

# Baltimore Road Runners Club

## Member and Board Meeting

Recorded by Ann Fraker

Monday, January 6, 2020

Movement Mortgage

555 Fairmount Ave, Towson, MD 21286

6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Attendees	
<b>President</b>	Valencia Hike
<b>Vice President</b>	Bart Rein
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joe Musumeci
<b>Secretary</b>	Ann Fraker
Delegates	
Michelle Barrick	Dan Hawk
Missy Coatrieux	Kelli Rostkowski
Dan Farrell	
Members	
Henry Peck, Past President	

**Meeting started** at 6:32 p.m.

### Current Business

1. Welcome New Board Members
2. Minutes approved from 11/04/19 meeting
3. Membership report - Kelli
  - a. 2020 membership officially opened; converting to rolling membership
  - b. Membership will be active for 365 days
  - c. Current members have a grace period until January 31, 2020 to renew, so if members renew now (01/06/20), their membership will expire on January 31, 2021
  - d. 885 active members as of today
4. BRRC Club License Plates
  - a. Need interest from 25 people to move forward
5. Goucher Contract
  - a. The Goucher contract has vague stipulations regarding when we cannot use the track
  - b. We would like to renegotiate the contract and are looking into this; will follow-up
  - c. BRRC has an annual fee of approximately \$2500 to use the track
  - d. BRRC continues to provide volunteers for a multi-school track meet in the spring but the assignments can be surprising and perhaps not appropriate for someone without experience with particular equipment; e.g., adjusting the pole vault
  - e. Henry suggested possibly increasing our yearly fee to avoid providing volunteers
6. BRRC Scholarships
  - a. Funding formerly came from The Executive Stampede race. The board voted to eliminate funding from this race as it did not raise enough money for the scholarships.
  - b. Later, it was decided that the race would not continue due to lack of a race director and decline in runner participation.
  - c. Recent scholarship funding has come from the BRRC budget.
  - d. Current scholarships are not need-based. We are considering making one of the two scholarships need-based.

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- e. Another option, in addition to the scholarships, is for BRRC to provide some funding to local high schools to assist in their track or cross-country programs (equipment, uniforms).
- 7. Committee Chair and Members
- 8. Race Director Mentorship
  - a. Valencia would like to focus on efficiency with arranging races
- 9. Performance Awards 2020
  - a. Christian is stepping down
  - b. Rachel Rosenblatt has volunteered to take over
- 10. Hall of Fame – Henry
  - a. Considering opening up the criteria to also include volunteers, not just focusing on athletic achievements
- 11. Online voting
  - a. We will likely move to online voting for December 2020 annual meeting
  - b. Other area running clubs are using online voting
- 12. Race Reviews. Tabling some of these races until we have data.
  - a. GPS Cross Country (11/10/19) – Dan
    - i. Await details
  - b. NCR Marathon (11/30/19) – Bart
    - i. More runners than we ever had. 900 registered runners, increased from 850 last year.
    - ii. Goal is to sell out in advance. Continue to sell out earlier and earlier. This year we sold out in early November, then opened a waiting list. 100 people were let in from the waiting list.
  - c. Holiday Hustle & Social Brunch (12/08/19) – Henry
    - i. Await details
  - d. Winter Solstice 34th Street Run and Happy Hour (12/18/19) – Henry and Valencia
    - i. Third year of this gathering
    - ii. Gets bigger every year
    - iii. Free pizza and one beer provided to each member
    - iv. Henry and Valencia would like to continue funding these fun runs, and there was general approval from The Board
  - e. Father Time Frolic (01/01/20) – Nut
    - i. Await details
- 13. Upcoming races
  - a. Frozen Finger Five Miler (01/11/20) – Nut
    - i. We are letting the race director decide if there will be a \$2 entry fee or a donation.
    - ii. When donations are requested, we often bring in more money
  - b. BRRC Library Runs (01/16/20) – Valencia
    - i. Idea is to bring people into the libraries to participate in their events and sign up for a library card
    - ii. Upcoming locales - Pratt Main Library, Pigtown, Herring Run
  - c. GPS 8 Miler (01/26/20) – Johnny
  - d. Superbowl Trail Run (02/02/20) – Bart
    - i. Goal is 400 registered runners

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- e. BRRRC 6 Hour Race – Glen and Valencia
  - i. Race is at Herring Run some time in the spring. Had some issues getting permit. Race details need to be posted to the community, which has an option to dispute the race.
  - ii. More details to follow at next meeting
- 14. 2020 Goals and Suggestions
  - a. Meet and Greet Runs
    - i. Every 3 months
    - ii. Rotating Locations (city and county)
    - iii. The Library Runs are helping to serve this purpose
  - b. Open Group Runs/Training Groups
    - i. Weekly email (locations and times)
    - ii. Posting to BRRRC calendar and social media
  - c. Increase in Attendance at non-race BRRRC functions, training runs or otherwise
  - d. Valencia mentioned a Women's Half Marathon.
  - e. Partnerships with other running clubs; e.g., possibly working with Harford Co. (RASAC) on Women's Race.
  - f. Member of the Month/Newsletter
    - i. Missy Coatrieux has volunteered to write member of the month
  - g. Social Media Presence
    - i. Our Facebook postings have been changed to 'by review only'
    - ii. We now have an Instagram account
  - h. Fat Tuesday Run – Missy
    - i. Looking into this, around Feb. 25, 2020.
    - ii. Considering Checkerspot Brewing Co. or Diamondback Brewery
- 15. New Business
  - a. Next Meeting: 02/03/20 – First Monday of each month

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:35 p.m.