

STARVED ROCK RUNNERS, LTD

July 20, 2021

SRRL Board Meeting

Illinois Valley YMCA - Peru , Illinois

SRRL Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Janine Sobin, President. A moment of silence was requested by the president for Rick Coleman, a board member who passed away.

Board members present: Joe Bornac, Kory Katkus, John Thomas, Greg Vaccaro, Janine Sobin, Dan Rolando, Teresa Messersmith, Mitchell Hobbs, Carol Pratt, Theresa Hart, Randy Pratt and Mary Beth Potthoff.

Board members absent: Cathy Berry, Ryan Bell and Rosanne Abbott.

Visitors present: Bob Zeglis, Bob Rehn.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** A correction for this meeting's venue was changed from the Right Spice to the Illinois Valley YMCA after the minutes from June 15, 2021 were emailed to board members. With this correction made, Greg Vaccaro made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Theresa Hart. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** The club had a net loss of approximately \$1500, which is basically due to the insurance being paid which was \$1819. Kory Katkus made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Teresa Messersmith. Treasurer's Report was approved as shared.

**Circuit:** The Evergreen run was not listed on the circuit. Runners should be self recording or reporting to Kory. An email should be going out with a link to the sheets page. Carol Pratt indicated that 16 females and 11 male club members are receiving plaques thus far. Younger runners will be added to this list if they have completed more than 1 circuit race. Kory was concerned because the Underground 5K used the SRR Logo on their flyers. He was wondering if this would confuse runners as to who was putting this on. Consensus was to just let it go.

**Equipment:** No report.

**Website:** No report.

**Pacesetter:** Articles are due August 15. Kory will compose an article about self-reporting and Carol will create a Memorial article about Rick Coleman. Mitch will summarize the Dog Days 5K and will also inform readers about the annual Turkey Trot Run in Oglesby.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.** Banquet Planning – Still planning to have the picnic style/awards banquet on August 28 from noon to 3 p.m. Circuit awards will be given out and a 50/50 raffle as well as the popular quilt raffle will be held. Bob Zeglis suggested after this season, we get a synopsis and definition of the additional (special) awards. Frisbees were ordered to pass out at the picnic and will also be given to the participants in the Kids Running Clinic.
- B.** Bingo is going well. We have assisted once a month since March. Mary Beth has a list of 4 additional people to call if we are asked to help next month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Appointment of Open Seat – President Sobin indicated that the board is going to decide who takes this position between the 2 individuals who were not chosen in the last election-Bob Zeglis and Jeremy Jenkins. The board members voted and the executive committee counted the votes in executive session. Bob Zeglis will fill this seat until the next election.
- B.** Run the Path – We still have no approval from the DNR and the city of Utica is asking each participant to sign an additional waiver if they run. They said we cannot run along, nor cross 178 or we would have to get a permit from IDOT. Running toward Ottawa gets too narrow and will it be cut and by whom? As a result, after some deliberation, it was decided by the directors and Bob Rehn to move this years Run the Path to Putnam County. The race will start and end at Putnam County Jr. High. They will not charge us to use the cafeteria area and the county is ok with us using the roads. It will be a 10K on Nov 6, and part of the “Fat Ass” course will be used. Flyers will be printed and a port a potty will also be secured for the day. Janine asked board members to work on getting sponsors for this run.
- C.** Member Request – Kory Katkus got an email from a member who had an 18 month old daughter killed in an accident and he asked if we could help and support in any way to his cause-helping to prevent childhood accidents. According to by laws we cannot make a financial contribution a cause. However, we would support a race if one is to be held. Kory will respond accordingly.

**D. Race Review:**

1. La Salle 5K – went well, Joe Bornac thanked all the volunteers and participants. Thanks to Manessa Trench for taking photos!!
2. Run 4 Glory 5K – Nice and Smooth were words to describe this run. 126 participants registered and between 45-48 club members ran. Carol Pratt questioned why the course was short.
3. Dog Days 5K- Was a fun run and Mitch once again thanked the Pratt Family for volunteering. 20 runners signed up race day and 125 runners registered. Paper applications will be available for the races which Mitch is the Director.

**E. Upcoming Circuit Races –**

1. The Taste 5K-August 7. 11 registered thus far. The course will have to be altered slightly due to construction areas on West Street and at numerous intersections. The race starts at 8 a.m. Adam Thorsen will relay the route change to the Peru Police Dept. The city will purchase the shirts for race participants and volunteers. We need 40 Participants to break even.
2. Turkey Trot – Mitch asked what time the board members thought this race should start. After a brief discussion, a 9:00 a.m. start time was decided upon.

**RECALL:**

Concerns about updated photos on the website was brought up. The club does not own a camera so these pictures are the most recent ones we have. This matter will be further discussed at a later date.

Greg Vaccaro also asked if our meeting time could be changed to 6:30, rather than 7 o'clock since the Y closes at 8. We will check on this suggestion with the Director of the YMCA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mary Beth Potthoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kory Katkus. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by President, Janine Sobin.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 17, 2020 at the Illinois Valley YMCA. Time is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Potthoff, Secretary SRRL

