

Central Maine Striders
January Meeting Minutes
Mainely Brews, Waterville
Jan 7, 2020

Present: Ryan Goebel, Sapan Bhatt, Shannon Delaney, Tom McGuire, Ron Paquette, Donnajean Pohlman, Kate Scott, Ben Scott, Rob Krickus, Jordan Castillo

Called to Order at 6:05pm

January Thaw discussed first, since it is the primary item of business. Ryan gave Tom race registration form and Runners Club of America insurance form. Need 100 in \$5 for change from Rob for race day. Jimmy the Greek 4 miler is same day, which could affect any potential runners from the Portland area. The race was mentioned on 107.9 the Mix. We still need 1-2 more volunteers for the race. Some discussion about getting race photos. Posters/Flyers to be made to display at Alford Center and other places in town.

Voted to approve minutes from December meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's monthly report and 2019 annual report presented. Current balance down to \$941.42. A payment from Run Sign Up and some membership checks that were mailed still need to be deposited. More membership fees should continue to come in this month, as well as entry fees from January Thaw

CMS online store was extended from Dec 25 to Jan 1. We met our minimum and items should be mailed to us later this month.

The Striders checking account has officially been switched over to Rob and Ryan.

Some discussion about our status with the state of Maine as a non-profit. Ryan tracked down our last filed paperwork, which was in 1999. He also exchanged emails with the clerk (Al Stevens) that filed it last. Still following up, but we should find a lawyer (preferably local and preferably connected to the running community) to help us. Ryan will talk to his lawyer neighbor and/or contact Al Stevens again, but is open to any other attorneys willing to work with us.

Ryan updated the website and sent out a newsletter and is willing to continue both of those responsibilities, but needs submissions, race reports, race photos, "why I run", Striders flashbacks, etc.

Sapan will take initiative to update race calendar

Dues will increase to \$20 on Feb 1. Ryan or Rob will have to manually update the fee on Run Sign Up on that day. Ryan said he'd do it.

We talked about a Fall 10k based off Tom's course map, something around the Fall Festival. Kate and Shannon volunteered to assist Tom in race directing duties.

We need to get signed waivers from anyone who pays cash or check for their memberships.

Ryan found out from RRCA that club members that are race directors cannot use our insurance for their races. Only official Striders races are eligible for the insurance. Also, races must be submitted to the RRCA calendar prior to race day for the insurance to apply.

A separate committee will be formed to discuss updating our bylaws, which get submitted to RRCA. Ryan, Jordan, and Rob volunteered to be part of the committee and review the bylaws to see what/if any changes need to be made.

Some discussion about the CMS DEST relay team. Possible financial support for a rental van, partial registration fees, team shirts, and snacks/refreshments were all discussed. Sapan said that as a member of the team, water/snacks/refreshments would probably be best and the group seemed to agree. As race day gets closer, the relay team will propose an estimated dollar amount to the board for approval.

Ryan talked to Patrick Guerrette about potentially getting a \$5 discount for all club members to the Quarry Road Race Series.

Jordan suggested starting a Central Maine Striders Instagram account to help promote the club and events. A vote was held and everyone in attendance approved Jordan starting and managing the account.

The link for the Atayne store for Striders gear is no longer working. Ryan will contact Brendan to see if he knows anything about it.

Tom mentioned that one other possible race for the club to conduct would be to revive the 5k that the club used to do at Lawrence High School in Fairfield. Ryan will look into who our connection was there.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sapan Bhatt and approved by Ryan Goebel