

Lehigh Valley Road Runners Board

March 17, 2021

Present: (All via Zoom) Leslie Billowitch, Brian Schaffer, Brian Patterson, Neal Novak, Janie Slamon, Jill Forsythe, Meredith Longo, Ingrid Moore, Mitchell Hanna, Rob Blizzard, Lloyd Trego.

Excused: Loretta Dodson, Lisa Bellito

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm; a quorum was present. Having been previously distributed to Board members, Neal moved the February 2021 minutes be approved with corrections, Lloyd seconded, and Board unanimously approved the February regular meeting minutes. Minutes of the executive session had also been distributed to Board members; Meredith moved minutes be approved, Neal seconded and those minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented; Meredith moved the report be accepted, Brian Patterson seconded and the Report was accepted. Brian Schaeffer mentioned that as Treasurer he receives scam requests for fund dispersals, and believes this is because Board member email addresses are listed publicly on the website. These email addresses will be removed from the website.

Meeting commenced with an introduction and welcome to new Board members

Old Business

On February 21, 2021, Board member Tim Lambert submitted his resignation. When votes were tabulated at the February 2021 Board meeting to fill the two (2) Board vacancies present at that time, Ingrid Moore and Mitchell Hanna had amassed the most votes and were selected to fill those positions. Rob Blizzard had the next most votes, and accordingly, Rob was approved to fill the vacant position created by Tim's resignation.

New Business

City of Allentown - Leslie spoke with Allentown representative Lucinda regarding the Summer Series, and Lucinda will evaluate the request considering there will be no outside services, EMS or vendors associated with these small events.

February Funk recap – Jill confirmed it was a success and will provide a summary on the club website. Considering the robust participation, will be considered for repeat next year.

Grants – Jill has been contacted by both Allentown School and Bethlehem Area School Districts. Given the cancellation of track seasons, grants will be deferred until next year. Considering the availability of resources for grants, it was discussed that it would be a good idea to publicize to nonprofits and schools that grant money is available.

January Ice Scraper Series race – was virtual, there were 74 participants.

Emmaus 4 Mile – Lloyd reported for Lisa. Registration will be capped at 200 runners, race will employ social distancing and start in waves. Age group winners will receive medals, all participants will receive mugs.

Kids Race – Loretta sent her report in advance. There will be three (3) races at Bicentennial Park, Northampton County. Race dates are June 26, July 10 and August 7, 2021. Number of children in each race will be dependent upon the state mandated capacity limits.

Scholarships – Meredith reported. Scholarship application forms are being prepared. The Tom Illick Memorial Scholarship has been increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Outreach – Lloyd has attended meetings with Trexler Game Preserve, Ironton Rail-Trail and Emmaus Recreation Board. Also discussed was the Wildlands Conservancy, which has trails. Discussion regarding grants, outreach activity and cooperation with local trail groups concluded that such cooperation is consistent with both the LVRR mission statement and RRCA purpose. It was agreed that this stance should be publicized.

There being no further business, Brian Patterson moved for adjournment, Ingrid seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting scheduled April 21, 2021 at the Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Slamon
Secretary