

Anniston Runners Club
Board Meeting
November 11, 2024

1. Opening and Quorum
2. Minutes
3. PRESIDENT's Report
4. Financials
5. NEW Business
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7. Next Meeting date
8. Adjourn

ATTENDEE'S: Ashley Nash, Sherry Williams, Janine Moses, Jennifer Watwood, Hayley Long, Leah Helton and Freddy Kemp attended in person. Michael Bowland and Bobbie Williams attended. For Plucked Turkey discussion, Dennis Dunn attended and Maggie Owens called in.

1. Ashley opened the meeting, noting a quorum with majority members in attendance.
2. **Minutes** to the October meeting were presented and approved.
3. **PRESIDENT's Report** –
 - **Plucked Turkey (November 28th)**
 - Currently at 132 on registrations
 - Bibs and Shirts have been ordered.
 - Permit and Insurance are completed.
 - Meet at Headquarters to load up on Wednesday at 5pm prior to race day.
 - SIGNS AND SIGN UP for FAB4 following Plucked Turkey.
 - Maggie will set up water stations and flags. Start and finish are completed.
 - Maggie will have water and pickup turkey breasts, brownie and oranges.
 - VOLUNTEERS needed for traffic, 1st water stop and Bike lead out.
 - Box will be available for canned goods and a DONATIONS jug for YMCA.
 - Dennis reviewed his items regarding timing, awards and results.
 - Generator will be there for Dennis for timing and results.
 - Inflatable will be at the finish.
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 - **Election Updates** – Due November 1st. Bobbie reported that an additional candidate has come forward. Freddy Kemp and Janine Moses will come off the ARC Board this year. Therefore, with the additional candidate and those leaving, the 2025 ARC Board will reflect:
 - **Ashley Nash – President**
 - **Jennifer Watwood – Vice President**
 - **Hayley Long – Treasurer and Woodstock Director**
 - **Carla McCaffrey – Secretary**
 - **Michael Bowland – Member at Large**
 - **ARC Coordinators will remain in place** except for Paula Angle, as Member Coordinator. Also, Allison Miles noted her interest in leading more training runs

- **Women’s Workshop – tentative for January 18 or 19th (19th at 2pm)**
 - This event will be held upstairs at NEABA/ARC
 - Date to be confirmed before the next meeting.

- **Half Naked (January 11th)**
 - **Shirts to be ordered soon.**
 - RunSignup – Ashley has it ready, Hayley will complete.
 - Insurance is pending renewal of the policy – additional insured is needed for McClellan Medical Mall.
 - **REQUEST** was presented to hold this run as a fundraiser for a local family with a child needing out-of-state medical treatment. It was decided to transition this opportunity to the community run held at Christmas (Christmas Tree Run)

- **FAB 4 Program**
 - FAB 4 will open on November 29th following Plucked Turkey. Members wishing for reduced rates can sign up for all 4 ARC races at a reduced rate, choosing short or long for races offering multiple distances
 - A Coordinator is needed for the FAB 4 program.

- **Annual Banquet and Awards (Friday, January 10th)**
 - 2024 Annual Banquet will be held on Friday January 10th at NEABA/ARC Headquarters from 5pm-7pm as a Desert Social, along with the Packet Pickup for Half-Naked. All members will be encouraged to wear their favorite Anniston Runners Club swag, medal and jacket. More details to come.
 - Discussions held regarding replacement of current jacket/patches, due to costs. Steven Miles has options available for direct print/iron on vs. patches. More information is needed regarding jacket costs.
 - **BOARD VOTE (Unanimous)** is in favor of identifying cost reduction on this award.
 - Discussions continued regarding Gift Cards for Mileage Clubs and awards. Running Warehouse gift cards will be available. Other gift cards offered include Petsmart and possibly Tractor Supply.
 - BANQUET needs to be added to ARC Calendar Website (reminder 5-7 for Dessert Social and Packet Pickup)

- **Woodstock Recap – (August 3rd)**
 - **No discussion at this meeting due to time constraints.**

4. FINANCIALS:

- Financials were sent prior to the meeting for review and approval by Board members.
- Jennifer requested periodic meetings be held (limited to Board members) in 2025 to focus on planning and budgeting. Time constraints at recent meetings have restricted planning and detailed discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Christmas Tree Run (COMMUNITY RUN) – 4 miles on December 21st at 8am**
 - Meeting at the McClellan Medical Center for this community fun run.
 - Donations will be accepted at this run for the Bussey family for Lily (daughter with medical condition mentioned above in Half-Naked).

- ARC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES –
 - Membership cards will no longer be mailed out. Membership cards will need to be printed out by members for the ARC Perks program.
 - Membership PERKS sponsors need to be renewed ASAP.
 - RUNSIGNUP Membership Coordinator is needed. Paula was not interested in remaining.
- WORKSHOP FOR WOMENS RUNNING Group – recent inquiries made regarding a local artist offering relaxation and meditation using drums. Hayley will provide details and additional information for this as an opportunity to for the Women’s Running Group to be held at Headquarters.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- BYLAW REVIEW – this item was tabled for the November meeting. Each Board member was asked to provide feedback and questions at the next meeting for potential changes for 2025. **(UPDATE – Hayley requested a separate meeting to review Bylaws before the end of 2024. Time constraints have not allowed this discussion for the previous quarter).**
- TRAINING SESSIONS – to distribute responsibilities throughout the board members, as well as new board members that may be joining, a training session will be held on **December 8th at 1pm** for RunSignUp, Website, Insurance and Permits. Another source of training will include distributing director responsibilities among members.

7. Next Meeting: December 9, 2024

With no additional matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm