



## UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, November 17, 2025 6:15 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance:

Meeting called to order at:

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting:

### INITIAL BUSINESS

- Mingleing, food, beverage, merriment
- Voting
- State of the Club

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities & Events – Erik Winberg**
  - **Races**
    - **Four Race Challenge** - Andrew Rubino
      - Talks happening with USA Racing for designs
      - Discuss swag options
      - Further discussion about how long the offer will last and how much
    - **Save Our Switchbacks** - Melissa Barlett
      - April 18, 2026
    - **Summer Sizzle** - Travis Olivera
      - June 21, 2026 — verify date
      - Sample designs provided
    - **Falling Leaves** - Andrew Rubino
      - September 27, 2026
      - 2025 Race Recap
        - Everything went well overall!
        - Andrew sending race discounts to race winners towards registration next year (\$10 first place, \$5 for second and third place)
        - Portable bathrooms were not delivered to the correct street
        - There was enough food for everyone at the post race party
        - Pictures are now up on RunSignUp page
    - **Skeleton Run** - Rob Kapfer
      - Date of event for 2026

- Report
  - **Run 2 End Hunger** – Rebecca LaPorte Mason Hedeon
    - Thanksgiving — November 27th, 2025
    - Permit received
    - Working on closing road
  - **New Year's Run** at Accelerate – Melissa Barlett
    - Discuss location for 2026
    - Sneaker Store interested in working with Club for combined event
    - E. Winberg willing to set up small kids obstacle course in Forte Gym
  - Virtual Events
    - **FIVE after FIVE** – Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett
      - No report
- Activities - Limited
  - Scholarships - Travis Olivera
    - No report
  - Boilermaker Training Program - Erik Winberg/Peter Angelini/Amanda Hartnett
    - Need start date
  - Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
    - No report
  - Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
    - Thank you Gary!
  - CNY Running Club Cup - James Kuny
    - Paige and Mary Ann will co-captain
    - For next year, need to give more information to the participants on how they score points at the beginning of the year
    - Cliff's Gift Card: \$300 in gift cards donated - review who still needs cards
  - Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
    - Shirt Design contest for 2026
  - Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman & Abbie Sutliff
    - No Report
- Activities - Ongoing
  - Volunteers - Rebecca LaPorte
    - Volunteer shirts
    - Thanksgiving Run volunteer update
  - Social - Melissa Barlett & Rebecca LaPorte
    - October Happy Hour
      - How did it go?
    - November Happy Hour - in tandem with Safety Run
      - Pizza Boys at 7:00ish
      - Club will provide pizza
  - Banquet and Awards - Jenna Stefka/Melissa Barlett/Ashley Mancini
    - Discussion of location
    - February 28th or March 7th as tentative dates
  - Racing team/Captains - Andrew Hartnett
    - Willow (Discount codes available)

- Boos and Brews - how did it go?
  - Ugly Sweater 5k
- UR Supported Events
  - **Grateful for Graham 5k** - Amanda Robertello
    - \*Tentative Date\* May 2, 2026
  - **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run-Rob Kapfer**
    - August 2, 2026
  - **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
    - August 16, 2026
- Committees
  - Diversity Committee - Melissa Barlett/Michelle Truett
    - On Hold no updates
  - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino
    - Exploring dates for future drive
- **Administration & Finance – Melissa Barlett**
  - Financial - James Kuny
    - Report
  - Merchandise - Frank Vellone
    - Continue UR Merch Table @Running Events, planning to table at Run2End Hunger — Need volunteer to manage
    - Coordination between Sneaker Store and USA Racing to stock UR Gear
    - Set up online store with USA Racing
      - Connect with Summer Sizzle Race
    - singlets (\$30)                      ■ tshirts (\$5)
    - cow bells (\$3)                      ■ hats (\$10)
    - blankets (\$25)                      ■ hoodie (\$20)
  - Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
    - Trailer has moved
  - Membership - Rebecca LaPorte
    - # members currently    current memberships
    - 2024 #s (Oct 2024: 204 individual, 128 couples, 161 family)
    - End of Year discount after Falling Leaves (1-Oct thru next year)
  - Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett
    - Rubino organizing bios for Hartnett - On Hold
    - If you notice something is out of date let Melissa and Andy know
  - Facebook & PR - Andy Hartnett
    - No updates
  - Newsletter
    - deadline is 20th of each month
    - Ad Purchases
    - Promos of Award Nominations
    - Promo for Elections
    - New Liaison for RRCA (Melissa)

- Nominate members for profiles
- Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Melissa Barlett/Erik Winberg (USATF and RRCA)
  - No updates
- Sponsorship - David Dietz
  - Updates
  - Looking to get sponsorships for Four Run Challenge - David/Melissa
    - Pick Deadline for 2026
  - If you have a business interested in sponsoring please see David
    - make ad for Splitimes
  - If you know any organization or business who would like to help with volunteering please connect with David and Rebecca
- Non-Profit
  - Melissa Updated Non-Profit documentation
    - \$500 per year
    - Ineligible for 2 years

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Safety Run - Tuesday November 25th at 6:30pm
  - Starting at The Mill
  - Will be going to Pizza Boys for Happy Hour after
  - Visibility gear coordination with Sneaker Store
  - There will be glow goodies
- Tilden Hill Farm Trails - Verona
  - 12 miles of trails open for running, biking, camping
  - Discussion of run and bike relay, group runs, special event

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Elections
  - Results
  - Picture of old/new board

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Roman Runners hosting Holiday Run 5k on Black Friday in conjunction with annual Rome tree lighting
- Bellamy Turkey Trot on 11/15 went great and the arch was perfect. Equipment will be returned this week to Club

Meeting adjourned at

**Next Meeting: December 8, 2025 at 6:15 at Boilermaker Headquarters**

**Future meeting dates:**

January 12, 2026