



Montgomery County Road Runners Club Board Meeting

Date and Time: March 13, 2025, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: MCRRC clubhouse

Board Members: Brian Murphy—President, Sherene Sepehri—Vice President, Jane Heinrichs—Secretary (absent); Michael Patrick—Treasurer; Jim Dahlem—At Large; Shlomo Fishman—At Large; Deb Griffin—At Large (and Secretary Pro Tempore); Eric London—At Large; Libby Miller—At Large (absent)

Staff:

Ashley Zuraf—Executive Director

Heather Sissan—Operations Director

Call to order

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm, and the Board went into an executive session from 7:20 to 7:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes

Jim motioned to approve the February minutes, and Shlomo seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes.

Executive Director Reports

Ashley distributed the report before the meeting. Membership as of March 10, 2025, is 3,681, a decrease of 14 from the 3,695 reported in February. Topics included the annual awards banquet (sold out, with a waitlist), spring programs, and track permits (MCC Tuesdays; MCC/Blair Wednesdays).

Financials and Reserves

Michael distributed the Treasurer's update before the meeting. Topics covered included the Club's 2025 financials and investments. Michael noted positive inflows and returns.

Communication Committee

Libby distributed a report regarding the Communications Committee before the meeting. In that report, Libby noted that the Ambassador program is working well. Ambassadors have been wearing Club gear at runs and races and sharing promo codes. The Club can track registrations related to the program. The committee is looking into more live Instagram sessions, and testing paid social media ads to target audiences.

Program Committee

Deb provided an update regarding the Program Committee. She noted that the committee has scheduled a course in May for new program directors. Larry Feidelseit will lead the course. Deb sought \$500 to rent the Rockville Senior Center and provide beverages. Jim motioned to approve the expense, and Shlomo seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion. Michael added that assistant program directors can run track programs on the Eastern County tracks to serve the members.

Race Committee

Jim provided an update regarding the Race Committee. Topics included the remaining 2025 races and races slated for 2026.

Medical Committee

Shlomo provided an update regarding the Medical Committee. He noted that the committee reviewed and approved the Club's medical boxes and established procedures to help ensure they remain up to date. Jim and Shlomo discussed bringing the Medical and Race committees together to discuss ongoing procedures.

Board Transition Process

The MCRRC Nominating Committee conducted a months-long nomination and selection process and recently announced its recommendations for candidates to the Board. The online vote to elect the 2025-2026 MCRRC Board of Directors slate will open on Sunday, March 23 (during the Annual Business Meeting/Awards banquet) and remain open until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, March 25. The election results will be officially announced once the online poll has closed, and a membership quorum of votes has been verified.

Brian discussed the Board transition process, noting that the incoming Board typically meets for an informal meeting and dinner in April.

Roundtable/Other Business

The Board thanked the outgoing board members, Sherene, Jim, Shlomo, and Libby, for their board service. Other topics included the Club's 2025 marketing schedule, and Eric noted that the Club is searching for a graphic designer to design new logos for the Club.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:01.

Addendum, March 23, 2025—Annual Business Meeting and Awards Banquet

Brian provided opening remarks at the MCRRC Annual Business Meeting and Awards Banquet. He introduced Conroy Zien, who discussed the Nominating Committee's nomination and selection process, along with the recommended candidates for the Board for the 2025-2026 term. Member Jeff Gitlin motioned to approve, and member Al Navidi seconded the motion. The MCRRC membership approved the Committee's recommended candidates for the 2025-2026 Board. Member voting opened, and members began voting using a QR code or online.

Addendum, March 26, 2026

The online poll closed on Tuesday, March 25. On March 26, the Club confirmed a membership quorum for the election and revealed the 2025-2026 slate of Board members to the membership.