

Baltimore Road Runners Club

Member and Board Meeting via Zoom

Recorded by Ann Fraker
Monday, September 14, 2020
6:30 pm

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

Meeting started at 6:38 pm

Current Business

1. Welcome and Wellness Check-In
2. Minutes approved from 7/27/20 meeting
3. Membership Report, Kelli Rostkowski
 - a. Proposal to Board to extend memberships through 2021; board voted in favor
 - b. We are not using The Driven for 2021; considering Run Signup instead
 - c. We have 698 active members as of today
4. Updates
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Race (143 registered)
 - i. Options
 1. Preregistered runners will automatically be registered for the race in 2021 (no action needed) – deferral
 2. Donation to BRRC
 3. Refund minus \$10, to cover registration costs and a portion of our expenses
 - ii. As of 8/19/20
 1. 70% have opened email
 2. 0 have asked for a refund
 3. 3 have responded they are looking forward to 2021 race
 - b. Refunds for license plates and Women's Distance Festival
 - i. Refunds for license plates were issued
 - ii. WDF had 2 registered participants; 1 requested refund, which was granted, and 1 requested a deferral to 2021
5. Race Committee
 - a. 2021 Races have been finalized
 - i. We are looking for a race director for Father's Day 5K
 - b. Cupid's Crush
 - i. Virtual Race (\$0 for logistics) – Johnny Lyons
 - ii. Initial cost of premium – hat plus shipping

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- iii. Stats from 2019 race
 - 1. 280 premiums (\$3000)
 - 2. for 2021 order ~150
- iv. Keep registration cost as low as possible
- v. Johnny is requesting board's approval for virtual race and ordering premiums – board unanimously approved request
- 6. BRRRC/Pratt Discussion Groups
 - a. First meeting held 7/17/20, 7 attendees
 - b. Second meeting held 8/20/20
 - i. August Discussion Topic: Courageous Conversations Around Running and Race
 - ii. Facilitated by the Pratt's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer, Cassandra Baker
 - iii. Susie Bolt (sp?) may get involved with these meetings
- 7. BRRRC Scholarships
 - a. Female award winner Kaoutar Cheji
 - i. Graduate of Dundalk High School
 - ii. Enrolling at Community College of Baltimore County
 - b. Male award winner Ethan Samuels
 - i. Graduate of Dulaney High School
 - ii. Enrolling at University of Maryland, College Park
 - c. The board is determining where checks should be mailed and will provide Joe with details
 - d. Committee Members: Bill Fleck, Christy St. Clair, Gene Grady, Henry Peck
 - e. Private donors – endowed fund. Bart is looking into establishing an endowed fund.
 - f. Designated scholarship fund
 - i. Goal is to accrue a scholarship fund to approximately \$150,000 dollars so that we may rely on investment income to fund the yearly scholarships.
 - ii. As a club, how much money do we need as a reserve? Could any reserves be transferred to a scholarship fund?
 - iii. Joe will research our data from the last 5 years
 - iv. We will table this and re-evaluate
 - g. Ann would like to donate once a designated, endowed fund is established
 - h. Adding a needs-based question to the application
 - i. Asking members via email, web, and social media if they are interested in joining the committee
 - j. Adding a donation option to the scholarship page
- 8. BRRRC's 50th Anniversary – 2021
 - a. What will 2020 look like re: end of the year celebration, awards, election?
 - i. We do have an electronic election option, if needed
 - ii. We may need to change the bylaws to allow online voting
 - b. Thoughts on our 50th end of year celebration for 2021
- 9. Reconsidering the Hall of Fame guidelines
 - a. Will address at next meeting
- 10. 2020 NCR Marathon
 - a. Strongly considering a virtual race since it is unlikely that DNR would grant access to the trail
 - b. Oldfields parents are not allowed on campus, so it is extremely unlikely that 800+ runners would be permitted on campus, even if we opted not to use the gym
 - c. Bart estimates we could get 300 people interested in running a virtual race
- 11. Treasurer's Report – Joe
 - a. We are on par with last year's financials

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New Business

1. Next meeting 10/5/20 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm