



UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, November 14th, 2022 6:00 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters (Annual Meeting)

Board Attendance: Jim Mott, Melissa Barlett, Sharon Scala, Andrew Rubino, Jen Bachelder, Jenna Stefka, Rebecca Aceto, Phil Trzscinki, Rick Gloo

Meeting called to order at: 6:54pm

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Rebecca 1st, Andrew 2nd, passed

STATE OF THE CLUB 2022 - JIM MOTT

- Jim noted the club's many accomplishments in getting through COVID and keeping things going and members engaged
- Jim recognized the important and difficult volunteer work of the members of the board on numerous issues over the last few years

INITIAL BUSINESS:

Julie Buehner has turned in her letter of resignation from the Board of Directors due to health concerns. Her resignation is accepted by the board.

Dani Bliss has resigned from the board due to personal issues. Her resignation is accepted by the board.

Trenton Trail Run for Autism Awareness

- Rob Kapfer thanks the UR for their support with this race
- 44 people signed up for the run, and 14 kids ran a ½ mile kids run
- The race made over \$2000 that will be donated to the Kelberman Center as well as the Trenton Fish and Game Club and the UR for their support
- Rob will be continuing this race in the future with a plan to continue to donate the money to autism related organizations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities & Events –Andrew Rubino**
 - Races - 2022
 - **New Year's Run** at Accelerate - Jen Bachelder
 - Accelerate has been contacted and is available
 - Likely will be from 8am-12

- 9:15am kids run around part of the indoor track
- 5K run outside around Gibson Rd.
- The event is free for members, and \$10 for non-members
 - Goal to get people to renew their membership or join
- **The UR Six Pack** - Jim Mott
 - With no Scavenger there will probably be a Bundle option for 5 or 4 races including the FIVE after FIVE.
 - Shirts from this past year were given out at this meeting and will also be available at the Run 2 End World Hunger for those who still haven't picked theirs up.
- **Save Our Switchbacks** - Sharon Scala
 - April 8, 2023, TNT Timing has been secured.
 - From midnight on Jan 1st to 11:59pm it costs \$20
- **Summer Sizzle** - Jim Mott
 - Proctor Park - Sunday, June 18, 2023
 - This is Jim's last year as race director and will be looking for someone to take over
- **Falling Leaves** -
 - Mike Byrch will be doing race day direction only in 2023.
 - Andrew Rubino has expressed interest in taking on the other roles of being the race director.
- **Skeleton Run** - Rick Gloo
 - Great year, good weather, ~200 people
 - Lots of kids, lots of costumes
 - Rick will be stepping away from his role as RD and Rob Kapfer will be stepping in, transitioning in 2023
 - We have a good continuing relationship with Deerfield town park
- **Run 2 End World Hunger** - Rocco Fernalld
 - Registration is open.
 - We currently have ~50 people signed up
 - Rocco will be stepping down from his role after this year.
 - Looking for a new director!
 - No raffle this year
 - Canned food will be collected.
- Virtual Events
 - **Scavenger Hunt**
 - The future of the event is in question and will likely not happen in 2023.
 - Phil moves to discontinue this event, Rebecca 2nd - motion passes
 - We may continue aspects of the scavenger hunt in other events but not specifically keep this separate
 - **FIVE after FIVE** - Jen Bachelder
 - Still looking into ways to change this around in 2023 and include live running
- Activities - Limited

- Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
 - We will need to lead this initiative in 2023.
- Safety Run - Sharon Scala
 - Tuesday, November 22 at 6pm
 - The 5k option has been approved by MCC and the bill has been paid.
 - The route will include both roads in the MCC campus and out on Bleeker and Welsh Bush
 - Be sure to bring lights!
 - Volunteers will be needed.
 - Hot chocolate and cookies afterwards
- Scholarships - Andrew Rubino
 - Committee will form after board elections
 - There is an interest in possibly readjusting the applications and criteria and Andrew is looking for interested folks to help out
- Boilermaker Training Program - Dorothy Massinger
 - Will be doing this again, although start date is still uncertain
 - Accelerate has confirmed that the Club is welcomed back
- Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman
 - Program has been very successful.
- Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
 - An effort will be made to coordinate the Grand Prix with Club Cup events in 2023.
- CNY Running Club Cup - Tim Kane
 - The Cup is over and Roman Runners won. We placed third.
 - Andrew is in the process of purchasing travel mugs for participants
- Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
 - Thoughts for 2023 were shared last month which include bringing back timing.
- Activities - Ongoing
 - Volunteers - Jenn Stefka
 - About 5 folks going for red jackets that Jenna is aware of
 - Anyone still looking to get theirs should be sure to connect with Jenna
 - Social - Danielle Bliss
 - Happy Hour for December 2nd
 - Woodland!
 - More events will be considered moving forward
 - Banquet and Awards
 - We need someone to take the lead on the mileage collection and awards
 - We will also need someone to coordinate the banquet event itself
 - Thursday Night Fitness Accelerate - Wendy Bowers.
 - This group is starting at 5:45pm at the old fitness mill (now [The Mill](#)), and often goes out to dinner afterwards

- For \$100/year The Mill provides access to their indoor track and showers for a year
 - UR Supported Events
 - **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
 - No updates.
 - **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run-Rob Kapfer**
 - Report given at start of meeting
 - **Grateful for Graham 5k**
 - April 30th, 2023
 - Committees
 - Diversity Committee - Alex Gonzalez/Melissa Barlett
 - **Run Against Racism**
 - No updates
 - We are all down to do this one live again!
 - Will likely keep it as part of the Juneteenth weekend
 - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino
 - Next drive will be December 30th from Noon - 5pm at The American Legion Utica 229
 - North Utica
 - 409 Herkimer Rd, Utica, NY 13502
 - We need at least 3 volunteers
- **Administration & Finance – Sharon Scala**
 - Financial - Treasurer position remains open. It is vital to get someone in place.
 - Would be interested in a new board member to jump into this position
 - Still considering hiring a Bookkeeper for the next year (\$3000/year quote)
 - Merchandise - Sharon Scala
 - New hats are \$20. Still some left.
 - Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
 - Trailer is currently at A&P Images for the winter, it is accessible but will not move
 - After the trailer has been used for an event, it is important that race directors make sure that everything is put back correctly and secured properly so that things are not wrecked during travel
 - Phil will look into options for D run timing for next year
 - Thanks to Phil for all the work in getting our trailer sorted and organized!
 - Membership - Rebecca Aceto
 - Numbers are still up. We are at 553 - up from 520 in 2021.
 - Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett/Andrew Rubino
 - Melissa can continue to update the webpage, send her what you need (doctbarlett@gmail.com)
 - Facebook & PR - Jen Bachelder/Andrew Rubino
 - Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Rick Gloo, Tim Kane (USATF and RRCA)
 - We need to renew RRCA asap for insurance for our New Year's event
 - We need to figure out how to pay this effectively

- Rick needs someone to take on this role
- Sponsorship - Open
 - This area needs to be truly addressed moving into 2023.
 - Could be a non-board member!
 - We have been working with Utica First and Bank of Utica over the past few years
 - We are still looking for sponsors to jump onto various races and someone to get out and ask local businesses

OLD BUSINESS

- Recognize Alex, Rebecca, and Rick for being on the board and the work they have done as they choose not to renew
- Votes were tallied by the Election Committee, led by Jenna Stefka
 - Melissa Barlett 17
 - Andrew Rubino 17
 - Rebecca LaPorte 18
 - Travis Olivera 16
 - Erik Winberg 16
 - Mason Hedeem 4

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Boilermaker Headquarters, 6pm, Monday, December 12th, 2022. New Board will begin their terms and new officers will begin their roles and responsibilities at the conclusion of the meeting.

Adjourn: 7:33pm