

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Joe Musumeci
Monday, August 26, 2019
Movement Mortgage
555 Fairmount Ave, Towson
6:30 p.m.

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

Meeting started at 6:36 p.m.

Current Business

1. June meeting minutes - approved
2. Succession planning
 - a. Valencia suggested it would be useful for a future president to have more structured preparation and guidance available to be aware of priorities and challenges to be better positioned to focus on big-picture ideas (versus the need to handle urgent day-to-day tasks)
 - b. RRCA conference March 2020 - offers some valuable resources for succession planning and officer preparation
 - c. Henry proposed the creation of a formal past-president board member
 - d. Support for a written document describing specific responsibilities - job-description style
3. Race director training (new and existing)
 - a. Valencia's experiences echo the need to have stronger written guidance for race directors - described challenges with this year's Too Hot To Trot
 - b. Also suggested virtues of shadowing and mentoring to transition
 - c. Discussion of web site repository as a good gathering space
 - i. Mention of difficulty accessing repository documents on a mobile phone
4. Treasurer's report - Christy
 - a. \$166K at 6/30/19; \$169K at 7/31/19 (\$158K at 8/31/18)
 - b. Bart suggested it would be useful to receive financial information ahead of meetings
5. Accountant
 - a. Valencia asked how much we pay and if they can access our bank accounts
 - b. Christy said we pay the accountant \$250 per month and that they have read-only access to our bank accounts
 - c. Bart asked about the value of paying an external accountant
 - d. Christy noted the value of the control provided by having an independent accountant reconcile the bank accounts
 - e. Henry suggests we should consider who can access which bank accounts

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6. Membership report - Kelli
 - a. 779 active 2019 members
 - b. Up by 73 since last report in June
 - c. No reports of sign-up issues
 - d. Kelli learned more about rolling membership - just a matter of setting up a package with the Driven - could start for 2020
 - e. Motion made to move to rolling membership - approved (pending Kelli confirming logistics with contact at the Driven)
 - f. Christy noted need to coordinate membership requirement for GPS series with move to rolling membership
7. Club picnic and membership meeting - Valencia / Hazel
 - a. Valencia noted that it's difficult to give awards for the previous year halfway through the following summer - suggested trying to give awards at the membership meeting at the end of the year
 - b. Christy mentioned that the club previously gave awards at a year-end banquet
 - c. Bart suggested including it at the annual meeting
 - d. Hazel suggests making the picnic more fun-oriented instead of formal and clique-ish
 - e. Hazel proposed having some games such as potato sack race or tug of war with build-up on the web site; certain activities aimed at new members - goal of sending a stronger message of welcoming new members
 - f. Bart nominated Hazel as cruise director
 - g. Erin offered that Back on My Feet has previously offered a similar event
 - h. Henry suggested removing the election from the annual membership meeting now that the board can decide to hold the elections online - shifting the focus of the gathering from formal ballot-casting to social awards presentations and team-building
8. Symposium - October 12 in Eldersburg - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Valencia
 - a. Lou would like Bart to facilitate a session on race directing - Bart is considering
 - b. Visit <https://maryland-rrca.org/symposium> to learn more about participating
9. Recent events
 - a. 6/16/19 - GPS Father's Day 5K - Stephan Herman
 - i. 102 finishers (91 PY)
 - b. 6/24/19 - Meet of Miles - Nut
 - c. 7/1/19, 7/9/19, 7/24/19, 7/31/19 - Summer Track Series - Christy
 - i. Increase in participation (more kids, less adults compared to last year)
 - ii. Rescheduled one meet due to heat
 - iii. Christy requested the club give Nut a \$100 honorarium for timing the races
 1. Discussed how many other races he times for free
 2. Wondered if we should be paying him to express our appreciation
 3. Henry suggested we select a clock-themed gift
 4. Hazel suggested \$250 cash as a token of our appreciation
 5. General agreement to send Nut a \$300 check to express our appreciation
 - d. 7/3/19 - Twilight Trail Race - Bart
 - i. 177 finishers (128 plus 7 DNFs PY)
 - ii. 204 registered runners
 - iii. Changed format - positive responses
 - iv. Uncertainty about course-cutting allegations against race winner
 - v. Netted a little over \$1,600 - donated \$500 and \$250; kept over \$800

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- vi. Still 60 people eating pizza when the sweeper came back (finished all of the beer)
- e. 7/14/19 - Sweet Air Trail Race - Bart
 - i. 137 finishers plus 5 DNFs (128 plus 2 DNFs PY)
 - ii. \$420 net proceeds
 - iii. Complaints about lack of parking available
- f. 7/21/19 - Women's Distance Festival - Valencia / Christy
 - i. 55 finishers (52 PY)
 - ii. Made around \$40
- g. 8/11/19 - Bunker Hill Trail Races - Bart
 - i. 31 one-loopers, 34 two-loopers, 1 DNF (32 and 33 PY)
 - ii. Made \$110
- h. 8/18/19 - Too Hot To Trot - Valencia
 - i. 76 finishers (101 PY)
 - ii. Netted \$330
 - iii. Super hot (true to its name)
- 10. Upcoming events
 - a. 9/15/19 - Executive Stampede 5K
 - i. Valencia will start promoting via social media to support Jessica
 - b. 9/29/19 - GPS Freeland 15K
 - c. 10/6/19 - GPS Half Marathon
 - d. 10/12/19 - Baltimore Night Moves 6-mile trail race
 - i. Bart noted that it's the same date as the Patapsco 25K and 50K and should be rescheduled
 - ii. Discussion concluded that the Patapsco race is only 50K which should be sufficiently different from a 6-mile race to avoid conflict, so no need to reschedule after all
 - e. 11/10/19 - Cross Country 5K
 - i. We can't hold the race at the Ag Center due to Baltimore County government restricting its availability
 - ii. Goucher is considering if we could hold the race there
 - iii. Henry would like for us to be able to use the women's 6K course
 - f. 11/30/19 - NCR Marathon
 - i. Target profit of \$15K to \$20K due to extra swag related to 30th anniversary
 - ii. Long-sleeved tech shirt with thumb holes (\$30 value for \$15 cost) - teal or maroon with samples arriving soon
 - iii. Blankets and sweatshirts
 - iv. 30 percent sold - up from last year - 127 marathon and 117 half
 - v. Discussion of how late entries are how we make our money
- 11. Timed race at Druid Hill - Glenn Smith / Valencia
 - a. Glenn has ideas but needs support
 - b. Valencia doesn't expect it to happen this year
- 12. Training programs update (Randy Reitenauer / Robin Goodwin) - Valencia
 - a. Mid-distance program is going well
 - i. Randy took over for Buddy
 - ii. Heading into week eight
 - iii. About 50 participants

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- iv. About 70 percent female
 - v. Emphasizing longevity (running for many years) over speed
 - vi. About 15 participants at a typical workout
 - vii. Set up a closed Strava group
 - b. Couch to 5K is dwindling - Robin notes most participants have graduated to the half training program
13. New business
- a. Interest in purchases:
 - i. Henry suggested we should purchase flags and banners to use at our aid station at the Baltimore Running Festival
 - ii. Valencia suggested we could also use a tablecloth; Bart and Christy said we already have a black tablecloth
 - iii. Bart suggested we should purchase an arch
 - b. Goucher contract - Valencia wondered if there is room to negotiate future changes - Christy suggested that there is
14. Next meeting - September 23, 6:30 p.m., likely at Bart's office in Towson

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.