



Montgomery County Road Runners Club Board Meeting

February 8, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 Board Meeting

Location: Shady Grove Hospital, Dogwood Room

Board Members present: Mike Acuña – President, , Sri Rapaka - Treasurer, , Gretchen Bolton – At Large, Dave Haaga - At Large, Cortney Sloan – At Large, Jim Farkas – At Large, Brad Stewart - At Large

Absent: Ken Earley- Vice-President, Andrea Keane-Myers - Secretary

Minutes Prepared By: Gretchen Bolton

Ashley Zuraf, Director of Operations, was also present. The Monthly Operations Report which was circulated to Board members will be posted separately.

New/Old Business/Updates:

Committees Review: MCRRC President Mike Acuna explained the review of the committee structure that Ken Earley, VP, is undertaking.

New Committees: Two new committees have been established: 1) the “Tri” Committee to look into establishing some kind of cross-training program for the growing group of members who are interested in triathlons; 2) the Strategic Advisory Committee, with the purpose of defining the club’s “value proposition” for the future and implementing a program of communications and marketing.

Greenway Trails coalition: Gretchen Bolton reported that the re-establishment of a trail coalition is in formative stages. Gretchen will be representing the club along with Phil Epstein, who has agreed to represent the My Muddy Shoes group. Virginia Happy Trails Running Club is also on board, and other groups are being approached.

ParkRun: Dave Haaga reported on the club’s collaboration with the new Montgomery County area ParkRun group. We will sponsor the weekly runs once a quarter. The first trial run had 20 participants.

PubRuns: A report was made on the PubRuns, now under Brian Murphy’s leadership. These easy runs occur on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at a local pub/brewery/bar for an easy run followed by post-run refreshments meeting back at the pub.

RRCA convention: Ashley will be representing the club at the RRCA Convention, being held this year in the DC area on the same week as the Cherry Blossom 10 miler. The benefits of MCRRC's participation were discussed. As Ashley will only be able to cover some convention sessions, she noted that the agenda is on the RRCA website if any Board members also want to go.

Awards: Mike discussed the awards to be presented at the Awards Brunch, following the Piece of Cake race. It was moved, seconded and passed that a new Humanitarian Award be established and presented annually, in addition to the usual awards.

Staffing Discussion: The Board went into executive session to discuss staffing questions.

Round Table Discussion and Announcements:

Ashley reported on the very successful Women's Self-Defense class, which had 65 participants.

Mike reiterated the importance of club members' compliance with permit requirements at the tracks that we use for training programs and the consequences if club members are in violation of the rules. Additional efforts will be made to inform program participants and to enforce these rules.

Cortney Sloan asked Board members to review her edits of the remaining policy items on the website so that they can be finalized. She also reminded us that two small changes proposed last month in the Constitution and By-Laws will come to a vote at the Annual Meeting, March 18.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM .

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Bolton, in the Secretary's absence