

# Baltimore Road Runners Club

## Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Joe Musumeci  
Monday, June 10, 2019  
Movement Mortgage  
555 Fairmount Ave, Towson  
6:30 p.m.

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

**Meeting started** at 6:40 p.m.

### Current Business

1. Special guest - Lou King (RRCA Maryland State Rep since November)
  - a. 10/12/19 MD/DC symposium 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) in Eldersburg (near Sykesville) at a church
  - b. Nominal \$10 cost (to cover lunch) - most costs covered via RRCA budget
  - c. Many board members don't understand nonprofit governance responsibilities
  - d. Two classrooms - governance focus and race director/training program focus
  - e. Open to board members, coaches, race directors, and potential leaders in the club
  - f. Facilitators from local clubs - offering a mix of experience sharing and discussion leading
  - g. Seeking volunteers as facilitators and to help in other roles
  - h. Open to suggestions for session ideas (especially if interested in facilitating)
  - i. Lou can also make materials available for those who aren't able to attend
2. May meeting minutes - approved (with note that 2b held a typo of "post" instead of "most" - Joe is post regretful of the error)
3. Membership report
  - a. 706 active 2019 members
  - b. Up by 20 since last month - 10 individuals, 3 students, 7 families
  - c. 353 individuals
  - d. 312 families
  - e. 16 full-time students
  - f. 25 lifetime members
  - g. Henry points out that rolling membership is trendy and more possible due to online membership databases (compared to someone maintaining a manual ledger)
  - h. Kelli can reach out to the Driven to learn more
  - i. Might be worth asking for historical perspective on why we shifted a few years ago from rolling to calendar (Christy? Johnny?)
4. Website - Scott
  - a. Plug it in, plug it in - Wordpress update early in the year broke our repository plugin
  - b. Took Dinos a week and a half to fix our event listing

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- c. Still waiting for a repair from Dinos for our repository
  - d. Scott suggests we have a standard timeline for providing race details to him for web site display at least two months ahead of the event date; always possible to update
5. Recent events
- a. 5/26/19 - GPS Gunpowder Trail - Erin Surette
    - i. 88 finishers (118 PY)
    - ii. Nice to get our event in before temporary closure of the trail
    - iii. 70 members; 18 nonmembers
    - iv. \$412 - mostly donations; nonmembers paid \$10
    - v. Offered cash awards to top finishers
    - vi. Second and third place women donated award money back to the club
    - vii. Henry added some Memorial Day themed decorations
6. Global running day event w/ Lululemon - Valencia
- a. Druid Hill Park - several club members attended and enjoyed
  - b. Ice cream truck was involved
  - c. Looking for continued opportunities to develop relationship
  - d. Henry wonders if they might be a good fit to support one or more of our track meets (perhaps replacing the kids' snow cones with ice cream) or the two-person 10-mile relay
7. Upcoming events
- a. 6/16/19 - GPS Father's Day 5K - Stephan Hermann
  - b. Summer Track Series - Christy St Clair
    - i. Volunteers needed from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. - please contact Christy
    - ii. 6/19/19 for meet 1
    - iii. 6/24/19 for meet of miles
    - iv. 7/9/19 for meet 2
    - v. 7/17/19 for meet 3
    - vi. 7/24/19 for meet 4
  - c. 6/23/19 - Club picnic (at the house of Brian Flowers) / performance awards (compiled by Christian Creutzer)
    - i. Considering other types of awards (e.g. valor)
    - ii. Valencia nominated Linda Tice for the hall of fame
    - iii. Share any other award nominations with Valencia
    - iv. Christian is wrapping up his work on the performance awards
    - v. Valencia will solicit for a photographer
    - vi. Henry seeking a few people as set-up volunteers
  - d. 7/3/19 - Twilight Trail Race - Bart
    - i. Looking to make it a little easier to hold
    - ii. Reduced fee from \$30 to \$15
    - iii. Plans to offer pizza and obtained a one-day liquor license to have kegs available
    - iv. Plans to obtain lighting
    - v. Strong early sign-up
    - vi. Goal to grow race from low 100s to around 200 runners
8. Timed race at Druid Hill - Glenn Smith / Valencia
- a. Follow-up meeting a couple of weeks ago - aiming for Patterson Park
  - b. Concern with similarity to St. Patrick's Day race and Too Hot to Trot
  - c. Focus shifting to Druid Hill (too much construction for Herring Run)
  - d. Bart wonders about 1-mile option near Hopkins

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- e. Bart also wonders about Honeygo Run Regional Park (not in the city, but some positives)
  - f. Another possibility at Meadowood Regional Park (Henry could walk there)
  - g. Considering premium options - clay personalizable key chains, sunglasses
  - h. Henry would like to focus on a theme of "any person, any distance"
9. Training programs update (Deb Harper / Buddy Weber) - Valencia
- a. Mid-distance wrapped up
  - b. Summer/fall training to start
  - c. Thursday evening track runs continue - filling a void left by discontinued runs at Dulaney
  - d. WDF 5K training heading into week 5 - will offer \$5 off race registration for training participants
10. Treasurer's report - via Valencia
- a. Cash of \$170K at 5/31/19 (\$157K at 5/31/18) - per data provided by Christy
  - b. Christy passed along thanks to Henry and Leigh Peck for unrestricted grant
  - c. Christy mentioned that she followed up with Stephan Hermann to resolve reimbursement from last year
  - d. In speaking with Valencia, Christy said it wouldn't be her preference for race directors to reimburse themselves from race proceeds but that she understands that the board would discuss the issue and make a decision
  - e. Moved to allow race directors to reimburse themselves directly from race proceeds - approved
11. New business
- a. Kids Run This Nation (RRCA program)
    - i. Kids running training program - aimed at K through sixth grade school-aged kids
    - ii. Grants available to support the program
    - iii. Valencia discussed with a contact who enthusiastically supported it
    - iv. Valencia discussed with Christy who was concerned over complexities and expenses such as background checks
    - v. Valencia will send out more information about the program by email
    - vi. Lou shared a success story from his club (after initial apprehension about complexities)
12. Next meeting - July 15, 6:30 p.m. to eat AND meet, likely at Bart's office in Towson

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:22 p.m.