

RVRR Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2016

Attendees: 2016 BOD

1. Call meeting to order at 7:05

Shannon, Eric, Angela, Bob, Bonnie, Marvin, Mike, and Will are present. Ray and Tom have joined.

Shannon thanks the board for work while she was gone.

2. Last meeting minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bob

Eric gives Bob some tips on the spreadsheet.

Profit from Rock Run will be about \$600 after trophies paid for. The pi run paid for itself nearly exactly.

4. Old Business

a. Membership renewal

a.i. Eblast list was culled

About 275 people are on the eblast.

The number seems low compared to previous years. Shannon thinks some people are waiting for April to renew.

Bob thinks there should be an automatic reminder.

Shannon will send personal reminders to renew membership in another month.

b. Newsletter: Eric

b.i. Do you have enough content/what do you need for 4/15?

Ray will do a brief newsletter article about the "Train"ing Run by April 15.

Shannon will write an article.

Eric will ask team captains for Miles4Music articles.

Eric could reprint Madeline Bost's article.

Mike will do pi run article.

c. Speed workouts

c.i. Payment (anything else?)

Girls on the Run and recreation program are at HP track on Tuesdays.

So the track is very busy—too busy for our speed workouts.

Mondays or Wednesdays would have been better.

Pete should check with Angela before next workout.

d. HP advertisement: Angela

Ad has been submitted and should appear in April.

5. New Business

a. Unite Half Expo table signup, Saturday, April 16

a.i. Materials

Those who arrive at first shift should have materials. A fifteen-minute overlap in shifts will allow communication between incoming and outgoing shifts about whereabouts of materials.

b. Wednesday night dinners, how's it going?

Wednesday night dinners have picked up.

A \$20 discount received at one dinner was added to the \$10 raffle discount.

418 Burgers' prices up, says Marvin.

Bob says 4-5 places should be approached in advance and discounts requested.

Suggested dining spots are Stuff Yer Face, Destination Dogs, Pinos, Pad Thai, El Sol, Costa Chica, and Corner Tavern. Pinos offered a discount

Shannon will put the schedule of dinners in eblast & FB 4 weeks in advance.

c. Spring kickoff breakfast: Saturday, April 23 at Mahesha's

c.i. Signup

c.ii. What does club provide?

Club provides paper products, eggs & pancake mix.

Shannon will create a list of groceries for the Kickoff Breakfast and give it to Mahesha; he can get supplies and be reimbursed.

Special eblast day before kickoff breakfast and slips of paper handed out at the Saturday run that morning will provide the address.

d. Miles for Music Email

Check from Joel has not been received.

In 2012 the board gave them \$1500 as seed money.

There was a \$3k loan, which was repaid.

We invested each of the 5 years with volunteers and got a good return.

This year the profit was small. Years 2, 3, 4 we got at least \$1000.

Does RVRP want to take on a 20k race to replace M4M?

We're struggling to fulfill our current obligations, so it might be difficult to do this.

Participation dropped off due to Garden State's boycott. Garden State renegades run as Freedom team.

Joel may continue to help schools with 5k and 1 mile races. We would need a champion to fill the 20k void. Shannon does not think there is such a champion..

USATF would like a 20k and also a 12k, Mike points out.

Should we take Joel's check and call it quits?

Tom suggests that Joel had decided to quit M4M before the numbers we're down due to Garden State's boycott.

We should acknowledge Joel's contributions.

Ray thinks that Joel was really asking for support, and that we should not accept the check but loan it to Joel for the 5K and 1 mile races.

Tom supports Ray's suggestion to loan the money back for the 5K and 1 mile. Shannon thinks we should give them the opportunity to refuse.

The agreement says that the \$1.5k will not be paid back. Also in the contract, if the M4M goes out of business the funds will go to a charity.

Angela says the truest to the contract would be to accept \$1k not 1.5k.

Shannon will draft our official response to Joel.

The board votes to send Joel a thank you note and:

Option a: to take \$500 + 1500

Option b: to take \$1000 but return the balance, holding to agreement

(The race was profitable for us, no matter what we decide.)

Option a was chosen by the majority of board members.

e. The "Train"ing Run

Should we invite other running clubs to sign up for the "Train"ing Run and give them the RVRR discount? We could afford to have everyone sign up for \$20 and RVRR will not lose money.

We will contact other running clubs to invite them to participate.

Tom will contact TWA trail with us about the "Train"ing Run.

Mike will contact Rose city & Clifton.

Angela will take Jersey City.

Eric will look into the Freedom Runners.

Shannon will take the balance.

We could use a code or have them type in that they belong to a NY/NJ running club.

Ray is changing the online application so that any member of a NJ/NY running club gets the \$20 price.

f. Bob thinks we should promote a new 1 mile race.

g. HP 5k sponsorship vote

\$250 for T-shirt sponsor, run is Sunday, May 1st. Funds go to Police/Fire departments and for upkeep of track. Tim Morgan will be at the RVRR table.

Will joined club through table.

The board votes unanimously for sponsorship.

Angela will contact HP about T-shirt sponsorship.

h. Other upcoming runs

In May the Wednesday night run will be on the transition course. In June it will be at Grove 5.

Roadrunners sports will donate shoes if we mention them on the website and at the Wednesday and Saturday runs.

What about a winter course prediction run, backward run, scavenger run?

We will combine backwards run and guess your time. Bob will stand with a watch to time finishers rather than run. It will be on April 27th.

Erik says the scavenger run should be last run on the winter course, in order to have the most light possible. That would be May 4. The next 3 weeks will be on the transition course.

Shannon will email Tom about organizing the scavenger run.

EBRR needs a race director as Angela will be having baby.

East Brunswick wants the race moved to September.

Angela will email Mahesha, Adam, and Shreeny about helping out with EBRR.

Eric will be EBRR treasurer.

Bonnie will do an EBRR T-shirt design.

Bob thinks we should have finish line tape for EBRR etc. with RVRR on it.

Bob will look into finish line tape.

6. Adjournment at 8:55.
 - a. Next meetings Monday, May 2 and Monday, June 6