



UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

November 9, 2020

Called meeting to order 7:06

ATTENDEES: Jim Mott, Sharon Scala, Jen Bachelder, Rick Gloop, , Melanie Crisino, Tim Kane, Bill Calahan, Andrew Rubino, Alex Gonzalez, Cole Perkins, Lisa Walchusky, Rocco Fernald

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

OTHER MEMBERS:

Motion to accept minutes of last meeting Bill second Cole

Jim commented on the challenges faced in 2020 and the club has risen to the challenge with virtual races and positive activities. Jim thanked all those involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities & Events – Melanie Crisino

1. Races

New Years Day Membership Drive- At Accelerate inside with a mask

SOS - Mike Kessler-no update

Santa Sizzle – Jim Mott The 12 Runs of Christmas. Registration is open \$37 covers the 3 week event that culminates in Syracuse at USA Racing on December 22 and December 23 rd in Utica at The Sneaker Store. Great swag available with gift cards and specials from Saranac.

Falling Leaves – Mike Brych-Last of shirts are being distributed and some are being shipped. Special thank you to all those who volunteered for the packet pick-up days at The Sneaker Store.

Skeleton Run – Rick Gloop/Melanie Crisino Still getting great feedback. We will need to contact Deerfield soon to determine their

willingness to host us for future events. We will continue to maintain some kind of run in October at Pumpkin Junction.

9/11 Never Forget 5k Sunday November 8. Sunday, November 8, 2020- Live Event capped at 50 runners. Course was set up nicely. We ended up with about 70 total registrants. Now we have to consider how we will grow this event into 2021. Virtual registration is still open.

Run 2 End World Hunger – Rocco Fernald- RunSignup page has been set up and is now live. We have permit from City of Utica. There will be three runs, Wednesday-Friday capped at 50 people each day. Runners will have a three hour window to run and drop off their canned goods. There will be no day of race registration. We need a lead contact person each day. That needs to be determined ASAP. Volunteers will also be needed each day. Currently 40 signed up. Run will benefit Rescue Mission and Utica Center for Development.

Safety Run- Mike Kessler/Melanie Crisino Fitness Mill will host start and finish at Pizza Boys. It will be an out and back two-mile run. People will be asked to have masks and maintain social distance. We will have a sign in at The Fitness Mill with a waiver to sign for each participant.

Boilermaker Training Program- Melanie Crisino Thoughts on 2021-American Cancer Society with their DetermiNATION project will team up with our program for 2021. It would bring us new members and opportunities for “Bucket List” running adventures. During the month of October 2020 we raised money with the Real Men Wear Pink program-a big success.

2. Activities

Thursday Night Fitness Mill Run- Wendy Bowers no change

Scholarships – Anne Marie Latshaw/Andrew Rubino- Rocco and Tim no progress

Bus Trip cancelled

Volunteers – Alex Gonzalez- Discussion had on red jackets and volunteer points and determining this and awards for banquet if we have one.

Social – Melanie Crisino- Happy Hour at Woodland was a hit. Next 12/4

CNY Running Club Cup – Bill Callahan- no

Diversity Committee-Alex Gonzalez- Virtual meeting on Nov 16th

Administration & Finance – Rocco Fernald

- **Financial – Lisa Walchusky**- Financials sent membership income is up.
- **Merchandise – Sharon Scala**- No new merchandise
- **Equipment Rental – Dennis Johnson**-
- **Membership – Jen Bachelder**- membership currently 324
- **Facebook & PR, Webpages**- involved 735 on Splitimes

- **Clubs & Organizations Liaison** – Rick Gloom/Tim Kane we can gain a lot from our membership to RRCA and USATF
- **Sponsorship- Rocco Fernald**- tough year but we will continue to stay in contact. Thank you notes should be sent.

New and Old Business

Bill suggested virtual banquet. Need to change bi-laws if we move banquet. Cole made a motion to move to summer and Andrew second.

Heart Run proposal talks still ongoing, proposed moving date and location which may coincide with current club activity. Mel and Jim will be meeting later this month with committee Michelle informed board a councilwoman from south Utica wants to propose on Sunday to close gates to traffic at Valley View to allow walkers and runners use. Motion to accept by Cole second Andrew.

Elected board members

Andrew Rubino

Alex Gonzalez

Rick Gloom

Jim Mott

Rebecca Aceto

Melissa Bartlett

Next Meeting – December 14th, Boilermaker HQ Election of Officers

Meeting adjourned 7:41