



UTICA ROADRUNNERS BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 11, 2026 6:15 pm, Boilermaker Headquarters

Board Attendance:

Meeting called to order at:

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting:

INITIAL BUSINESS

- Board member resignation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities & Events – Erik Winberg**
 - **Races**
 - **Four Race Challenge** - Andrew Rubino
 - Decision on backpacks
 - **Save Our Switchbacks** - Melissa Barlett
 - April 18, 2026
 - Race Recap
 - **Summer Sizzle** - Travis Olivera
 - June 21, 2026
 - Permit applied for/insurance obtained
 - Potential Plogging Run pre race as separate event
 - **Falling Leaves** - Andrew Rubino
 - September 27, 2026
 - Rubino working on permit
 - Rubino sign contract and submit deposit for hotel
 - Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council will table at packet pickup
 - **Skeleton Run** - Rob Kapfer
 - October 18, 2026
 - Registration is open
 - **Run 2 End Hunger** – Rebecca LaPorte Mason Hedeon
 - No update
 - **New Year's Run** – Melissa Barlett
 - Work with Grow and Stride OR Bus to Booneville for 2027
 - **Virtual Events**
 - **FIVE after FIVE** – Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett

- Updates
- Activities - Limited
 - Scholarships - Travis Olivera
 - Updates
 - Boilermaker Training Program - Erik Winberg/Peter Angelini/Amanda Hartnett
 - Additional updates
 - Frankie Run
 - Boilermaker Expo table and volunteers
 - Insurance and Application submitted
 - Grand Prix - Gary LaShure
 - Discuss UR singlet for members who participate
 - CNY Running Club Cup - Paige and Mary Ann
 - Advertise and recruit members to participate
 - Cliff's Gift Card: \$300 in gift cards — Rubino will contact Cliffs and Coordinate Award presentation
 - Development Runs - Ashley Mancini
 - Updates
 - Youth XC Training Program - Nate Getman & Abbie Sutliff
 - Moved to Deerfield Town Park for 2026
 - Parks and Rec Dept can now provide the insurance, supplies and equipment storage
 - Asking for continued financial support
- Activities - Ongoing
 - Social - Melissa Barlett & Rebecca LaPorte
 - Lisa Badolato looking at organizing Copper City Happy Hour
 - Projected April 24 date for next Happy Hour
 - One Genny or Grow discussed previously
 - How did it go?
 - May 15th - Lukins?
 - Banquet and Awards - Jenna Stefka/Melissa Barlett/Ashley Mancini
 - Begin looking at places that can host 80-100 comfortably
 - Racing team/Captains - Andrew Hartnett
 - Make social post asking what members are running
 - Reach out to members for training runs
 - Next Race(s)
- UR Supported Events
 - **Grateful for Graham 5k** - Amanda Robertello
 - May 2, 2026
 - Run Recap
 - **Trenton Fish and Game Club Trail Run** - Rob Kapfer
 - August 2, 2026
 - **Tunnel to Towers Utica 5k** - Phil Trzcinski/Alex Gonzalez
 - August 16, 2026
 - Updates
- Committees
 - Diversity Committee - Melissa Barlett/Michelle Truett

- On Hold no updates
 - Blood Drive - Andrew Rubino
 - No report
- **Administration & Finance – Melissa Barlett**
 - Financial - James Kuny
 - Report
 - Boilermaker mile marker payment
 - Merchandise - Frank Vellone
 - Coordinating storage with Rubino
 - Discussion regarding swag printing
 - May 13 on their calendar for a merch day right after 5 after 5. Will discuss with Josh prior to that about some tank tops for summer.
 - 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
 - Flag feather stands
 - Membership - Rebecca LaPorte
 - # members currently
 - # May 2025
 - Webpage/Race Calendar - Melissa Barlett & Andy Hartnett
 - Any Updates For May?
 - Facebook & PR - Andy Hartnett
 - Need Point person to collect content and send to Michelle for Newsletter
 - Newsletter
 - deadline is 20th of each month
 - 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
 - NYCM sponsor - Andy
 - Doing the 10K for Falling Leaves
 - Interested in BTP/Dev runs at 5K or 10K and what that would look like.
 - Consider signs at the registration tent, water station or start/finish line
 - This year we can have NYCM sponsor kids under 18 for free D runs?
 - 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:

- Tilden Hill Farm Trails - Verona
 - 12 miles of trails open for running, biking, camping
 - Discussion of possible camping, trail run, and brunch event
- Sherrill Run Club
- Coz's Backyard Ultra
 - <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=136170>
 - Rob Kapfer is directing and would like to promote
- Continue Virtual Attendance Discussion
 - Hybrid option
 - Allow a board member to attend board meetings virtually up to 2 meetings a year with prior approval from the President. If a board member needs to attend more than 2 in a year that request must be approved ahead of time.
- Urban Run Utica -Thursday May 7th 6pm - Babes
 - Recap

NEW BUSINESS:

- **T2T Team Shirt Proposal** - review proposal to provide limited time shirts for UR members who run T2T

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Anything for the good of the order?

Meeting adjourned at

Next Meeting: June 8, 2026 at 6:15 at Boilermaker Headquarters

Future meeting dates for 2026:

*July 13, August 10, September 14, **October 12, November 9, December 14

*Boilermaker Monday

**Columbus Day