



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
Board Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
August 14, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom and Marcia Adams, Frank Broderick, Tom McGuire, Jon Rocco, Jim Tierney, Sally Drake, Ravi Chauhan, Ken Skinner, Jessica Northan, Ed Neiles, Brian Northan

Call to Order (Frank Broderick):

1. Approval of the June 12, 2019 minutes with correction made to refreshments schedule. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jon Rocco, seconded Ravi Chauhan, motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (Frank Broderick): Frank distributed a public notice to the Altamont Enterprise for the annual meeting, to be held on September 20th. The slate of candidates will be posted on the website in advance of the meeting.

The Board discussed the schedule for the annual meeting. The annual meeting should be free to attend, followed by the dinner which is pay-to-attend. Marcia will update the agenda and will write an article for the September Pacesetter describing the event.

2.2 Executive Vice President (Jessica Northan): Jessica shared a thank you card from one of the scholarship recipients.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (Michelle Davis-absent):

2.4 Vice President for Running Events (J. Rocco):

The Indian Ladder Trail Run was held on July 21st with 72 finishers. Participation was down from the last two years possibly due to competing trail races. The Colonie summer track series finished its 7-week series on July 31st. The Men's races saw the third and sixth fastest time ever in the 400-race. The women saw the second fastest time recorded in the 400 and second fastest all time in 800-race. The first and second races of the Tawasentha Trail Run series have been held. About 140 runners have participated so far and the past Monday was the grand prix race.

In the month ahead, HMRCC will host the final Tawasentha series run and hold the Labor Day 5K on September 2nd. This race is now sponsored by the Naval Nuclear Laboratory which donated \$2750 to fund the cost of t-shirts and other expenses. The company has about 50 employees registered to run. The HMRCC Anniversary Run will be held at SUNY on September 15th. The 5.9 course is a grand prix event.

Registration is open and continues for the Indian Ladder, Mohawk-Hudson Marathon, Hannaford Half, the Stockade-athon and Town of New Scotland races.

Jon emailed race directors to start planning for 2020 race and announced new race directors. The race Committee will discuss the future of the following races at the September meeting:

--Mother's Day 5K.

--Indian Ladder Race is also questionable due to declining numbers.

-- Town of New Scotland Race

2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire): The monthly financial reports have been submitted to the board.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan): Three races closed this month. The Workforce Team Challenge; the Track series and the Distinguished Service Run.

2.7 Secretary (Sally Drake): Will respond to request to post meeting minutes in Pacesetter.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden-absent): Marcia reported that the club has 2430 members as of July. We have 3207 Facebook friends, and 314 Twitter followers. friends,

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): Need volunteers for all races. Will continue to find ways to recruit volunteers.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk-Absent): Ken reported for Ray that they met with Theresa who talked about Just Run with Benita Zahn.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Ed reported that overall website usage is down 25% which is typical for summer.

3.5 Conflicts Committee (M. Davis-absent): No report

3.6 Grants Committee (Jessica Northan): No report

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner - absent): Just Run wrapped up its 2-day track meet with about 600 kids each day, the most ever. The event needs new volunteers for timing and organizers would like to shorten the events—at four-hours they are simply too long. A questionnaire is being sent to Just Run leaders to get their input for how to best achieve this. Five new schools are interested in participating next year.

The Fall Cross-Country program will be held at Tawasentha Park Monday Oct. 28 and Tues. Oct 29 (snow/rain Date Wed. Oct 31)

3.8 Elections Committee (K. Skinner):

The Elections Committee will present the following slate of candidates at the annual meeting, to be held on September 20th:

VP for Finance: Michelle Davis

VP for Running Events: Ed Hampston

Treasurer: Tom McGuire

Secretary: Sally Drake

Members at Large:

--Ed Neiles (full term)

--Jon Rocco (2-year term)

--Erin Murphy (1-year term)

4. Old Business:

The Board continued its ongoing discussion on the applicability of the USATF SafeSport standard and the Just Run program. Ken has read the USATF document and it does apply to all events (not just those with kids) and applies to all USATF Association sponsored events. Unclear how rules apply to non-USATF sanctioned events.

The Board would like to invite the President of the USATF Adirondack to explain his interpretation of Safesport and how it applies to HMRRC events. Frank will follow up on that.

Ken will also discuss the insurance issue with our insurance agent.

5. New Business:

Announcements: The Annual meeting registration is open

The next meeting will be held September 20th at the Italian American Club, preceding the awards dinner.

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Jon Rocco and seconded by Ed Neiles. Approved.