

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Joe Musumeci
Monday, November 4, 2019
Geiger Pump and Equipment
8924 Yellow Brick Rd, Rosedale
6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Attendees	
President	
Vice President	Henry Peck
Treasurer	Christy St. Clair
Secretary	Joe Musumeci
Delegates	
Bart Rein	Dan Hawk (arrived near meeting end)
Hazel Teal	Sally Waller
Scott Finson	Kelli Rostkowski
Members	
Randy Reitenauer	

Meeting started at 6:34 p.m. – Henry last-minute pinch-hitting for Valencia – family emergency

Current Business

1. Mid-distance training recap/report – Randy
 - a. Summer/Fall half-marathon training group – co-led with Ken Furman
 - b. 54 participants (38 female, 16 male)
 - c. 15 weeks – met twice per week – sent weekly emails to participants
 - d. Thursdays at Goucher; Saturdays at Loch Raven or NCR
 - e. Informal attendance records; maintained sign-ins for long runs to keep track of runners
 - f. Recognized 22 finishers at Baltimore Running Festival half marathon
 - g. Focus on getting to the start healthy and finishing
 - h. Set long runs according to time instead of distance to discourage rushing
 - i. Social aspect with gatherings after many runs
 - j. Henry asked about coordination with Couch to 5K – Randy said he’s considering it
 - k. Henry will put Randy in touch with Robin to brainstorm together
 - l. Committed to three Corrigan races for next year (Frederick, B10, BRF)
 - m. Continuing to meet informally leading up to NCR half marathon
 - n. Hazel praised weekly emails as helpful and encouraging
2. Financial report - Christy
 - a. \$185K at 10/31/19 (\$159K at 10/31/18)
 - b. Christy asked if \$1,340 of net proceeds from Executive Stampede race should be deposited in the scholarship-specific account – Henry said that wouldn’t be necessary due to our prior board decision to fund the scholarship from general BRRC funds
3. Membership report - Kelli
 - a. 797 active 2019 members
 - b. Up from 791 from last report in October
 - c. Kelli suggested announcing at the general meeting rolling membership option starting next February
 - d. Henry asked if we wanted to consider adjusting dues – widespread agreement
 - e. Henry proposed discontinuing the student membership since it’s not widely used – discussed then approved dropping the student membership - approved

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4. Membership meeting/nominations/performance awards – Henry
 - a. Joe provided update from nominating committee
 - i. Comprised of Joe, Brian Flowers, and Johnny Lyons
 - ii. Joe to share with Brian and Johnny interest from current board members in pursuing spots on the board next year
 - iii. Then pursuing applications from new candidates and any desired updates from returning candidates
 - iv. Then composing slate of candidates and producing report to share with members ahead of general meeting
5. Symposium – Buddy and Jen
 - a. Henry wasn't aware of particular details; no further discussion; to discuss at next meeting if there are more areas to cover
6. Recent events
 - a. 10/6/19 – GPS half marathon – Brian Flowers
 - i. 66 finishers (43 PY)
 - b. 10/30/19 – BRRC Halloween Eve Fun Run – Henry
 - i. Shared photo from race
 - ii. Shared story and history from Craig, maintainer of Zen garden
 - c. 11/2/19 – Baltimore's Night Moves
 - i. 119 finishers, 2 DNF, 27 DNS (66 PY)
 - ii. A little cold, a little beer left over
 - iii. Netted \$1,230 before donations
 - iv. Valencia had suggested to Bart we donate a park bench
 - v. Bart hesitates because they use the cash we donate to allow kids to participate in programs
 - vi. Bart said he'll ask Kirk his preference
 - vii. Bart proposes keeping a third or a half then spilling the balance to Talmar and Cromwell Valley Park – approved Bart facilitating donations of up to two thirds of the net income
 - d. RRCA-sponsored Women's Distance Festival Award
 - i. Sally discussed certificate of achievement received
 - ii. Henry suggested we mention the recognition next month at the general meeting
7. Upcoming races
 - a. 11/10/19 – Cross Country 5K
 - i. Henry helped to mark course at Brian Flowers's house
 - ii. Brian is mowing the course
 - iii. Planning to offer hot cider and soup for participants
 - iv. Henry suggests we might be able to return to the Ag Center next year
 - b. 11/30/19 – NCR Marathon
 - i. A little over 700 signed up – closing out fast – under 100 spots left
 - ii. Some Baltimore-area elite runners have signed up
 - c. 12/8/19 – Holiday Hustle and Brunch Social
8. Race director annual meeting – really two meetings (one for interested race directors, another for race scheduling)
 - a. Mentorship program – per Henry, useful discussion with a few interested potential race directors; Valencia will pair the interested newcomers with established race directors
 - b. Follow-up items per email from Bailey

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- i. Race director for Executive Stampede – Henry suggests proceeding with scheduled race while soliciting a new race director; at the scheduling meeting, Jessica agreed to offer guidance to a newcomer
- ii. Times needed for some of the trail races – Henry passed along listing to Bart to update
- iii. Date conflict for Too Hot to Trot – Adria expressed interest in August 9 instead ... same day as Bunker Hill trail races; Henry suggested Bart discuss timing with Valencia to figure out if one race should find a different date
- iv. Keeping GPS races as inexpensive (non-premium races), possibly by making premiums optional; returning requirement from three to four races
 1. Henry talked about having no GPS finishers under age 40 a few years ago when required to finish four out of seven races
 2. Talked about adding Too Hot to Trot and a trail race to increase possibilities to nine and also reduce the completion requirement from four to three races with both changes aimed at increasing participation, especially younger participation
 3. Bart expressed support for keeping requirement at three races
 4. Christy discussed the past inclusion of a premium race with backlash from participants, the possibility of competitors completing the series without competing directly against each other, and reports from Johnny and Jessica that it's more difficult to score with more possible participants
 5. Scott likes more races and the three-race completion requirement; wonders if we could swap out Too Hot to Trot for another non-premium race if including a premium race is a concern
 6. Henry talked about adjusting scoring to recognize completion of more than three races; also proposed opening GPS competition to all BRRC races rather than just nine
 7. Polling around the table supported continuation of three races instead of returning to four; Henry proposed continuing the GPS series with the same requirements as current year – approved
 8. Bart noted the need to change the trail race since we can't hold the Gunpowder race next year – suggested Sweet Air instead – approved
- v. Ensure that all Club Challenge participants receive credit for GPS even if they finish the race after Howard County closes the course at two hours and ten minutes
 1. Past practice has been for such participants to report their times to Robin as race captain to then pass along for GPS consideration
 2. Bart noted that not finishing before a course cutoff means not officially completing the race even if the full distance is covered
 3. Hazel agreed and suggested we discourage participation for those who don't expect to finish in the required time
 4. Henry asked if we should include runners in the GPS standings who complete the course after the race cutoff – one vote in favor, six against, one abstention
- vi. Propose a joint venture with Harford County for the Women's Distance Festival and/or adding a men's race to follow the women's race

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1. Henry suggested this would be at the discretion of the race directors
2. Henry likes adding a men's race or simply offering a race open to women and men
- vii. Suggestion to move the annual member picnic to Hammerman Park after WDS – Henry suggests tabling to be up to the race directors
- viii. Adding date and venue information for regularly scheduled training
 1. Randy discussed use of tracks at Goucher and Carver with positives to offer for both locations
9. New business
 - a. Trail awards – Henry discussed his aggregating of data to determine who will be eligible for competing or volunteering at four events; Joe mentioned that he and Erin have been working on a tally and he'll send the updated spreadsheet to Henry
 - b. Henry asked Montgomery Road Runners for input on running team store – he learned that they don't have any particular best practices to offer
10. October meeting minutes – approved with following clarifications
 - a. Christy clarified that she believes Valencia intended to describe the NCR Marathon as a USATF certified marathon distance as opposed to saying the course is "Boston certified"
 - b. Christy asked Bart to clarify the item described as "Bart suggests we don't support what appears to be a for-profit race"; Bart described how everyone got paid at that race but the scholarship fund received nothing; Christy suggests the board should hesitate to take a general position on the topic
11. Next meetings
 - a. December 9, 6:30 p.m., at Henry's office (Henry to check with Valencia to confirm we want to meet so close to the general meeting)
 - b. General meeting December 12 at Perry Hall Library (6 p.m. pizza, 6:30 p.m. meeting start)

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.