

## Lehigh Valley Road Runners Board

April 21, 2021

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Lehigh Valley Road Runners (LVRR) was held at the clubhouse on April 21, 2021. Present: Leslie Billowitch, Brian Patterson, Neal Novak, Janie Slamon, Jill Forsythe, Mitchell Hanna, Rob Blizard, Lloyd Trego, Loretta Dodson, Lisa Bellito. Brian Schaffer, Ingrid Moore and Meredith Longo participated via telephone.

Meeting commenced at 7:00; a quorum was present. Having been previously distributed to Board members, Lisa moved the March 2021 minutes be approved with corrections, Loretta seconded, and Board unanimously approved the March regular meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report, also distributed in advance, was discussed; Lloyd moved the report be accepted, Loretta seconded and the Report was accepted.

### Old Business

#### 1. Electronic Activity:

- a. On Monday, March 26, 2021 President Leslie Billowitch e-mailed all members of the Board of Directors a motion to approve verbiage for publication:
  - i. summarizing the fact that financially supporting local trail systems is consistent with the Club's mission to develop and promote running in the Lehigh Valley; and
  - ii. an invitation to local schools, organizations and nonprofits to submit electronic grant requests.

Motion approved by majority vote.

- b. On Monday, March 29, 2021 President Leslie Billowitch forwarded a request from the City of Allentown Parks Department requesting a contribution of \$5,000 to purchase 600-800 tons of tail mix so the Department could stone 6 plus miles of trails in the Parkway. The request was accompanied by a motion to approve this expenditure request. Motion approved by majority vote.
- c. On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, President Leslie Billowitch canvassed Board members via email regarding the commencement date of the recreational runs in the Parkway. Board members decided via e-vote to start the runs in May, and therefore the first race will be May 5, 2021.

2. Half Marathon – Neal reported that due to present COVID19 rules, Half Marathon participation is capped at 1,500 runners; more than 800 have already registered. Allentown School District still uncertain about access to its facilities, including finish in J. Birney Crum Stadium. Present plans are for start in waves, with 10 minutes between wave starts.
3. Grants – Jill reported that the Palmerton Track Booster Club was awarded \$750 for shirts to outfit the middle school and high school track teams.

4. Emmaus 4 Mile Recap- Lisa reported race went well, making \$4,500, all 144 participants complied with established protocols.
5. Kids Race - Loretta reported series scheduled for Bicentennial Park in Northampton County. An ambulance will be present, a promotional video has been prepared. Grab & Go bags containing race #s, pins, water and snack will be available. Loretta moved that the Club make a \$200 donation to Bicentennial Park, Lloyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Scholarships – Meredith said that forms have been updated and the committee is in the process of collecting applications.
7. Summer Series – Leslie confirmed the first race will be May 5, 2021. Runners will be capped at 200, will use QR barcodes which can later be scanned for results, no tents, sound systems or EMS presence and the clubhouse will remain closed.

#### New Business

1. Saturday and Wednesday group runs have resumed; First Strides still in planning stages.
2. Women's 5K Classic is presently scheduled for October 2, 2021. LVRR has traditionally been a Pink Ribbon Sponsor and Neal moved the Club donate \$5,000 to continue the sponsorship. Lisa seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
3. Business owners inquiring about providing services at races should be directed to advertising and sponsorship info and procedures.

There being no further business, Brian Patterson moved for adjournment Lisa seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting scheduled May 19, 2021 at the Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Slamon  
Secretary