

Calgary Roadrunners Club
Annual General Meeting
Saturday November 16, 2019

Don Lee, Chair, welcomed attendees and, given that 48 members were in attendance, declared that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION (Marsha Fehr, Patrick Bryan): That the Agenda be approved as circulated on-line and at the meeting, with the addition of Item 8. Senior Members. Carried.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

MOTION (Anne Marie Landry, Melody Switzer): that the Minutes of the November 17, 2018, AGM be approved as circulated on-line and at the meeting. Carried.

3. **President's Report Highlights**

- a. **Current Directors of the Board** were introduced and thanked for their commitment to the Club. Special thanks were extended to Anne Marie Landry for continuing as Treasurer until the financial were handed over to Jenny Chan.
- b. **Sport Calgary.** The Club maintained its membership in Sport Calgary and Joanna Ford is working with them to present an **Introduction to Running** event as part of their All Sport One City program. We have decided to tie it in with our usual evening training sessions in hopes of having a better turnout than last year (with one registrant).
- c. **Jackson Frantz** continued to organize **Club Nights** every third Thursday of the month with 10 to 12 members usually participating. This year an Urban Jungle run was organized by Ken Park and the Douglas Fir and West Bragg trail runs will likely draw more participants as the weather warms.
- d. **Thanks to Paul Bourgeault** for delving into our website's CiviCRM database to correct the connections in the current membership. While this seems to have solved many of the sign-up issues people used to have, we still have some email delivery problems that need further troubleshooting.
- e. **St. Patrick's Road Race Committee** was thanked for another successful event. It's an important race for the Club as it has the largest registration of all our races and generates the most income for the Club. This year there were 624 registrants and some 585 finishers. The long-term volunteers on this committee are Michelle Simonin, Race Director for some 14 years, Jeremy Deere, Ella Wilson, Ken Tang and Oleg Tabelev. Don Lee will finish a 4 year commitment on this committee and has stepped down. Cindy Schnee has kindly taken on this position.
- f. **The Calgary Roadrunners participated again in the Calgary Marathon** by providing volunteers at the 38 km aid station. We had 25 volunteers at our station and, as a result of some route changes, we saw many of the longer distance runners come through the station twice.
- g. **The 41st Calgary Women's Run** was another great success in August with Susanne McArthur, Marilyn Taylor and Agatha Bayer at the helm. Construction along the Bow River near Home Road meant the Start/Finish Line was moved to North Edworthy Park. The new venue worked very well. After 3 years as Primary Race Director of the CWR, Susanne McArthur is stepping down so we are seeking new leadership for this event. A special thanks to Susanne, Marilyn, and Agatha for all their hard work on behalf of the Roadrunners Club.
- h. We met with **Moose Mountain Trail Races** to discuss how it will be operated in conjunction with the Lewiston Foundation. The CRR will no longer be providing insurance for it.
- i. Earlier in the year, Jennifer Freund volunteered to organize a K-100 relay team for the annual event in June. Only 4 runners signed up so we cancelled.

- j. **Ekiden Relay in Banff.** During October, the Club sponsored two teams to participate in this event. This is a five-person relay that covers the distance of a marathon on 5 different routes around Banff. Both teams (Men's and Women's) finished well up in the standings. We are hoping this will be an event the Club can sponsor again next year.
- k. Our **Grand Prix Series** continues to function well but will benefit from the support of more volunteers. The Nose Hill event in February suffered low numbers as a result of some record low temperatures and blowing snow but went ahead successfully. It was great to see some excellent last-minute help and enough soup to go around at the Confederation Park Relay. We have an offer of some Volunteer Coordinator support that should help get the volunteers needed for each Grand Prix race. We still need a Chief Race Director to assist Derek with the Grand Prix Series.
- i. **Parkrun**, the free weekly Saturday morning 5 km run or walk on Nose Hill continues to be very well attended and definitely seems to keep drawing new people into the sphere of exercising thanks to its social nature and the fact it's free. It's really developed its own community spirit and the Roadrunners who are involved with it have learned some good practices that are transferable.

MOTION (Don Lee, Andree Powers): That the President's Report be approved. Carried.

4. Financial Report and Appointment of Auditors

Melody Switzer presented the report on behalf of the Treasurer. Copies of the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement were circulated prior to the meeting and a copy is attached to the original copy of these Minutes. The auditors, Marion Owen and Andree Powers, submitted an audit report with recommendations which will be reviewed by the Board.

MOTION (Melody Switzer, Patrick Bryan): That the Financial Report be approved. Carried.

MOTION (Marsha Fehr, Kurt Edwards): That Marion Owen and Andree Powers be appointed as Auditors of the financial books of the Club for 2019-2020. Carried.

5. By-Laws Revision (Special Resolution Motions require 3/4 majority to pass.)

- a. Don reviewed the objects of the CRR and the proposed bylaw changes relating to the Constitution of the Board of Directors in *Section 3*.

MOTION (Melody Switzer, Oleg Tabelev): That *Section 3 (a)* be amended to read "The business of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of a minimum of three Directors and a maximum of ten directors. The total number of directors shall be appointed (elected by members in good standing) at the AGM or SGM. Carried.

- b. It was recommended by the Board that Members should have the ability to raise questions and present proposals to the Board. This is clarified in Section 3(e).

MOTION (Oleg Tabelev, Marion Owen): That *Section (3) Eligibility to Vote* be revised to read "Each Director shall be entitled to one vote in respect of matters properly before the Board at each monthly Board meeting. Members of the Club who are not Directors may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and may submit items of Agenda for discussion to the Chairperson prior to the monthly meeting, but will not have the right to vote. Carried.

- c. The Board recommended a change to *Bylaw 11 Banking* that would require two signatures on financial transactions, as is currently the case, but would allow one signature for transactions under \$200.00. This would reduce the considerable time that is often required to get two signatures.

MOTION (Melody Switzer, Ken Park): That the final sentence of *Bylaw 11. (b)* be amended to read:

"All Club cheques of \$200 or more being paid out shall have two signatures, one of which shall be that of an Officer of the Club. Club cheques of lesser value may be signed by only one Club signatory once the Club's bank has been apprised of this process." Carried.

6. Recognition of Volunteers

The following were recognized with an honorarium for their contributions to the Club in the 2018-2019 year:

- Derek Wilkinson: for contributions to the success of the Cross-County Series;
- Philippe Lagasse and Isabelle Pageau: for transporting equipment to and from the Cross-County races;
- Byron Fredrick for taking responsibility for the delivery of kitchen equipment to all XC Races;
- Paul Bourgeault for his assistance with webpage issues;
- Jennifer Freund for leading the 10k/Half Marathon training group.

The Jim Clampett Orange Toque Award for volunteer contributions to the Club was presented to Rob Taerum to recognize his many years of commitment to the Club as a race director, equipment manager, finish line organizer and willing volunteer at Club races and events.

7. Election of Officers

The CRR Bylaws allow up to 10 Directors to be elected at the AGM. Six current members have indicated a willingness to continue as Directors. There are, therefore, four vacancies to be filled.

The following current members agreed to stand for another year: Erwin Zeekant, Trev Williams, Oleg Tabelev, Melody Switzer, Mardy Roberts, Joanna Ford.

Four members have expressed a willingness to stand for nomination: Ed Bickley, Patrick Bryan, John Cuthbertson, Cindy Schnee.

The Chair called for further nominations.

MOTION (David Sargent, Phillipa Hocking): That nominations cease. Carried.

The individuals named above were declared elected. At its next meeting, the Board will assign the elected members to specific portfolios.

8. Proposal re: Senior Members

Ken Park presented a proposal that would encourage members over 70 years old to take part in Club events. Having reached the order of the day, Ken was invited to present his proposals to the Board at their next meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 7:25pm.

Mardy Roberts, Secretary

Oleg Tabelev, President