



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
April 14, 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, Erin Murphy, Ray Lee, Barbara Sorrell, Stephen Hallgren, Mark Warner; Absent: Marcia Adams, Courtney Breiner

1. Call to Order (Jessica Northan):

Motion to approve the March 10, 2021 board meeting minutes, as amended, made by Tom McGuire. Seconded by Ed Neiles. Approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President's Report (Jessica Northan)

Jessica reported that the club is complying with a takedown notice from our website for a graphic that was posted in the PaceSetter some time ago. Jessica then opened the floor for discussion and updates on in person race progress.

Barbara Sorrell – reported an update on the Hannaford Marathon. She has received approval from the Cohoes traffic commission, and Schenectady Parks have granted a permit. Barb also gave safety guideline information in regards to the race. The Marathon budget is a \$30,000 profit, Ed Hampston mentioned that it seems that the race may not hit that level of profitability.

Mark Werner – CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge. Target date for race is 8/26/2021 with a 5:00PM Start. Desired location is downtown Albany, with Altamont as a backup. Trying for a meeting with the mayor of Albany to discuss, but this has not occurred to date. Mark is hoping for a 5,000-person cap with a staggered start. There will also likely be a virtual option. Mark is hoping to be able to open registration around June 1st - June 15th.

Brian Northan - Stockade-a-thon. The event is typically November, Brian is waiting for a permit and hoping to use the traditional course, with an alternative that includes bike paths that still go through the Stockade.

2.2 Executive Vice-President (Sally Drake):

Sally reported that the Bill Shrader Sr Memorial scholarship awards are in their final stages. There were 34 applicants, 17 boys and 17 girls. Of those, 4 winners will be chosen.

2.3 Executive Vice President for Finance (Michelle Davis):

None

2.4 VP for Running Events (Ed Hampston):

Ed reported that the application is in for the summer track series. The Distinguished Service Award race has a hard cap set at 200 participants. At this time 200 people at any gathering seems to be the maximum for use of State facilities. Given the limited number of allowable participants and other considerations, it was decided not to put an application in to pursue the distinguished service race this year. Some discussion of combining anniversary run and distinguished service award since the June distinguished service award run will not occur.

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire):

Tom reported that there is about a \$15,000 year to date loss and that the balance sheet is just under \$500,000 in assets. Hoping the major races can break even and contribute to the operating costs of the club. Noted we are down 1,000 members from prior years which is a concern.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan):

No report – will discuss as new business

2.7 Secretary (Steve Jankowski):

No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): Jessica Northan read the report showing that we are down around 1,000 members

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams - absent): Marcia, although absent, had Ed Neiles bring up that a founding member, Burke Adams, who is still paying his annual membership and proposed that the club would award a lifetime membership to Burke Adams. Ed put forward a motion to recognize him and award a lifetime membership. Jon Rocco made a motion and Tom seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk): Courtney working with Ray and Jon to create continuity amongst all our social media platforms.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Ed reported that web traffic has been picking up and that 8 races have been added to the calendar.

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 they are still having trouble getting in front of Pioneer Bank. Both Key Bank and CDPHP have been reached out to and the fourth option is SEFCU. Ravi mentioned that Hannaford wants to get away from events instead wants to be involved within the community to support getting kids outside and running, which is exactly what the Just Run Program is.

3.8 Elections Committee (K. Skinner): No report

3.9 Jon Rocco indicated there are 4 nominees for the distinguished service award. Next month the nominees will be as follows: Brian Northan nominated Christine Bishop for work as editor on the PaceSetter; Ed Neiles nominated Daniele Cherniak for her work on the PaceSetter; Barbara Sorrell nominated Frank Meyers for his work involving the Tuesday Night Colonie Track Meets; and Ken Skinner nominated Sandy Morley for her work involving the Just Run Program.

4. Old Business:

Bill Robinson Resolution – the final draft has been completed. The full resolution was read aloud to the group. It was also determined that there would be an attempt made by Ed Neiles and Steve J to hand deliver the resolution to Bill's spouse Mary Ellen Robinson.

5. New Business:

Ravi brought up that the club had recently reduced Marcia's hours and suggested with in person races likely coming back online, bringing those hours back to normal. In addition, he mentioned that Josh Merlis of ARE has hired a person to do promotional videos and thought it might be a good idea for the club to add to the budget a promotional video for the marathon. Approximate cost of \$900. This budget amendment proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Adjourn:

Jessica asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Erin Murphy and was seconded by Michelle Davis. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:16PM