



Montgomery County Road Runners Club Board Meeting

Date and Time: July 16, 2026, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Zoom Remote

Board Members: Brian Murphy – President, Eric London – Vice President, Michael Patrick - Treasurer, Deb Griffin – Secretary, Monika Schneider – At Large, Bruce Lemieux – At Large, Matthew Von Hendy –At Large (absent) , James Jalandoni– At Large , (absent) Gordon Li – At Large

Staff: Ashley Zuraf – Executive Director(absent) ; Heather Sissan

1. Call to order

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

2. Meeting Minutes

Monika moved to approve the June meeting minutes, which Bruce seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Executive Director Reports

Ashley distributed her report in advance of the meeting. As of July 8, 2026, Club membership totals 4,097 members, which reflects a decrease of 1 from 4,098 in June.. Ashley provided updates on the programs, track permits, and upcoming races.

4. Financials

Michael provided an overview of the finances of the club. Overall results look worse year-over-year, however, this is almost entirely due to the timing of key expenses for major races and the ordering of free member t-shirts. The club is on top of the tax filings.

5. Races

Monika provided an update for the upcoming races. The Committee is working with Montgomery Parks for the permitting for the fall races.

6. Programs

Deb provided updates from the Program Directors Committee meeting. The committee will discuss a Program Matcher Tool with James. In addition, they discussed communications between Program Directors and Committee for program changes. The committee will hold exit interviews with each Program Director at the conclusion of their programs.

James updated the group on conversations with the Latino Health Initiative of Montgomery County. They are releasing a formal request for proposal tailored to our initial idea of linking their Community Health Workers to the Fall 5K Run/Walk Program as a pilot for a larger future partnership. They plan on having that proposal live in the coming weeks and are prepared to complete the process before the fall 5K kickoff on August 19.

7. Tech Proposals for Membership

James emailed us a proposal for a one-time budget to purchase tablets for Stone Mill and Other races. This way we can track runners on the spot. The Tech Committee will follow up with more thoughts on device management when we meet next. We could also use it for volunteer check in. James Proposed this via email and Deb motioned to second it. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

8. Shirts

Bruce updated the Board with the t shirt order. Ashley and Bruce are sorting the shirts among the Program Registration to consolidate orders and pick-ups. There are discussions for streamlining the pick-up process when the shirts arrive.

9. Volunteering

Monika provided a report from 2011 that highlighted the challenges of recruiting, retaining and rewarding MCRRC volunteers. Many of the observations and recommendations remain a challenge today. Discussions included how we can make volunteering part of our mission and foundation. The Board discussed changing the site to highlighting the volunteer role and making it a more robust part of the website.

10. Run Club Culture

Deb discussed ideas for being a welcoming club for new members. Specifically highlighting a Runner's World Digital article dated 7/16/2026 that is titled "What you should know Before your First Run Club". We will have articles in ins and outs as well as intervals to promote club members as ambassadors for the club experience.

11. Policy Documents

Deb proposed that we approve the updated policy and Gordon seconded the motion. The Board discussed adding an acknowledgement of Runner Safety for Programs into the Run sign up. All other board members voted unanimously for the updates. Code of Conduct will be updated separately. The Board discussed adding an acknowledgement of Runner Safety for Programs into the Run sign up.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Brian adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.