



UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, October 10th, 2022 6:00 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance: Melissa Barlett, Julie Buehner, Andrew Rubino, Jim Mott, Phil Trzscinki, Rebecca Aceto, Sharon Scala (only present for initial business), Alex Gonzalez (online, only present for initial business), Rick Gloom

Also present (for initial business): Melanie Crisano, Stephanie Stark

Excused: Jen Bachelder, Jenna Stefka, Dani Bliss

Meeting called to order at: 6:05

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Rebecca, 2nd Andrew, passes

INITIAL BUSINESS:

- Sharon provided notice of resignation in writing previously by email
 - Sharon provided some comments about her decision
 - The details relate to concerns about Falling Leaves, including Ashley Mancini running with other people's bibs and causing problem with the placing due to timing chips still being present and in other age groups
 - Discussion was had about the issue
 - There is agreement that there are some concerns, however, disagreement was had about whether the best procedure was followed on the day of the race, and what the next steps or consequences should be.
 - Jim Mott has spoken with Ashley about her situation and poor choices, and takes responsibility for not making changes happen faster on the day of the race
 - The names and places have been corrected for the Falling Leaves 5K and a prize was sent to the person who should have earned it
 - It was suggested that there should be more consequences for Ashley who should have known better than to run with timing chips
 - It was noted that we have a new Code of Conduct and should follow the appropriate procedures for consequences
 - Jim will begin the process and find an appropriate group
 - In the future, it is important to make sure that Race Directors are more on top of issues like this and that present Board members make sure things are fixed immediately, or as soon as possible.
- Sharon will choose to withdraw her resignation for now, and possibly revisit next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities & Events –Andrew Rubino**

- Races - 2022

- **New Year's Run** at Accelerate - Jen Bachelder
- **The UR Six Pack** - Jim Mott
 - The future for 2023?
 - Shirts for 2022 will be available at Skeleton Run packet pick-up at Sneaker Store.
- **Save Our Switchbacks** - Sharon Scala
 - April 8, 2023
- **Summer Sizzle** - Jim Mott
 - Proctor Park - Sunday, June 18, 2023
- **Falling Leaves** - Mike Brych
 - The event was a great success.
 - Mike will be doing race day emcee and coordination only in 2023. Andrew Rubino has expressed interest in taking on the other roles of being the race director behind the scenes and leading up to the event.
 - RRCA has asked for a donation for using our event
 - Rebecca motions to donate of \$100 to RRCA's Kids Run the Nation fund, Andrew 2nd, passes
- **Skeleton Run** - Rick Gloom
 - Sunday, October 16th at Deerfield Town Park.
 - 190 people are registered.
 - Rick may be stepping away from his role as RD
 - Rob Kapfer (Trenton trail run) has expressed interest.
 - Water is in the trailer that needs to be used
 - Arch is available, was used at Trenton Run, is in trailer
 - Rick is getting the remaining necessary items
 - Venmo can be used for day of registration, \$25
 - Packet pick-up will be 10am-4pm Saturday, Sneaker Store
- **Run 2 End World Hunger** - Rocco Fernalld
 - Andrew reached out to Rocco but has not heard back yet, he'll reach out again

- Virtual Events

- No updates on either event
 - **Scavenger Hunt**
 - **FIVE after FIVE** - Jen Bachelder

- Activities - Limited

- Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
 - We will need to lead this initiative in 2023.
- Safety Run - Sharon Scala

- November 22nd, 6pm
 - The 5k option has been approved by MCC, along with a 2 mile
 - \$300 fee
 - Still need to determine how we want to do sign-ups
 - Do not want to charge a fee to members, but could include a suggested donation
- Scholarships - Andrew Rubino
 - No updates.
- Boilermaker Training Program - Dorothy Massinger
 - No updates
- Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman
 - No updates
- Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
 - Event schedule continues.
- 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
 - UR Oktoberfest Marathon-too many moving pieces will limited time has forced us to shelf this event to 2023.
- Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
 - Went pretty well
 - 338 runners
 - Core group of volunteers were excellent
 - Thanks to Jenna Stefka for stepping in when Ashley was away
 - Next year, wants more vendors and to bring timing back
 - Signs with better directions would be great next year
 - Possibly add slightly changes to run routes once a month
- Activities - Ongoing
 - Volunteers - Jenn Stefka
 - No current update from Jenna, Andrew will check in
 - Social - Danielle Bliss/Sharon Scala
 - No current updates
 - Banquet and Awards
 - No update
 - Thursday Night Fitness Accelerate - Wendy Bowers.
 - No update
- UR Supported Events
 - **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
 - The visit to the NYC T2T was fantastic!
 - **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run-Rob Kapfer**
 - No update.
 - **Grateful for Graham 5k**
 - April 29th, 2023
- Committees
 - Diversity Committee - Alex Gonzalez/Melissa Barlett

- **Run Against Racism**
 - No update
 - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino
 - Looking at a date in December
- **Administration & Finance – Sharon**
 - Financial - Open currently - Julie has expressed interest
 - Report
 - Discussion about hiring a Bookkeeper (~\$3000/year)
 - Merchandise - Sharon Scala
 - No update
 - Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
 - “Booermaker” wants the arch, Jim Mott will be in touch
 - Trailer
 - Rick has access and can get what he needs from the trailer and could bring it to the park
 - No events after Skeleton will use the trailer
 - The trailer will go to A&P images after Skeleton and may not be accessible after that
 - There is a camera on that side of the building
 - Remove all electronics and water
 - Membership - Rebecca Aceto
 - Numbers are still up. We are at 549 - up from 509 in 2021.
 - Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett/Andrew Rubino
 - No updates
 - Facebook & PR - Jen Bachelder/Andrew Rubino
 - Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Rick Gloop, Tim Kane (USATF and RRCA)
 - Get the RRCA stuff sorted in December
 - Melissa will be looped into this
 - Sponsorship - Open
 - No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Directors election coming up - be sure to send your bio to Jenna if you are rerunning by October 20th.
 - Melissa will make sure that the ballot language and Splitimes are updated
 - Please encourage anyone who might be interested!

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections committee, nominees, and set up for the November meeting
 - Rebecca and Andrew will get the food
- Trail along Valley View was not great this year, and we should request improvements for next year's season

- Posts have been made on Facebook by John Gilligan related to his prior issues and he attempted to sign up for membership again
 - The Board should put a time frame on the issue of his membership
 - Tabled until next month when more Board members are present
 - Until then, let him know that he is ineligible and will hear more from the Board

**Next Meeting: Boilermaker Headquarters, 6pm, Monday, November 14th, 2022
General membership meeting!**

Adjourn: 7:59pm