

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Joe Musumeci
Monday, October 7, 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	Sally Waller
Scott Finson	Erin Surette
Members	
Bailey St. Clair	

Meeting started at 6:37 p.m.

Current Business

1. August meeting minutes - approved
2. \$179K at 9/30/19 (\$166K at 9/30/18)
3. Membership report - Kelli (provided data by email)
 - a. 791 active 2019 members
 - b. Up from 779 from last report in August
 - c. Henry shared results of conference call with Rebecca Wells of the Driven
 - i. Rolling membership is common
 - ii. We can make the change whenever we want
 - iii. Might recommend a switch to start as of next February
 - iv. Related decision to be able to join GPS later (as long as they complete the other minimum requirements during the year)
 - d. Henry suggested considering membership dues tonight or at an upcoming meeting
 - i. Multiple voices to keep dues the same
 - ii. Henry notes that we haven't increased dues in a while
 - iii. Henry suggests doing away with student memberships
 - iv. Valencia suggests we bring ideas and thoughts to finish the discussion next meeting
4. Membership meeting and appreciation
 - a. Joe shared available library spaces
 - b. Valencia said we'll circle back to consider options
5. Symposium - this Saturday
 - a. Would anyone like to go?
 - b. Buddy said he's planning to go
6. Online store
 - a. A few people have reached out to Marie asking if they could buy BRRC stuff
 - b. Previously discussed goal of finding a different vendor due to issues with Xcel
 - c. Posed question of whether the store should be available for a limited time each year or all the time

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- d. Multiple responses encouraging availability all the time
 - e. Bart will check with a contact to explore another vendor option
 - f. Henry will check with Montgomery County Road Runners to see which vendor they use
 - g. Henry would like us to use a member who can offer the services
 - h. Valencia will visit Marie this week to discuss past challenges including consistent guaranteed turnaround times and consider future possibilities for a full-time store
7. Recent events
- a. 9/15/19 – Executive Stampede 5K – Jessica Krueger
 - i. 125 finishers (87 PY)
 - ii. No race eval yet
 - b. 9/29/19 – GPS Freeland 15K – Christian and Vicki Creutzer
 - i. 60 finishers (62 PY when held in May)
 - ii. No race eval yet
 - c. 10/6/19 – GPS half marathon – Brian Flowers
 - i. 66 finishers (43 PY)
 - ii. No race eval yet
 - iii. Dan participated
 - d. Gift to Nut - Christy said he received the check
8. Upcoming races
- a. 10/30/19 – BRRRC Halloween Eve Fun Run
 - i. Henry reserved the night for us with Waverly
 - b. 11/2/19 – Baltimore's Night Moves
 - i. Date changed
 - ii. Same format as last night race
 - c. 11/10/19 – Cross Country 5K
 - i. Needs a home
 - ii. Goucher contract/permit - \$860 - expensive
 - iii. Could go back to Jerusalem Mill - far, not a fun course
 - iv. Brian Flowers offered to set up a 5K on pasture trails on his property - maybe two laps - would need to mark and measure a course
 - v. Dan expressed willingness to go with board's decision for location
 - vi. Motion to empower Dan and Henry to make the final decision - approved
 - vii. Henry said he'll push Dan to be the main decision-maker
 - d. 11/30/19 – NCR Marathon
 - i. About 50 percent sold - ahead of last year
 - ii. Showed example of maroon loose-fit long-sleeved UA tech; men's and women's sizes to be available
 - iii. Henry modeled large and medium men's shirts and suggested they run large
 - iv. Also getting blankets and sweatshirts
 - v. Volunteers will get a blanket and a sweatshirt
 - vi. Will post premiums as soon as they're available
 - vii. Henry suggests that sales take off once we advertise premiums
 - viii. Valencia recommends highlighting that the course is Boston certified
 - ix. Henry added that the half marathon is certified, too (to qualify for something like NYC half)
 - e. 12/8/19 – Holiday Hustle and Brunch Social

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- i. Considering race registration of suggested donation to Toys 4 Tots or Santa Claus Anonymous or sticking with \$4
 - ii. Considering how much of brunch to subsidize for members who run - cost of about \$15 per person - subsidized completely last year
 - iii. Moved to cover the cost again this year - approved
 - iv. Valencia will follow up with Christy to coordinate online listing
9. Article from The Aegis about race to benefit Al Cesky Scholarship Fund
 - a. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/harford/aegis/opinion/cng-ag-susquehanna-running-fest-0920-20190919-h7jf6afiuafhwnjx2oreaifngyq-story.html>
 - b. Article suggested much less money went to the intended source
 - c. Bart suggests we don't support what appears to be a for-profit race
 - d. We've fielded requests to recruit volunteers and promote on our web site
10. Timed race - Glenn Smith / Valencia
 - a. Valencia spoke with Glenn - agreed it makes sense not to rush and aim for 2020
 - b. Discussed possibilities of using Herring Run
 - c. Goal to incorporate into race scheduling meeting
11. Race director annual meeting - Bailey
 - a. Bailey plans to have a meeting to discuss next year's race schedule on October 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Towson library
 - b. Bailey requests comments to the schedule he distributed, especially for folks who can't attend the meeting
 - c. Valencia asked to describe process of what is intended to be discussed by email ahead of time versus discussed at the meeting; Bailey said he expected discussion to take place at the meeting
 - d. Bart suggests inviting potential race directors to the scheduling meeting; Bailey agreed and said he's invited a few people; Henry suggested an email blast to announce the meeting to invite widely; Dan said he's interested in shadowing
12. Training programs update (Randy Reitenauer / Robin Goodwin) - Valencia
 - a. They will be wrapping up this week due to target of Baltimore Running Festival
 - b. Issue this weekend at Loch Raven with the environmental police - said we need a permit to run as a group of six people or more
 - c. Valencia called today and discussed; person with whom she spoke said he does not believe we need a permit based on description of what we do but will double-check
13. Awards for 80-to-85 and 85-plus - Christy
 - a. Christy suggests we recognize older runners at events when we recognize age-group awards
 - b. General agreement that such recognition should be at the discretion of race directors
 - c. Henry suggests for races where we recognize age groups, the groupings should be customized as high as the ages of the participants
14. New business
 - a. Scholarship - Christy
 - i. Noted no specific funds remain
 - ii. Reiterated that we have agreed that we will fund scholarships from general funds
 - b. Easy Storage - Christy
 - i. Received notice of large fee increase
 - ii. Christy expressed disappointment; they agreed to not raise our rent

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- c. AED - Christy
 - i. Need to be sure it's at all races
 - ii. Valencia will make a note and tape it to the top of the cash box
 - d. Monetary awards - Christy
 - i. Christy asked if we're giving awards for all races and if they're expenses of the club for the race
 - ii. Stephan Hermann said he paid for awards; Christy reimbursed
 - iii. Henry said he'll check; he thought he already reimbursed him
 - iv. Henry reviewed past board discussion to provide monetary awards at our "ready-set-go" races (simpler races) to promote participation of faster runners
 - v. Henry shared his dream of having Falls Road and Faster Bastards join our club
 - vi. Valencia said she sees monetary awards as an expense of the race
 - vii. Henry noted that largest expense to consider is for NCR marathon
 - e. Seminar on race directing - Christy
 - i. Good idea to review the responsibilities of the race director
 - ii. Discussed need to identify volunteers who are willing to document roles - not just race directing but also board roles
 - f. Sign for port-a-potty we sponsor on NCR trail - Henry
 - i. Henry provided Christy with a photo of a port-a-potty to ask Bobby's Pottys to move the unit to not block the sign
15. Next meetings - November 4 and December 9, 6:30 p.m., at Henry's office

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.