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# UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 18, 6:30 pm, Boilermaker Offices

Board Attendance: Jim Mott, Melissa Barlett, Jen Bachelder, Sharon Scala, Andrew Rubino, Julie Buehner, Dani Bliss, Rebecca Aceto, Phil Trzinski, Rick Gloo, Alex Gonzalez

Excused: Jenna Stefka

Meeting called to order at: 6:35pm

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Sharon, Andrew, approved

**Initial Business:**

Motion to accept the bylaw updates as written and provided to the membership Jen, 2nd Andrew, carried by all present

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Activities & Events –Andrew Rubino

* + Races - 2022
    - **THE UR SIX PACK-**Jim Mott
      * The bundle has closed. We had 90 people sign up. We were down from 100 in 2021. All have been added to Scavenger Hunt and SOS. Other races will have updates soon.
    - **Save Our Switchbacks** - Sharon Scala
      * Final numbers were about 180 signed up, about 129 ran. Sharon did a wonderful job getting things set up.
      * Likely to be the day before Easter again in 2023
    - **Summer Sizzle** - Jim Mott
      * Proctor Park-Sunday, June 19, 2022
      * Individual Registration remains open. We have about 110 registered.
    - **Falling Leaves**
      * Sunday, September 25th. The only way to sign up is still through the bundle until July after the Boilermaker..
      * The 14k is now an RRCA state championship event!
    - **Skeleton Run -** Rick Gloo
      * Sunday, October 16th at Deerfield Town Park.
      * Individual registration is currently not open, usually opens mid-August
      * Permit is done and TNT confirmed for timing
    - **Run 2 End World Hunger -** Rocco Fernalld
    - **NEW YEAR'S RUN** at Accelerate-Jen Bachelder and Jeannine Macera
  + Virtual Events
    - **Scavenger Hunt**
      * Slow going in terms of people posting pictures and getting them to Jenna
      * Jen is looking back through the old posts and making sure people are put into the spreadsheet
      * A few new items went out today, Jim will send them through Runsignup
      * Pick-up will be at the Five After Five Happy Hour
    - **FIVE after FIVE**-Jen Bachelder
      * Ready to go, 73 people currently registered
      * We will open with our first run at Saranac on Friday, May 6th.
        + The tavern will be serving from 4-7 pm.
        + 5K or 5 mile routes available
  + Activities - Limited
    - Scholarships - Andrew Rubino
      * Advertising began for candidates., website is updated and info went out on Facebook
      * The $500 donation from Paul O. has been received
      * GRIT Scholarship will be considered when we review the applications. Depending on funding, this may be one out of the four instead of an additional fifth award.
    - Boilermaker Training Program - Dorothy Massinger
      * It’s been great!
      * They’ve been outside starting at Accelerate for a few weeks
      * This Saturday will be starting at the Parkway
      * There will be a run before Grateful for Graham and then doing that run
    - Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman
      * Nate has plans on bringing this back for 2022. He spoke recently at one of the BTP runs at Accelerate.
    - Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
      * Grand Prix events and calendar-Race list has been finalized and posted. We have started our event schedule.
    - CNY Running Club Cup - Tim Kane
      * Cup events have been finalized and posted. We are still hoping to conclude with the UR Oktoberfest Marathon.
      * Quick question about whether or not the Sundae Run is on the club cup, was listed from the Roman Runners
    - Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
      * Things are ready to go!
      * There is a calendar of vendors and Ashley is working on details and volunteers
    - Safety Run - Sharon Scala
      * Nothing new.
  + Activities - Ongoing
    - Volunteers - Travis Belanger
      * Andrew is hoping to get a handle early on volunteers and who is potentially going for their Red Jackets.
      * Travis created a spreadsheet and we are trying to share this and make sure people are know where people stand
      * However, sometimes Travis is still tough to get in touch with, but Andrew is on it
      * Need to make sure that Jenna’s work with BTP folks who want to volunteer get connected with Travis and others
    - Social - Danielle Bliss and Sharon Scala
      * Happy Hour will be on May 6th -FIVE after FIVE - 4-7 pm at Saranac Brewery!
      * Bowling coming up soon
      * Other ideas
        + May - What the Truck
        + June - Firepit Friday
        + July - Ax throwing
        + August - Tubing and Disc golf
        + Sept - Canal trail breakfast run
        + Nov - Curling Club
      * Dani should send info to Michelle, Jen, Andrew, and Melissa whenever she figures them out to put on calendars and out through email blasts
    - **Banquet and Awards**
      * Great job! Great location! Great event!
      * Club Monarch was very helpful and really made it nice and easy
    - Thursday Night Fitness Accelerate - Wendy Bowers
* **UR SUPPORTED EVENTS**

**Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez

* + - * August 21, 2022
      * No new updates
  + **Grateful for Graham 5k**-Rebecca Aceto-April 30th
    - Great response with 313 registered!
    - Will be busy, but Rebecca has plans for crowd control and turn around
  + **Committees**
    - Diversity Committee - Alex Gonzalez/Melissa Barlett
      * **Run Against Racism**-Alejandro Gonzalez-Jim and Michelle met with the Mayor and UPD. A course has been approved and a permit has been submitted. Saturday, June 18th 5k Run/Walk. Event will not be timed. Registration is currently not opened.
    - Virtual Speaker Series/Nutrition and Wellness- Rick Gloo
      * Nothing new
    - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino/Jeannine Macera
      * Looking for end of July beginning of August at Accelerate
      * Could double it up with some secondary or late packet pickups at this time or at future drives

### Administration & Finance – Sharon Scala

* + Financial - Jen Bachelder
    - Financials are looking good!
  + Merchandise - Sharon Scala
    - Orders are now in!
    - Nothing else new right now.
  + Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
    - Trailer is here and has graphics! Thanks to Phil for all his hard work!
    - Next steps: painting the inside walls/floor (non-slip paint), shelving installed ($700 for the shelving), should be nearly done by the end of the month
    - Ordered two more 10x10 tents with sides for events
    - More equipment will include a hand truck, a few ladders, and perhaps some other bits and pieces
    - Bluetooth lock on the side that specific people will have access to through an app on their phone
      * This tracks who is using it and allows us to change permissions easily
      * This lock is on the side door, and keys to the other doors/trailer piece will be inside
    - Title to the trailer should be coming in the name of the club
      * Had to register it in Phil’s name for now due to insurance issues
    - Our insurance agent, IMG, is out in Indiana and there is no local agent
      * Looking around for local agents, found Jim Turnbull who is helping us figure out insurance
      * It will be good to get insurance, will cost about $3250/year
      * Would be good to connect with a local insurance person for all of our future insurance needs
    - Old trailer - was listed at under 1000lbs, so it only has a transferable registration, Phil will get this for Northland
      * $1500 for this trailer coming back to us
  + Membership - Rebecca Aceto
    - Numbers are still up!
    - We have 490 compared to the 414 from 2021
  + Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett/Andrew Rubino
    - Still being updated, send Melissa more stuff - but not until May!
  + Facebook & PR - Jen Bachelder/Andrew Rubino
    - All still good!
  + Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Rick Gloo, Tim Kane (USATF and RRCA)
  + Sponsorship - Julie Buehner
    - Utica First will continue their $5,000 level in 2022. We have in-kind sponsorship deals currently with The Fitness Mill, Accelerate Sports, and we have developed a partnership with SPI and Erik Weinberg.
    - Any chance we can connect with the great list of sponsors from T2T and G4G?
    - Julie is now back and will work on things!

## OLD BUSINESS

## CPR/AED training - 9 folks were trained!

* Ashley is looking to also get a First Aid certification

**NEW BUSINESS**

* The October Marathon at Saranac continues to develop. Stay tuned!
  + Will include Copper City at the half-marathon point
  + Will likely be mostly on the canal path
  + Try to keep it to the running clubs and fairly small
* Code of Conduct forms must be submitted to Melissa.
* Mott Marathon - Thursday June 9th
  + District event related to mental health
  + Open to the entire community and UR members are invited to run

**Next Meeting: Boilermaker Offices - Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6 pm.**

**Adjourned 8:07pm**