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# UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, June 6, 2022, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance: Jim Mott, Melissa Barlett, Sharon Scala, Andrew Rubino, Jenna Stefka, Alex Gonzalez, Julie Buehner, Rebecca Aceto, Phil Trzinski, Rick Gloo

Jen Bachelder was present only during a portion of the executive session.

Dani Bliss arrived by 7pm.

Meeting called to order at: 5:44pm

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Sharon moved, Andrew 2nd, motion carried.

Initial Business: We heard a formal complaint filed by UR member John Gilligan requesting the removal of Jen Bachelder from her Board and Treasurer positions.

The Board entered executive session for the purposes of discussing this complaint at 5:46pm.

The Board exited executive session at 7:27pm

Motion: Jen Bachelder would remain in her position as treasurer and on the Board of Trustees. Made by Phil, seconded by Andrew.

10 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Jen was not present for the vote).

Jim will communicate these results by email to the parties involved tomorrow morning.

Motion: to examine and update our current Code of Conduct and Procedures, made by Phil, 2nd by Andrew. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (italicized items had no new updates and were not discussed)

### Activities & Events –Andrew Rubino

* + Races - 2022
    - *NEW YEAR'S RUN at Accelerate-Jen Bachelder and Jeannine Macera*
    - *THE UR SIX PACK-Jim Mott*
    - *Save Our Switchbacks - Sharon Scala*
      * *April 8, 2023*
    - **Summer Sizzle** - Jim Mott
      * Proctor Park-Sunday, June 19, 2022
      * Individual Registration remains open with about 150 registered at this point. We will use the Masonic Care Community and some of their campus for the run.
      * We have agreed to partner with Feed Our Vets who will be at packet pickups.
      * We will have a packet pick-up Thursday, June 16th at the Masonic Care Community3-6 and Friday, June 17th at The Sneaker Store 11-4
      * 10 Volunteers will be needed
      * The trailer will need to be moved down to Proctor Park early on Sunday morning
    - *Falling Leaves - Mike Brych*
      * *Sunday, September 25th. The only way to sign up is still through the bundle until July after the Boilermaker.. This (14k only) is now an RRCA state championship event! Sybil Johnson will no longer be serving as Mike’s assistant and Mike is looking to step down as Race Director. He will lead the transition in 2022.*
    - *Skeleton Run - Rick Gloo*
      * *Sunday, October 16th at Deerfield Town Park. Individual registration is currently not open.*
    - *Run 2 End World Hunger - Rocco Fernalld*
  + Virtual Events
    - **Scavenger Hunt**
      * Remaining swag will be available at Summer Sizzle packet pick-ups
    - **FIVE after FIVE**-Jen Bachelder-
      * The event was a great success.
      * A prize pick-up was held Saturday, June 4 at Saranac and about ⅔ of the items were picked up
      * Items will also be available at Summer Sizzle packet pick-ups
      * Jen suggests that next year we combine these two virtual events into one, still raising money for charity, but with a combination of scavenger hunt and run challenges
      * Future virtual events should consider less swag to keep costs down
  + Activities - Limited
    - *Safety Run - Sharon Scala*
      * *Ashley Mancini will be helping Sharon with this event at MCC. We are looking to create a 5k with a 2 mile walk option.*
    - Scholarships - Andrew Rubino
      * There were plenty of applicants, and the committee will plan to give out 4 regular scholarships and a GRIT scholarship for 5 total.
      * The final decisions will likely be made this week
      * Planning to present these at D-Run on June 22nd (rain date June 29th)
    - Boilermaker Training Program - Dorothy Massinger
      * Looking for Board members to join on June 25th for the Frankie Run, and remind the club of that run via social
      * We have invited 5K runners, but do not have as much of a group, and will work on ways to make these runners feel more welcomed by the program
    - Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman
      * Programs are full!
    - Grand Prix - Gary LaShure and CNY Running Club Cup - Tim Kane
      * Events are in full swing
      * Gary and Tim will connect to see if more overlap can exist between these two competitions
    - Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
      * We do not see a need to consider closing the road as people are doing an excellent job of starting effectively on the sidewalk
  + Activities - Ongoing
    - Volunteers- Jenn Stefka
      * Jenn is doing great with volunteers
      * There is a shared document where race directors can note who volunteered so that points can be tracked effectively
    - Social - Danielle Bliss and Sharon Scala
      * Happy Hour was June 3rd at Bagg’s Square with minimal attendance
      * July is quite busy with 4th of July weekend and the boilermaker, so we will skip happy hour
      * Dani is still looking to hold an Axe Throwing event at Pinz on July 22nd, details to come
    - *Banquet and Awards-2023 plans?*
    - *Thursday Night Fitness Accelerate - Wendy Bowers*
    - Blood Drive
      * Next event will be August 9th at Accelerate sometime in the afternoon to early evening
  + UR SUPPORTED EVENTS
    - **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
      * August 21, 2022. Registration is now open. 130 Registered
      * Phil is working in many different ways to increase registrations
      * They will have a table at the Boilermaker Expo
        + Will UR have a table? Jim will check on that and try to get our table next to T2T
    - **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run**
      * August 1, 2022
      * This is a pilot run with proceeds going to the Fish and Game Club this year, but maybe looking to become a charity run for autism next year
      * Registration is now open.
    - **Grateful for Graham 5k**-
      * Date for 2023 will be April 29th
  + Committees
    - Diversity Committee - Alex Gonzalez/Melissa Barlett
      * **Run Against Racism**-Alejandro Gonzalez/Michelle Truett
      * Saturday, June 18th 5k Run/Walk. Event will not be timed. Registration is now open. Looking for volunteers.
    - Virtual Speaker Series/Nutrition and Wellness- Rick Gloo
      * Thoughts on new speakers for 2022?
    - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino/Jeannine Macera
      * We are looking to have our next drive after the Boilermaker in July or early August.

### Administration & Finance – Sharon Scala

* + Financial - Jen Bachelder
    - Report submitted, financials generally look good
  + Merchandise - Sharon Scala
    - The new hats are in and once someone can pick them up from Syracuse, they will be available for purchase!
  + Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
    - Trailer is now at the Parkway and insured (for under $400)
      * Looking to fix up minor things with the trailer and possibly price out a way to put banners on the top of the trailer when parked
      * There is interest in being able to “pimp out” the trailer and play music from the trailer at events, this could be connected to the trailer itself or simply purchasing a small PA system
    - Our electric generators are difficult to use and often not charged
      * Phil will look for a quote on a gas powered generator for when there are no electric connections
      * Expects this to be $600-700
    - Walkie-talkies do not work well for D-Runs, so Phil looked into 5 watt radios which have a longer range
      * These would cost $211.70 each
      * There is a $800 FCC license fee for use that lasts 10 years
  + Membership - Rebecca Aceto
    - Numbers are still up. We are at 504!
  + *Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett/Andrew Rubino*
  + *Facebook & PR - Jen Bachelder/Andrew Rubino*
  + *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, and Accelerate Sports. Bank of Utica just agreed to a $1,000 sponsorship.*

## OLD BUSINESS

* We agreed to partner with the folks who collect fabric at our events and packet pick-ups, and we should make an effort to remember to reach out to them when planning these.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* *The October Marathon at Saranac continues to develop. Stay tuned!*
* Mott Marathon-CVA Track-June 9th, 2022
  + Stop by if you can!

**Next Meeting: Boilermaker Headquarters- Monday, July 11th, 2022, 6pm**

**Adjourned at 8:00pm**