April Board Meeting, Dracut office, 1934 Lakeview Ave, 7:00pm, April 11st

In attendance: Kelly, Cindy, Jeff, Jessica, Dave Penn, John M., Matt, Glenn, Jason, Scott

1. Membership Committee Report/Update:

As of Current Apr-16 Apr -15 4% Current Paid Members (2016 and Beyond) 439 455 New Memberships in 2016 2016 2015 2014 2016 2015 2014 23 Jan 11 13 July 5 4 7 Feb 14 11 19 August 8 27 March 9 12 24 September 25 April 17 10 16 October 26 13 May 23 17 November 17 25 June 20 37 December 13

See Report for New Members

Coming up with a "Welcome Packet" for new members.

2. Communication Committee Report/Update:

Social media stats from Michele:

Facebook - 270 friends

Facebook Group - 1017 members

Instagram - 38 followers Twitter - 218 followers

Ron updated the website to a new theme last week. A bump or two to start, but I think it looks pretty good. He's going to work on getting the Facebook account and/or group integrated. Any other suggestions there?

Next newsletter will be end of April. I still need to write a hall of fame post. Any bio information on the new inductees would be great. Once the awards are finalized I'll write one up for that as well. When should I post that? Assuming after everyone is notified, but how far ahead of the banquet?

3. Social Committee Report/Update:

Kelly

Matt

- a. Spinner's Night, 40 tickets, Maybe Aug for a date.
- b. Runzilla Was moved to August. Will put on hold until we get more concrete plans from Fred.
- d. Application submitted for Shedd Park, July 31st
- e. Worse Race Picture for June Meeting, announced at May meeting
- F. Ideas for n adult night: Tilki Bar at Nashoba (plan B) MVP @ Tewksbury (June 5th?) Paintball w/BBQ (out) July 25th "club meeting" self defense with the Lowell Police.

Volunteer Opportunities

Fudgcilce Boston Training Runs Westford RR Berna's (Guys) East End Club 5K
Baystate Memorial Kerouac Mill Cities Baystate Marathon Weekend

4. Race Committee Report:

Glenn

Add to the schedule The 10K National Masters Championship at the James Joyce Ramble on April 24th. I will be contacting the GLRR Masters (40+) who are USATF members. We traditionally pay entry for this event.

Will be sending email to the club about Boston Marathon Teams. We do this for fun - and maybe a little competitive too. 63 runners for Boston

Right after Boston is the Westford Road Race (May 1st). Volunteer page is already up: http://vols.pt/yQCg92 11 of 41 spots filled so far.

Up Coming Races:

April 12th - The start of Good Times - every Tuesday - Lowell

April 24th. James Joyce Ramble, National Masters 10K Championship.

May 1st - Westford Road Race

May 8th - Nancy's Mother's Day Race (5K) - Chelmsford

2016 Grand Prix Series

Sunday, March 6th, An Ras Mor, Cambridge, MA, 5K

Sunday, March 20th, New Bedford Half, New Bedford, MA, Half

Sunday, Aug 14th, Bobby Doyle 5-miler, Narragansett, RI, 5mi

Saturday, Aug 27th, New Hampshire 10-miler, Auburn, NH, 10mi

Sunday, Sept 11th, Seasons 20K, Acton, MA 20K

Sunday, Sept 25th, Lone Gull 10K, Gloucester, MA 10K

Sunday, November 6th, Manchester City Marathon, Manchester, NH Full

David

5. Youth Committee Report/Update:

Youth track meet will be Thursday April 21st at Cawley (permit pending) - 12 to 5 - free for kids grades 2 to 8.

This year's USATF T&F Junior Olympics are being held in Sacramento, California during the last week of July. I have discussed this with several parents and have decided that we will not compete in the Junior Olympics this Summer. We will compete in the cross country Junior Olympics, with Nationals being held in Alabama.

This Summer, we will attempt to qualify for the USATF National T&F championships to be held out side of Hershey Pennsylvania, which provides a vacation opportunity for parents since it is close to Hershey Park. this will be held the last week of June which means we can end the season by July 1st for our Summer break. We should likely have qualifiers for this meet with Makayla and Caitlin likely female qualifiers and Torrence and Cameron likely to qualify for the boys. of course, there may be others based on anticipated improvement of many and we are also adding additional new runners to the team.

If the board would like to discuss, please call me. If approved, I will update the parents of the decision.

6. Apparel Committee Report/Update:

Cindy and Colleen

- Not looking into socks anymore too expensive and have to order too many
- Full zip sweatshirts are in and were sold at last months meeting. Big hit!
- Facebook page has been created. Look for Colleen Cindy Caspell
- Youth singlets have been ordered for Joe
- Looking at a new vendor all apparel?

7. Treasurer/Accounting Report/Update:

Jason

See handouts

8. Business Manager Report/Update:

John

Update on transferring the back accounts. Trying to pay electronically. Need details.

9. Secretary Report/Update:

Scott

By-laws are finally updated. I will give the PDF copy to Matt and Ron to post on the web page NOTE: We have a new landlord. Need to be aware of possible rent increase. It was suggested that we contact him soon and see if he'll accept another two year upfront payment.

I will update the board on Erica Callahan. She "got" a number for Boston, but it's not her number. She wanted to be on the GLRR bus but we asked her not to. Didn't want the liability for any possible bib infractions.

10: Vice Presidents Report/Update:

Jeff

Discuss the equipment rental process. Jeff is creating a rental procedure to be reviewed at the March meeting New form is in use.

11. Presidents Report/Update:

Jessica

a. Scholarship are all set. HoF is all set. Awards are all set. Dave Penn will MC the awards banquet Berna's moved out a week, July 7th. Might not be able because it's already on Calendar. Will stay July 7th. Baystate Memorial 5K. Need new race director. Change venue to Shedd Park. Move it from the Good Times course. Announce to the club, and possibly re-brand the race to a GLRR Youth fund raiser Gerard is requesting a donation to the Boston Marathon movie. Make a donation, and get a "club" night. Need to know how much. Report for next meeting.

12. Baystate Update Dave C

Starting next month the GLRR mtg and BSM mtg will switch

13. Additional Business:

April Meetings: Board Meeting, Monday, April 11th.

Club Meeting, April 25th, No speaker, Will keep this meeting light and quick.

May Meetings: Board Meeting, Monday, May 16th

Club Meeting, May 23rd Memorial Day? Possible guest speaker Karen Smyers, but do we want to have a guest speaker for May? I can see if she wants to do June, along with the Worst Race Picture contest.

May - Karen Smyers June - Worse Race Pic Contest July - Family Running, Running Safety August - No speaker September - The Hoyts Joe

October - no Speaker. Resting after Baystate November - Amber Ferrierra (runner and triathlete) December - Christmas Eve group run