

Athens Road Runners Board Meeting
April 18, 2018

In attendance Greg Waddell, Dustin Shinholser, Cera Jones, Sara Freeland, Michael Klipper, Krystina Stoner, Cathryn Quinn, Susan Adams, Brad Frink and Tino Johnson.

Gillis Bridge Update

Gillis Bridge, the bridge by Sanford Stadium on Sanford Drive, will be closed for construction May 7-Aug. 6. The bridge will be closed to all pedestrian, vehicular, cycling and transit traffic. The bridge will reopen on Aug. 7. No running routes can go through there.

Financials update: Cera Jones

For membership: we have more memberships than we did in 2017. Donations are down by half.

Donations might be seasonable. Should donation push be at the end of the year?

Group is running low on magnets.

Financials are approved.

Twilight 5k

We will put a reminder for volunteers in the weekly email, on social media and through John Johnson's volunteer email list.

The board approved a \$1,000 donation to match last year's donation and sponsor Twilight's Kegs and Eggs breakfast and in exchange for

- 10 free race registrations
 - 10 VIP wristbands (which includes dinner and 4 drinks Saturday night)
 - ARR logo will be on jumbotron all day
 - ARR will have a table at packet pickup (Greg, Krystina, Sara and Mike will work Friday night and Tino and others will work Saturday morning).
- (T-shirts have been printed, too late for ARR logo to be on T-shirts)

There will be no group run that Saturday and we'll encourage members to run or volunteer instead.

For the free registrations, five will be raffled off at the Saturday group run. Krystina is leading the group run. To enter the raffle, wear ARR gear or bring a friend. (Krystina will get raffle tickets from Athens Running Company.) Five registrations will be given out at the Wednesday trail run.

No group run Saturday of Twilight. We're encouraging people to volunteer or race.

The group run time change is usually after Twilight. The time change will be after Marigold, the 19th.

Marigold 10k

The race was currently up to 110 online registrations, 12 mail-ins.

Shirt sizes have to be in by April 30.

John Johnson is coordinating volunteers

Marigold Festival is concerned about parking and would like ARR volunteers to coordinate parking and not make sure runners don't park near the pavilion. Festival had a concern about keeping the bathrooms clean. Port-a-potties will be moved near the starting line.

People were interpreting family registrations as group registrations. This is the first time this has happened, so wording was changed on Active.

Group is \$500 donation to Marigold Festival. (Voted on at February meeting).

National Running Day

Fleet Feet has more than 200 registrations. Brooks will be at the event. Funding from Brooks will help with the food.

Milledge Mile

Athens Road Runners has the permit for the race, to be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

We will have to pay for the police officers, \$25 an hour per cop a minimum of 3 hours.

(Will check on how much this will cost).

We will have to notify property owners and business owners along the route two weeks before the race.

Rebecca Lee has offered hats as prizes for the first 30 or so that cross the finish line.

Greg would like to have a committee to work on the event.

There are a lot of businesses on Milledge. Do we want large sponsors? There needs to be a budget.

Committee for Milledge mile: Greg, Sara, Dustin, Krystina

Trail Series

First trail run had more than 30 runners.

Future dates and locations approved:

May 23 North Oconee Trails

June 27: Cook's Trail

July 18: IM Fields

Aug. 29 Trail Creek Park (there is one bike only section)

Sept. 26: Botanical Garden

Summer track series

Greg had been in touch with Elizabeth Clark about using Spec Towns Track for summer track series.

Group was concerned that it was two months out and no venue selected. So decided to table summer track series for 2019. Greg will still meet with Elizabeth to figure out what is possible for next year. Or could use track for group speed work, if we could use it.