Montgomery County Road Runners Club Board Meeting

Date and Time: February 19, 2026, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: MCRRC Clubhouse

Board Members: Brian Murphy—President; Eric London—Vice President Jane Heinrichs—Secretary; Michael Patrick—Treasurer; Deb Griffin—At Large; Bruce Lemieux—At Large; Monika Schneider—At Large (absent); Matthew Von Hendy—At Large; Vacant—At Large

Staff: Ashley Zuraf—Executive Director

Guest: Danny Talmage, member

1. Call to order

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Meeting Minutes

Matt moved to approve the January meeting minutes, which Eric seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Executive Director Reports

Ashley distributed her report in advance of the meeting. As of February 19, 2026, Club membership totals 3,933 members, which reflects a decrease of 26 from 3,959 in January. Ashley provided updates on the 2026 Annual Meeting, track permits, and upcoming races.

4. Financials

Patrick circulated his financial report to the Board in advance of the meeting. He noted that the Club continues to demonstrate strong financial performance and reserve levels.

The Board briefly discussed the Club's oldest van. Danny reported that he had received interest to purchase the vehicle by a nearby tenant. The Board discussed selling the van. Deb moved to authorize

Danny to explore selling the oldest Club van and to seek potential buyers. Jane seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

5. Pike's Peek

Brian welcomed Danny to the meeting to discuss the Pike's Peek race and related race-director activities. Danny, who has served as race director for approximately 25 years, provided an overview of planning efforts and current priorities. The discussion was intended to provide the Board with greater visibility into race planning and potentially inviting race directors to present updates to the Board four to six months before their events.

Danny also discussed several operational topics, including race shirts, sponsor engagement for both Pike's Peek and the Parks Half Marathon, and participation trends. He noted that the largest race expense continues to be post-race food. Team captains are expected to return this year.

The Board discussed strategies to increase participation in Pike's Peek, including promoting the course as a net-downhill, personal-record-friendly course, highlighting the race's championship status, attracting a stronger elite field, and expanding advertising and marketing efforts.

The Board discussed the possibility of designating a person specifically responsible for advertising and marketing.

Danny noted that the Parks Half Marathon course may be revised once the County's Purple Line and trail improvements are completed. Separately, the Board discussed the possibility of holding a summer mile race in Silver Spring in conjunction with a local parade.

6. Bylaws Member Vote

Jane led a discussion on the ongoing bylaws revision project, focusing on next steps for obtaining member approval of the proposed amendments.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding the member vote during the Annual Awards meeting. The Board also considered hosting a Zoom information session approximately one week prior to the vote to allow members to ask questions and provide feedback. The pros and cons of holding the vote during the Annual Awards meeting were discussed.

Jane will circulate the proposed revised bylaws and related information to the Board.

7. Gear

Bruce discussed the ongoing project to use a portion of the Club's reserves to provide technical racing shirts for members. He reviewed preliminary design and color concepts and discussed survey results gathered from program directors and race directors.

Bruce will continue working with RnJ Sports to develop shirt options and will present final proposals to the Board for review.

8. Programs/Awards

Deb provided an update on the on the Program Committee. The Committee is considering creating a Program Leadership Award, which could recognize either a program director or an individual coach. The

Program Committee would determine the recipient based on multiple factors, including program survey results and overall program impact.

Additional topics discussed included expanding programming related to major local races such as the Army Ten Miler, replacing the existing 10K training program with a 10-mile training program, and continued development of the new Program Director training initiative, which has helped strengthen program leadership.

9. Survey

Eric reviewed the results of the recent membership survey. The Board discussed sharing highlights of the results with members, such as through *Ins and Outs* and *Intervals*.

Eric noted that the survey responses provided useful feedback on topics including pace inclusion and interest in additional social events. The Board agreed that the survey provided valuable insights and discussed conducting the survey annually going forward.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.