



**Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 18, 2021**

Summary of Board Actions

- **The Board approved investing \$35,000 of our savings in government bonds, which is expected to yield a 5% return on our investment, on average.**
- **The Board approved obtaining a Fidelity credit card, which has no annual fee and offers 2% off purchases. Approval to acquire a MPRRC credit card is contingent on the development and approval of a use policy by the Board.**
- **The Board approved postponing the “Catch Me if You Can 10K” race (voting conducted electronically). The Board also voted to give entrants the following options: (a) defer registration until the race can be held, (2) request a full refund, including the RSU processing fee.**

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Call to Order by President Ron Alford 6:34 p.m.

Board members present: Connie Comiso, Betty Gail Alford, Lori Nishida, Judith Inazu, Christopher Salas, Ed Kemper, Joy Schoenecker, Ron Alford

Board members absent: Nicholas Pugliese

Guests present: Chris Mewhort, Joan Davis

I. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2020 Board Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)

- Approved

II. Financial Report – Chris Mewhort

- Chris reviewed the financial report; our finances are robust and suggest few constraints to our racing agenda once racing can resume.
- MPRRC received \$745.45 from the HNL marathon clinic for our role in last year's Turkey Trot.
- A pending expense is to replace one of our tents.
- Need to check on whether our donation to the Boy Scouts has gone through.
- Ed reviewed three options for investing part of our club's savings. **The Board approved investing \$35,000 of our savings in government bonds, which is expected to yield a 5% return on our investment, on average.** As club treasurer, Ed will handle the transaction and monitor its activity in case our funds need to be withdrawn. Funds can be withdrawn immediately.
- Ed reviewed three options for a Club credit card so individual officers need not use their personal cards. **The Board approved obtaining a Fidelity credit card, which has no annual fee and offers 2% off purchases. Approval to acquire a MPRRC credit card is contingent on the development and approval of a use policy by the Board.** The policy will outline usage, access, approval process, maximum purchases, billing and monitoring procedures, etc. Ed will draft a policy for Board review.

III. Membership Report – Paula Carroll (December 2020)

- Memberships continue to decline due to the pandemic.

IV. Races and Events

- The 74 people who have unsubscribed from RunSignUp do not receive any messages sent out through RSU. Ron plans to send them a message explaining the situation, in case they want to un-unsubscribe.
- Hawaii Peaks Virtual Elevation Challenge – Christopher Salas
79 have registered thus far, although registration ends at the end of January. Runners have until March 31, 2021 to complete the race.
- Catch Me If You Can 10K (January 17, 2021)
The Board approved postponing the race (voting conducted electronically). The Board also voted to give entrants the following options: (a) defer registration until the race can be held, (2) request a full refund, including the RSU processing fee.

Ron reported that 19 had registered before the race was put on hold. Of the 19, 6 requested a refund, 3 wanted to remain in the race, and 10 did not respond. Ron will send a second message. For those that do not respond, their registration will be deferred until the race can be held.

- Ron reported that all races scheduled for 2021 have been set up in RSU but placed on hold.
- Joan reported that new permits for races originally scheduled for January and February that were deferred to June and beyond have been submitted. There is a 90-day requirement for street permits.
- Kailua 10 miler (Ron and Frank Floyd)
This will be a virtual race but must be run at one time, not over multiple days. A nice long sleeve shirt has been designed. Hawaii Running Lab is a partial sponsor. 4H is the beneficiary.
- Windward Half Marathon (Ron and another race director)
This will be a virtual race run at one time, not over multiple days.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Runner's Hall of Fame – Sam Aucoin

- Committee is being formed; details are pending.

B. GAR Training – Ron Alford

- Ron has created training videos for posting on their Facebook page, on selecting the right shoes (Gaston Ly, Running Room) and on proper nutrition.

C. Inviting members to Board Meetings via Zoom – Ron Alford (See Below)

- This is already authorized in policy. Joy will post the invitation and notify members.

D. Google Docs and Tech Soup – Ron Alford

- There should be a repository for all club documents, including minutes of monthly Board meetings, ByLaws, policies, etc.
- Club officers should have club emails, and not use their personal emails for correspondence. For example, the president's email could be: president@mprrc.com. This will ensure privacy for individuals as well as continuity of information from one administration to the next.
- The club secretary and treasurer would be involved in this effort.

E. Annual Banquet

- Usually held in February or March, but might be shifted to later in the year, or held virtually. Election of new Board members may be affected since elections are held during the banquet, unless we do this electronically as well. Will need to consult our ByLaws and discuss this further at our next meeting. A nominating committee should be appointed to develop a slate of candidates for the director positions.
- Since there were only a handful of races in 2020, there will be no 2020 runner awards,

F. Plogging – Ron Alford

- The City and County is encouraging runners and walkers to pick up trash along their routes and provides kits for trash collection. Connie volunteered to work with athletic directors and schools to involve students in plogging. Connie welcomes members and other directors to get involved in this project. Prizes, refreshments, or other kind of support from MPRRC is possible.

G. Post-event survey – Ron Alford

- Two students from the UH school of business developed a generic survey to assess runner satisfaction with our events. MPRRC can use these surveys as they wish. We will send them club shirts to thank them for their efforts.

H. Walk Across America

- Being organized by the 4-H.

I. Strava Club

- 120 registered to complete 1,000 miles in a year and 48 of them met this goal. MPRRC will be recognizing this achievement via a Facebook posting, in our newsletter, and/or by sending a special memento.

VII. Online Business

- A. (See item IV above)

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Inviting members to Board Meetings via Zoom

Notice to MPRRC membership regarding attendance at Monthly Board Meetings
(Draft)

The MPRRC Board encourages club members to attend the Monthly Board meeting via Zoom. The next meeting is _____. To attend, just log in via Zoom on your computer, phone, or other device using the following link:

The meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. If there are members logged on as guests, the Board Members will introduce themselves and the meeting will begin following the published agenda.

There are a few rules.

1. Mute your device. Excess noise makes it difficult for attendees to hear each other.
2. If you have a question or comment, type a request in the chat box. When you are acknowledged, unmute your device, introduce yourself, and ask your question or make your comment. Once your question or comment (with response from the Board, as needed), please mute your device again.
3. Always be respectful.