



UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, February 9, 2026 6:15 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance:

Meeting called to order at: 06:30

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: 1st James, 2nd Frank

INITIAL BUSINESS

- none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities & Events – Erik Winberg**
 - **Races**
 - **Four Race Challenge** - Andrew Rubino
 - Closed on March 1st
 - Approx 40 signed up
 - Unsure on backpacks
 - **Save Our Switchbacks** - Melissa Barlett & Linley Bingham
 - April 18, 2026
 - Rubino working on permit and insurance
 - timing is secure, shirts are ordered,
 - Contact the Zoo
 - registration is set to open right as 4-Race Challenge closes (on 1-Mar)
 - Photographers available from last year? Fwd to Melissa
 - **Summer Sizzle** - Travis Olivera
 - June 21, 2026
 - **Falling Leaves** - Andrew Rubino
 - September 27, 2026
 - Contacted Hotel - no word
 - **Skeleton Run** - Rob Kapfer
 - October 18, 2026
 - Coordinate with riggie run?
 - **Run 2 End Hunger** – Rebecca LaPorte Mason Hedeem
 - Check was dropped off at Compassion Coalition
 - Funds to feed local community
 - **New Year's Run** – Melissa Barlett

- Event will be discontinued for 2027
 - Work with Grow and Stride OR Bus to Booneville
 - Virtual Events
 - **FIVE after FIVE** – Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett
 - Discussion of what event will look like for 2026
 - Hold back on swag?
 - Community engagement is high
 - Work with Andy and Melissa
 - Group runs
 - Cantina Cater. (Yorkville) run
- Activities - Limited
 - Scholarships - Travis Olivera
 - Information on website
 - **Begin promoting**
 - Add in split times
 - Boilermaker Training Program - Erik Winberg/Peter Angelini/Amanda Hartnett
 - “Location”
 - Xcelerate wants memberships for members
 - Fitness Mill
 - Afraid of crowds
 - Forte to host for startup
 - Saturday February 28th, 2026 7:30am
 - Any new information on indoor running location?
 - Speakers/Sneaker Store contacted?
 - Additional updates
 - Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
 - No report
 - Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
 - Must be member by March 12th to be eligible
 - Discuss including for future
 - Grateful for Graham 5K - May 2, 2026
 - Trenton Fish & Game Autism Awareness 5 Mile - August 2, 2026
 - CNY Running Club Cup - Paige and Mary Ann
 - Advertise and recruit members to participate
 - Provide information to the participants on how they score points
 - Connect with Roman Runners to hand off the program
 - Cliff’s Gift Card: \$300 in gift cards
 - Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
 - Shirt Design contest for 2026
 - Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman & Abbie Sutliff
 - No Report
- Activities - Ongoing
 - Social - Melissa Barlett & Rebecca LaPorte
 - January Happy Hour
 - How did it go?
 - Happy Hour for March?

- Banquet and Awards - Jenna Stefka/Melissa Barlett/Ashley Mancini
 - February 28th - 5pm to 9pm
 - Everything is on track with awards
 - email reminders to sign-up are pre-set
 - Slideshow pics being received
 - still accepting awesome door prizes, but in good shape
 - Finalizing food
- Racing team/Captains - Andrew Hartnett
 - Upcoming events
 - Make social post asking what members are running
 - Start reaching out to races for discounts
 - Reach out to members for training runs
- UR Supported Events
 - **Grateful for Graham 5k** - Amanda Robertello
 - 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
 - Jan 31st at Maynard Fire Department 9am to 2pm
 - How did it go?
- **Administration & Finance – Melissa Barlett**
 - Financial - James Kuny
 - Report
 - Budget meeting recap
 - Has UPD cashed the check?
 - Merchandise - Frank Vellone
 - Coordinating storage with Rubino
 - Set up online store with USA Racing

■ singlets (\$30)	■ tshirts (\$5)
■ cow bells (\$3)	■ hats (\$10)
■ blankets (\$25)	■ hoodie (\$20)
 - Equipment and Rental - Phil Trzcinski
 - Report
 - Membership - Rebecca LaPorte
 - 378 members currently
 - 358 Feb 2025
 - Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett
 - Grab bios from Feb Splitimes and post to webpage
 - Any Updates For Feb/March?

- Facebook & PR - Andy Hartnett
 - Point person to collect content and send to Michelle for Newsletter
- Newsletter
 - deadline is 20th of each month
 - The February Newsletter was amazing!
 - Ad Purchases
 - Promos of Award Nominations
 - Nominate members for profiles - email George or Rubino
- Clubs & Organizations Liaisons - Melissa Barlett/Erik Winberg (USATF and RRCA)
 - Club insurance obtained
- Sponsorship - Vacant
 - Sponsorships for Four Race — Due Feb 20th
 - On-Brand company update - Rebecca
 - Use this to support each race or individual events
 - Determine with brands might pair well with events
 - Pitch to the brand why they should sponsor your event
 - Possibly get free things
 - Potential for interesting additional swag
 - Need to create individual pitches and follow up
 - Advertise for Sponsorship opportunities in Splitimes
- Non-Profit
 - Melissa Updated Non-Profit documentation
 - \$500 per year
 - Ineligible for 2 years
 - Posted to webpage

OLD BUSINESS:

- Race Directors Meeting - Tuesday January 27th at 6:00pm
 - Recap
- Tilden Hill Farm Trails - Verona
 - 12 miles of trails open for running, biking, camping
 - Discussion of possible camping, trail run, and brunch event
- Handbook uploaded to Website
- Magnetic Bib Pins for swag - Linley
 - update
- Delta Lake Bruch Run - Sunday February 8th - Tommy
 - Recap
- Boilermaker Mile Sponsorship - Phil

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Anything for the good of the order?
- Kudos

Meeting adjourned at

Next Meeting: March 9, 2026 at 6:15 at Boilermaker Headquarters

Future meeting dates for 2026:

April 13, May 11, June 8, *July 13, August 10,
September 14, **October 12, November 9, December 14

*Boilermaker Monday

**Columbus Day