to break even this year. He also reported that the balance sheet is just under \$500,000 in assets.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan):

Ravi indicated that it would be a good idea to ask for budgets from race directors to help with budgeting. Ravi also provided information useful to Ken and the efforts to obtain sponsors for just run. He has learned that the person in charge of Hannaford sponsorship is leaving their position. He suggested waiting for that to settle out before further pursuing them.

2.7 Secretary (Steve Jankowski):

No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): Jessica Northan discussed a couple ideas to get the clubs membership numbers back up. One was to send an email to former club members once races start back up and the benefits of membership are more apparent. There also is an opportunity provided by CDPHP to set up a booth at a grand opening on June 5th.

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia is stepping down as the club's administrator and volunteer coordinator. Jessica indicated that Marcia gave an overview of the things she does. The club discussed the option of having a separate volunteer coordinator and an administrator or keeping it as one position.

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

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Ed reported that he has added some race results recently and web traffic continues to pick up.

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

3.6 Grants Committee (Sally Drake): No report

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner): Ken reported that Pioneer is a no on a gift to the just run program and CDPHP wanted to stick with the workforce team challenge. Ken is hoping to hear back from Key Bank. He also mentioned that an application is being put in to a foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. Ken mentioned he had a meeting with the “gatekeeper” at SEFCU. Asking Hannaford is being put on hold. There was also a discussion on if HMRRRC would pay for the cost of T-shirts for about 100 kids participating in the just run program, estimated cost of \$500 - \$600. The club determined we are not in a financial position this year to provide the shirts.

3.8 Elections Committee (K. Skinner): No report

3.9 Jon Rocco – Presentation of Distinguished Service Award nominees and vote. Christine Bishop’s contributions were described by Brian Northan for work as editor on the PaceSetter; Daniele Cherniak’s contributions were described by Ed Neiles for her work on the PaceSetter; Frank Meyers’ contributions were described by Barbara Sorrell for his work involving the Tuesday Night Colonie Track Meets; and Sandy Morley’s contributions were described by Ken Skinner for her work involving the Just Run Program. Following the presentation of nominees, a vote was held by secret ballot, there were 18 members present. Receiving more than 50% of the votes on the first ballot, Christine Bishop is this years Distinguished Service Award Winner. It was determined that since there is no Distinguished Service Run this year due to Covid-19, Christine will be honored at the Anniversary Run.

4. Old Business:

A replacement is still needed for Ed as web administrator. The discussion on a person to do promotional videos for the club was also tabled this month in order to discuss new business.

5. New Business:

Tom McGuire brought up the lease for the club house which expired April 30th. Tom made a motion to extend the lease for the club house for another year. The motion was seconded by Ed Neiles. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. There was also a discussion regarding the Elections committee. Ed Neiles volunteered and will chair the elections committee. The board also discussed how to move forward following the stepping down of Marcia and Tom Adams. Jessica will ask Tom and Marcia to write down what they did to develop job descriptions.

6. Adjourn:

Jessica asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Tom McGuire and seconded by Jon Rocco. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:39PM