

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting via Zoom

Recorded by Ann Fraker
Monday, July 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Attendees	
President	Valencia Hike
Vice President	Bart Rein
Treasurer	
Secretary	Ann Fraker
Delegates	
Michelle Barrick	Kelli Rostkowski
Dan Hawk	Hazel Teal
Absent: Dan Farrell, David Goldberg, Joe Musumeci, Henry Peck	
Members	

Meeting started at 6:45 p.m.

Current Business

1. Minutes approved from 07/06/20 meeting
2. Membership Report, Kelli Rostkowski
 - a. Proposal to board to extend memberships. Planning to table for now since we have some time to make that decision. Idea is to provide any current members continued membership through all of 2021.
3. Updates
 - a. BRRC License Plates
 - i. MVA opened in early June and continues to run 12 weeks behind on license plates.
 - ii. Valencia had an appointment 7/14/20 with the MVA to discuss plates, and it was cancelled by the MVA, as they are still behind.
 - iii. Members who have registered for a plate will receive refunds, including fees. Email was sent last week.
 - b. BRRC P.O. Box - Key
 - i. With new officers elected in December, we needed to obtain two P.O. box keys from previous officers (Johnny Lyons and Christy St. Clair). Multiple emails have been sent from Valencia and Ann over the course of several months. Ann sent another email to Johnny Lyons and Christy St. Clair 7/13/20. Johnny responded and returned his key to Bart. Christy did not respond to the email request.
 - ii. Ann attempted to follow-up with Christy, calling her home and cell numbers and sending a text message but received no response.
 - iii. We decided to re-key the P.O. box since the keys may not be duplicated, and we need two keys for the officers. After submitting the required paperwork to the Loch Raven Post Office, Ann re-keyed the P.O. Box 7/24/20. Both Bart and Ann have keys. \$30 fee.
3. BRRC/Pratt: Discussion Group
 - a. First meeting was held on (7/17) - 7 attendees
 - b. Next meeting will take place on (8/20 @ 6 PM). Register for the Zoom information here: <https://zoom.us/j/91640212207?pwd=Vnd3d1BVR3pkVGhvaTVDclh0TG9nQT09>
 - c. Facilitated by the Pratt's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer (Cassandra Baker)

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- d. 30 min intro to diversity, equity, and inclusion presentation as it relates to running; 20 min open for Q&A
- 4. Group Runs - Virtual Education Opportunity (through the RRCA): Developing Operational Preparedness Plans for Group Runs During COVID-19
 - a. Greg Hipp, Executive Director of the Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) will walk through CARA's operational preparedness plan for group runs in the time of COVID-19. Greg will discuss how the plan was developed, what procedures are being implemented, and lessons learned as CARA has slowly returned to hosting group runs with these guidelines in place.
 - b. Join us via ZOOM on Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 8:00 PM EST/7:00 PM CST/5:00 PM PST. Plan for an hour session with Q&A opportunities. This event is free, but spots are limited. Please sign-up in advance
 - c. If you are interested, let Valencia know and she will send you the link to register
- 5. BRRC Scholarships
 - a. Private donors
 - b. Designated scholarship fund, not managed by BRRC, but by a separate entity. When the fund is fully endowed, it should be self-funding.
 - c. Adding a needs-based question to the application
 - d. Asking members via email, web, and social media if they are interested in joining the committee
 - e. Adding a donation option to the scholarship page, such as a link to donate
- 6. Member of the Month/Newsletter
 - a. Social media presence
 - b. We are looking for volunteers
- 7. Issues with The Driven
 - a. Very difficult to issue refunds
 - b. Unable to call the company; must email them to generate a ticket and wait for them to contact you.
 - c. Valencia is researching other options for race management.

New Business

- 1. Next Meeting is planned for 9/7/20 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom. This will likely change, as it is Labor Day.
- 2. Race Committee
 - a. Henry Peck and Michelle Barrick have volunteered to assist with the committee
 - b. Valencia would like to review race dates for 2021 sooner rather than later
- 3. Clarification on races
 - a. We haven't yet decided on cancellations of NCR Marathon and Half Marathon.
 - i. Issues are with Oldfields School and their parameters. Grounds will be open only to students, which poses an issue for BRRC using their facilities.
 - ii. Other issue is the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and if they would allow BRRC to hold a race. Based on Gov. Hogan's roadmap, any event larger than 500 people requires a Covid-19 vaccine.
 - iii. The NCR Trail has seen a significant uptick in use due to Covid-19. If the race could occur, the DNR may decide to decrease the number of race participants, since they cannot close the trail during the race.
 - b. We are considering a virtual race but it would be reasonably priced. We also want to make it worthwhile, i.e., perhaps proceeds going to charity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.