



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club

Board Meeting

Point of Woods Community Center

June 12, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom and Marcia Adams, Frank Broderick, Michelle Davis, Tom McGuire, Ray Newkirk, Brian and Jessica Northan, Jon Rocco, Paul Rosenberg, Barbara Sorrell, Chuck Terry, Jim Tierney

At 7:30 p.m. there was a presentation ceremony to the Bill Shrader Scholarship winners:

Rory Graham - Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School
Annabel Gregg - Greenwich Central High School
Kathryn Tenney - Colonie High School
Tyler Berg - Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School
Nick Hunziker - Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School
Isaac Menis - Schenectady High School

All were in attendance with their parents. In addition, James Shrader and Marianne Shrader were present. After refreshments, the regular Board meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Call to Order (Frank Broderick):

1. Approval of May 8, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Ravi Chauhan and seconded by Michelle Davis. Motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

- 2.1 President (Frank Broderick): Frank thanked the Scholarship Committee for their work on reviewing the applications for this year. He had no other report.
- 2.2 Executive Vice President (Jessica Northan): Jessica advised that the review of the applications had gone well.
- 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (Michelle Davis): No report. She had a meeting with Ray, Ravi and Tom and has been provided guidance for the position.
- 2.4 Vice President for Running Events (J. Rocco): There were three races since the last meeting.

The Mother's Day 5K bRUNch, in its 39th year, was held on May 12. Meghan Mortensen was the winner for the 3rd time in the past 5 years. There was a total of 61 finishers, down from 81 last year and 86 the prior year. Competing race this year were Kelly's Angels Mother-Lovin Day 5K in Saratoga that drew 510 runners (667 last year). Next year, 2020, will be the 40th.

May 16 was year 40 of the CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge. Once again a huge success; the race sold out with its 10,000 cap – this is the 4th year for the cap. 8,107

finishers (19% no show) vs 8,278 finishers last year. 2015 was record year with 8,319 (10,237 registered and the cap followed in 2016. Overall winner was Ryan Udvardia (1st time) with a time of 17:37. Karen Bertasso was the overall female winner in a time of 20:28. She has won 4 out of last 5 and all within 8 seconds of each other. Of note, 5 of the top 10 were 40+ including places 7 thru 10.

Regeneron was the winning female team (3rd year in a row). GE won the male and repeats. Albany Medical Center won the co-ed category for 5th year in a row (7th win in past 8 years).

Most participants: 4 had 200+: AMC (288), CDPHP (277), Regeneron (265), and GE (205). Congratulations once again to our Charities of Choice – Albany Damien Center and Family Promise of the Capital Region (record-breaking donations of \$47,000). We had 23 Corporate Sponsors. The wrap-up meeting for the race will be held on June 27.

The 48th Distinguished Service Race was held on June 9, honoring Ed Hampston, the 59th recipient. 14 of the past recipients were on hand at the race. The male winner was Jon Lindenauer (repeat winner). The female winner was Karen Bertasso. There were 76 finishers, up from last year's 68 finishers (77 year prior). This is a grand prix event.

Upcoming races are:

June 15 – Valley Cats Father's Day 5K - last chance registration on Friday in person at the Joe.

June 18 – Colonie Summer Track – Tuesdays – opened for its 51st season – 1st of 7 weeks thru July 30.

June 25 – Colonie Mile.

Registration is now open for Indian Ladder, Mohawk Hudson Marathon, Hannaford Half. Stockade-athon registration opens on June 14.

Paul Rosenberg commented on the history of the Mother's Day race.

- 2.5 Treasurer (Tom McGuire): The financial reports had been sent out earlier to the Board.
- 2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (Ravi Chauhan): The financial report was sent out. The Masters Race is complete. There will be an increase in the cost of Quickbooks per year. There was an issue with credit cards again and the limits were increased to resolve the problem.
- 2.7 Secretary (Sally Drake - absent): No report

3. Reports of Committees

- 3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden): (Not present; report e-mailed)
Total membership:2,424

Change in membership: -47
New memberships: 15
Facebook followers: 3,173 (+31)
Twitter followers: 312 (+3)

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): No report. Called for volunteers for Valley Cats.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Newkirk):

Two sets of press releases were sent out on the scholarships and Just Run. Channel 6 was present at the start of Just Run.

Ray would like to have a Communications Committee. He feels the Club needs to coordinate Facebook and Twitter as well as have more vigorous press releases.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles - absent): No report.

Paul Rosenberg commented that there was no information regarding the meeting on the website that he could locate. A brief discussion ensued

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

3.6 Grants Committee (Jessica Northan): No grant activity at this time. July 1 is the deadline for the next round of grants.

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner - absent): No report. The Just Run Spring event was completed on June 10 and 11 and results are still be tallied. Report to be presented at the next Board meeting.

4. Old Business:

Wild Apricot discussion: The committee considered information on 4 different options: Wild Apricot, Web Instinct – own database, ZippyReg and Your Membership. Insufficient information was provided so it was immediately eliminated from the discussion. Web Instinct was also eliminated since the estimated cost of \$25,000 to develop the database was too high. In comparing Zippy Reg and Wild Apricot, the cost of each is dependent on variables such as event registration as well as membership registration. Other factors considered were learning curve of the new system, lack of sufficient awareness of Wild Apricot abilities at this time, etc. It was the recommendation of the committee to stay with Wild Apricot at this time, switching over to their payment system rather than PayPal.

5. New Business:

USATF Background Screening: Ray Newkirk explained there was confusion by what is meant by this from USATF. Barbara Sorrell indicated that that critical term is USATF volunteers not USATF sanctioned event or races. A discussion ensued. The conclusion of the discussion was for a clarification of the policy and terminology.

Announcements: HMRRRC envelopes are available if any of the Board members need them.

Refreshments- next meeting: Marcia Adams

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Tom McGuire and seconded by Jessica Northan.