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# UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 11, 2022 6:00 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance: Jim Mott, Jen Bachelder, Melissa Barlett, Sharon Scala, Alex Gonzalez, Rebecca Aceto, Jenna Stefka, Andrew Rubino, Dani Bliss, Phil Trzinski

Excused: Rick Gloo, Julie Buehner

Also in attendance: John Gilligan

Meeting called to order at: 6:01pm

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Sharon, Andrew, 2nd, accepted.

**Calling into executive session: 6:02pm for purposes of discussing personnel issues related to Code of Conduct.**

**End of executive session 7:08**

Rebecca made a motion to remove Jen Bachelder from the Board, Sharon 2nd. Motion would require ⅔ in favor as per bylaws. Motion failed 4-4-1.

Rebecca made a motion to remove Jen Bachelder from the position of Treasurer, Sharon 2nd. Motion carried 7-1-1

Rebecca made a motion that Jen Bachelder cannot win any awards or receive any club chevrons or patches for the running year of 2022, Sharon 2nd. Motion carried 7-0-2

Sharon made a motion that John Gilligan cannot win any awards or receive any club chevrons or patches from the Club for the running years of 2022 and 2023 and additional violations of code of conduct will be grounds for immediate removal from the Club, Jenna 2nd. Motion carried 9-0-1

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Activities & Events –Andrew Rubino

* + Races - 2022
		- **Summer Sizzle** - Jim Mott
			* Proctor Park-Sunday, June 18, 2023
			* We had 191 sign up. The Sizzle was nearly a race that we did away with not long ago. This use of Proctor Park with cooperation of the Masonic Care Community has led to a good partnership and course. Packet pick-up at MCC was not worth the effort or time and we won’t continue that in 2023.
		- **Falling Leaves -** Mike Brych
			* Sunday, September 25th. Registration is now open. The 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. We are still looking for someone or a group to help with this transition as this is our biggest event and a huge undertaking.
		- **No updates for any of the following items**
			* **Skeleton Run -** Rick Gloo
				+ Sunday, October 16th at Deerfield Town Park. Individual registration is currently not open.
			* **Run 2 End World Hunger -** Rocco Fernalld
			* **NEW YEAR'S RUN** at Accelerate-Jen Bachelder and Jeannine Macera
			* **THE UR SIX PACK-**Jim Mott
				+ The bundle has closed. We had 90 people sign up.
			* **Save Our Switchbacks** - Sharon Scala
				+ April 8, 2023
	+ Virtual Events
		- **Scavenger Hunt-** Many shirts were left over and the future of the event is in question.
			* Some sold at the Expo, and these will be sold at the D-Runs and other future events
		- **FIVE after FIVE**-Jen Bachelder- This event has brought a new identity to the club. Do we try to include a LIVE event for 2023?
	+ Activities - Limited
		- Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
			* Cleared about $400 on old shirts, swag, etc. at the Expo
			* Booth cost $300
		- Scholarships - Andrew Rubino
			* Thank you to all those who helped with the process of reviewing the applications. The presentations went really well and Paul Ohlbaum was very grateful. Thank you Andrew for the dedication to this very important piece to who we are.
		- Boilermaker Training Program - Dorothy Massinger
			* We had 78 people sign up! This year has been a huge success! We had a great two final weeks with the Frankie Run being very special. To those that said and wondered that the BTP was no longer fun-I think that question has been answered with a huge YES!
			* Post race festivities and our Expo presence will need to be something dealt with more specifically in the future
		- Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman
			* Nate has made plans with Whitesboro. Program starts this month and runs through August. Insurance is taken care of. Let’s try to make an appearance as Board members-it would mean a lot to the kids and Nate - Andrew will send us the info.
		- Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
			* We have started our event schedule.
		- CNY Running Club Cup - Tim Kane
			* Cup events have been updated and posted. We are still hoping to conclude with the UR Oktoberfest Marathon-this needs to be a priority as of now.
			* Next Club Cup is Sundae Run on Sunday, 5K
				+ <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/NY/RichfieldSprings/RSCCRunWalk>
			* Still looking to connect Grand Prix and Club Cup for future streamlining.
		- Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
			* The DRuns have gone really well and have been well attended. We now need to keep the momentum going through the rest of the Summer.
			* Remind people that these continue through Falling Leaves
		- 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. The course needs to be developed soon.
	+ Activities - Ongoing
		- Volunteers- Jenn Stefka
			* Jenn has taken over the lead as volunteer coordinator. She has done a wonderful job with this piece - especially with the Expo
		- Social - Danielle Bliss and Sharon Scala
			* What the Truck on 7/26, both a run and just show up and eat
			* Future ideas
				+ Potato Hill Farm - mountain biking and other stuff, and Woodland will have a Boonville location
			* Happy Hour for August - Baggs Square Brewery 8/5
		- Thursday Night Fitness Accelerate - Wendy Bowers.
			* Let’s make an effort to attend one soon. It would be a nice gesture.
		- **Banquet and Awards-** no update
* **UR SUPPORTED EVENTS**
	+ **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
		- * August 21, 2022. 203 signed up. This is the next big event.
			* Still pushing to get numbers up
			* Sponsor deadline is next week
	+ **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run**-August 14, 2022
		- Registration is now open. Only eleven registered.
		- Also being supported by the Connor’s Way folks
	+ **Grateful for Graham 5k**- August 27th
* **Committees**
	+ Diversity Committee - Alex Gonzalez/Melissa Barlett
		- **Run Against Racism**-Alejandro Gonzalez/Michelle Truett. The event went really well with local media coverage. We learned some valuable things looking forward to 2023.
		- $600 to Johnson Park
	+ Virtual Speaker Series/Nutrition and Wellness- Rick Gloo
		- No update
	+ Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino/Jeannine Macera
		- August 9th- 1-6 pm at Accelerate

### Administration & Finance – Sharon Scala

* + Financial
		- Financials look good.
		- We will be needing someone to fill this position
			* The executive team will cover this for right now, but that is short term
			* Melissa will ask a few people who might have accounting experience
	+ Merchandise - Sharon Scala
		- Hats are selling well and we have made back the money from them!
	+ Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
		- Banner mounts for top of trailer can be created for ~$400-500
			* Consider this next month, considering banners etc.
		- No contact info on the trailer, we can add a decal with the uticaroadrunners.org on both sides
		- Radios will continue to be tabled until we find we need them because it would be a few thousand dollar investment
		- Consider other items in the future as well, including the gas generator and speaker/sound system
	+ Membership - Rebecca Aceto
		- Numbers are still up. We are at 513 - up from 463 in 2021!
	+ Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett/Andrew Rubino
		- Melissa did a great deal of work updating the page-thank you!
	+ Facebook & PR - Jen Bachelder/Andrew Rubino
		- Andrew is likely to take more responsibility on Facebook going forward
		- Figure out more info on Instagram for the future
	+ Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Rick Gloo, Tim Kane (USATF and RRCA)
		- No new updates
	+ Sponsorship - Julie Buehner
		- We do need to find a way to do better in this area

## OLD BUSINESS

* The October Marathon at Saranac continues to develop. Stay tuned!
* Mott Marathon-CVA -June 9th, 2022-It was a great success-UR presence was amazing.
* Melissa will send the Code of Conduct stuff to review for a vote at the next meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Board of Directors balloting and vote accountability. We need to know who is and isn’t running soon by our next meeting in August.
	+ Jenna and Dani will be the two Board members on the committee, and they will look for 2 other volunteers to help with the collecting and counting process at the Annual Meeting
	+ Melissa will get all of the details to Michelle for the newsletter
	+ Board members up for possible re-election include Melissa, Jim, Andrew, Rebecca, Rick

Adjourned at 8:18pm

**Next Meeting: Boilermaker Headquarters - Monday, August 8, 2022**