

**Anniston Runners Club**  
**Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2024**

1. Opening and Quorum
2. Minutes
3. PRESIDENT's Report
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5. NEW Business
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**ATTENDEE'S:** Ashley Nash, Janine Moses, Jennifer Watwood, Hayley Long and Freddy Kemp attended in person. Michael Bowland was an ARC member attending and Bobbie Williams called in for the Election Updates.

1. Ashley opened the meeting, noting a quorum with majority members in attendance.
2. **Minutes** to the September meeting were presented and approved.
3. **PRESIDENT's Report** –
  - **Election Updates** – Due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bobbie reported that, to date, we have only one person interested in pursuing a Board position. Carla McCaffrey has presented her name for the upcoming elections, and she is interested in the Member At Large position.
    - **Email** is needed to identify which ARC Coordinators will remain in their current position.
      - **VOTE (all in favor)** to remove the Tri-Division of ARC due to lack of participation/coordination.
  - **Labor Day (recap)**
    - Good turn out and race was well received.
  - **Treadhoofalon (November 11<sup>th</sup>)**
    - Continues to request volunteers and participants for the event.
  - **Plucked Turkey (November 28<sup>th</sup>)**
    - Practice Run(s) dates are set and Hayley will get them placed on Facebook. (11/3, 11/10, 11/17 – Sunday afternoons at 2pm)
    - Additional insurance is needed to cover YMCA. Ashley will place the request.
    - Freddy will get with Maggie/YMCA to request the course marking prior to November 3<sup>rd</sup> (date of first practice run).
    - Hayley will order medals and bibs.
    - Tshirts must be ordered by 10/31.
    - Freddy will ask Maggie/YMCA and Dennis Dunn to attend the November Board meeting.
    - Hayley will add Volunteer information/registration to RunSignUp.
    - Additional items (Honeybaked Ham, etc) were mentioned in the September meeting.
  - **Veteran's Day Run (November 11<sup>th</sup>)**
    - Route is still waiting for confirmation from Ft. McClellan – road was recently closed off that would allow the route to pass by the Alabama National Guard/US Army site and the Memorial Burial grounds on Ft McClellan.
    - Gift cards are available for attendees to have a chance to win.
    - Calhoun Journal and Anniston Star can place in their calendars upon contact.

- **Half Naked (January 11<sup>th</sup>)**
  - **VOTE (majority)** for Army green t-shirt color
  - RunSignup – Ashley has it ready, Hayley will complete.
  - FaceBook event and Insurance (Additional insurance request to cover McClellan Medical Mall)– Janine will complete (insurance pending renewal)
  - Hayley will order bibs.
  - Hayley advised the ARC Board members of a potential race partner (AL Power). As a partner, we have the potential for race volunteers and potential sponsor contribution increases, as they meet the goals for local charities.
- **FAB 4 Program**
  - **All 4 races** must be open for the discount to be offered. Hayley will see that all four are open.
  - Current registration is 18.
  - Shirt color was chosen as Lime Green and the design options have been narrowed to 4 designs that will be sent out to members to vote, as well as a poster will be made available for voting at Plucked Turkey 10k.
  - A Coordinator is needed for the FAB 4 program.
- **Annual Banquet and Awards (Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>)**
  - 2024 Annual Banquet will be held on Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Woodstock Recap – (August 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
  - **See financials for contribution related to Woodstock.**
  - **Deferrals** discussion was approached again for Woodstock. Board vote was conducted with majority vote in favor of removal of deferrals for Woodstock.
  - **2025 Planning** was discussed as Hayley continues to seek a Woodstock Director for 2025. Hayley advised that Race Directors require RRCA certification and the following contacts have been made:
    - **Running Lane** in Huntsville would be interested. They do not have RRCA certification and timing would be required, also. Running Lane would require a contract and possible bonus.
    - Local contact was made with Dennis Dunn and John Moore – neither were interested in accepting this position.
    - Raynard Lawler is a local individual with a group that is RRCA Certified and conducts races within the state. An invitation will be extended to him for the November Board Meeting.

#### **4. FINANCIALS:**

- Financials were sent prior to the meeting for review and approval by Board members.
- The next donation cycle will be made in November with proceeds of Plucked Turkey to the YMCA.
- Tailgate Tunes contributed \$2500 to be designated for Woodstock 5k finish line trusses.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **\*CORRECTION FROM SEPTEMBER MINUTES\***

RACE REFUNDS and TRANSFERS – recent discussions among the ARC Board Members has revolved around the topic of race refunds and transfers. The board voted at this September meeting, effective January 1, 2025, ~~refunds~~ **deferrals** will no longer be provided for registrations. The ARC Board also voted to allow transfers from 2024 remaining races to 2025 races. Future requests related to catastrophic/world related events, such as pandemic, would be evaluated by the Board for options of removal or virtual considerations.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for RunSignUp, Website, Insurance and Permits. Another source of training will include distributing race director responsibilities among members.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- (from July Meeting) Board Elections are due November 1st. We are looking at informal opportunities to start recruiting.

**7. Next Meeting: November 11, 2024**

With no additional matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.