

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Joe Musumeci

Monday, May 6, 2019

Geiger Pump and Equipment

8924 Yellow Brick Rd, Rosedale

6:30 p.m. to eat / 7 p.m. to meet

Board Meeting Attendees	
President	Valencia Hike
Vice President	Henry Peck
Treasurer	
Secretary	Joe Musumeci
Delegates	
Bart Rein	Dan Hawk
Hazel Teal	Kelli Rostkowski
Scott Finson	Erin Surette
Sally Waller	
Members	

Meeting started at 6:46 p.m.

Current Business

1. March meeting minutes - approved
2. Special guest - Glenn Smith - proposal for holding a timed race at Montebello (or elsewhere)
 - a. 3-, 6-, 9-, and possibly 12-hour options (depending on daylight available)
 - b. Winner would be who put in the post laps
 - c. Other area existing race options include Calvert Cliffs (trail), Eternal Winter / Endless Summer (trail)
 - d. Per Henry, Tom Nasuta remembers a BRRC timed race at Montebello in the 1980s
 - e. Possible locations
 - i. Thought of Montebello first, but loop is kind of short
 - ii. Soldier's Delight - a bit longer, trail (likely preferred to road)
 - iii. Patterson Park - maybe a two-mile loop
 - iv. Cromwell Valley, Loch Raven Reservoir
 - v. Lots of interest in a trail venue
 - vi. Henry discourages trail for a timed race - thinks it's too hard
 - vii. Goucher - exciting venue, might be harder to get for a longer time
 - viii. Ag Center - across from Oregon Ridge
 - f. Likely only one aid station needed if looped
 - g. Need to be wary of ability for competitors to cut course or cheat; consider need for course marshals
 - h. Might need to be chip-timed to help with lap tracking
 - i. Glenn would be willing to co-race direct with an experienced race director
 - j. Valencia would totally be game to co-race direct
 - k. Board expressed interest in pursuing - Glenn and Valencia will work together to determine next steps with reliance on experiences shared by Hazel and Dan
 - l. Timewise - considering late April or May; could be later in the year with a tie-in as NCR marathon training
3. Treasurer's report - via Valencia
 - a. Cash of \$168K at 3/31/19 (\$164K at 3/31/18) - per data provided by Christy

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- b. Steve Hermann reports that he has small unreimbursed expenses for last year's Father's Day 5K
- c. Valencia proposes small reimbursements occur directly out of cash on hand with receipts provided to reimburse the cash on hand
- d. Bart notes he's been reimbursing himself out of race fees for years and doesn't touch the cash on hand
- e. Valencia asked about availability of cards to more race directors to make expenditures easier - particularly last-minute items
- f. Henry believes other area races have dedicated bank accounts to facilitate spending by race directors
- g. Discussed interest in general concept of race directors having more direct access to club resources (whether by taking take money out of petty cash, taking money out of race proceeds, having more debit or credit cards or otherwise)
- h. Tabled to gather feedback from Christy
- 4. Membership report
 - a. 686 active 2019 members
 - b. Kelli noticed a membership bump related to Johnny's race - people renewing to register
 - c. Some renewing for half marathon training, too
- 5. Recent events
 - a. 3/15/19 - St. Patrick's Day 5K - Graham
 - i. 171 finishers (192 PY)
 - b. 4/13/19 - Gunpowder Keg Ultra Trail Races - Bart
 - i. 50K - 32 finishers (36 PY)
 - ii. 25K - 99 finishers (130 PY)
 - iii. 158 registered; 134 starters; "nobody died"
 - iv. Total income \$2,440; spent \$934; netted over \$1,500
 - c. 5/2/19 - Cinco de Mayo Fun Run - Henry
 - i. About 50 people
 - ii. Terrible running over sidewalks for four miles
 - iii. Valencia heard a lot of positive feedback on Facebook and otherwise
 - iv. Positive feedback from someone with Back on My Feet - she suggested she'll be sharing a discount code for members to use on their upcoming Hope for the Homeless race
- 6. Goals - Valencia
 - a. Continue monthly community fun runs
 - i. Email Valencia with suggestions for places to run or establishments to patronize related to runs
 - ii. Henry suggests Flag Day near Fort McHenry
 - iii. Kimberly Lewis suggested working with Runners for Justice
 - b. MRTT
 - i. Chapter leader of Moms RUN This Town reached out to Valencia - held meeting in Catonsville
 - ii. Strong, active group of runners
 - iii. Looking for opportunities to collaborate with BRRC
 - c. RASAC (Katie Streib)
 - i. Looking for opportunities to collaborate on events to include Harford County together with Baltimore

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- ii. Valencia plans to reach out to follow up
 - d. Team store
 - i. Recently open from March 18 through March 28
 - ii. Haven't been happy with our past partner (timing, repeated errors)
 - iii. Looking at additional options
 - iv. Bart suggests Rodney at Yorktowne Sports
 - v. See March 4, 2019, minutes for eerily similar discussion
- 7. Race evaluation records repository - Scott
 - a. Was working fine
 - b. Scott just noticed it's broken
 - c. Link on the race directors' page
 - d. Username and password - both "boardmember"
 - e. Anyone can download; only administrators upload
 - f. Also holds repository for meeting minutes
- 8. Upcoming events
 - a. 11/30/19 - NCR marathon update - Bart
 - i. Race is already about 10 percent filled
 - ii. Increased race fees from last year
 - iii. Three or four donations to the scholarship fund
 - iv. Bart is looking to establish a longer-term agreement with Oldfields; they have expressed interest in having us
 - v. They plan to offer a three-year contract with five-year renewals; either party can cancel with one year of notice
 - vi. Keeping the fee at \$1,500; asked that we contribute to their annual fund (no required/set amount)
 - vii. Expecting to spend more than usual for this year's race due to it being the 30th anniversary
 - b. 5/26/19 - GPS Gunpowder Trail - Erin Surette
 - i. Same place
 - ii. Not a whole lot to do
 - c. 6/16/19 - GPS Father's Day 5K - Stephan Hermann
 - d. 6/19/19 - Summer Track Series #1 - Christy St Clair
 - e. 6/23/19 - Club picnic / performance awards - new location
 - i. Confirmed that Brian Flowers will host at his new house (other side of 83; near Falls Road)
- 9. Training programs update (Deb Harper / Buddy Weber) - Valencia
 - a. Deb provided a summary update
 - i. Valencia noted superiority of Eventbrite versus Facebook for event planning to track more serious participants - mentioned to Deb as an option for training registration
 - ii. BWC will not be having a training group at Montebello this year
 - b. Buddy let Valencia know that half marathon training for Frederick race went well
 - i. Plans to continue after race toward 10-mile race
 - ii. Will seek Driven help from Kelli and web site help from Johnny
- 10. Thursday open track update - Valencia
 - a. Positive feedback on openness of regular meetup
 - b. Dan confirmed noticing five to ten more runners

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- c. Lululemon run - led by store manager - new BRRRC member - interested in getting more involved with BRRRC
11. Henry's corner
- a. Scholarships - two applicants so far; Henry expects based on prior experience most will arrive at the May 24 deadline; Erin, Valencia, and Bart volunteered to help
 - b. Henry suggests continuing to disassociate the Executive Stampede from the scholarship
 - c. Henry suggests touching base with Christian to see if he's interested in continuing to calculate the performance awards
 - d. Henry suggests reconsidering how we induct runners into the hall of fame; notes that we don't have enough girls
 - e. Henry received a note from George Banker - a runner-writer - has written recaps of every NCR marathon (Ronnie Wong has run all 29 NCR marathons); Henry would like to post the recaps on the NCR web page; Henry thinks he would be a good hall of fame candidate
 - f. Henry also thinks of Linda Tice as a good hall of fame candidate
12. Next meeting - June 10, 6:30 p.m. to eat AND meet (note mild timing change), likely at Bart's office in Towson with location and directions to be confirmed

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.