

ARR annual meeting 2-17-18

30+ in attendance

Board members present: Greg Waddell, Sara Freeland, Cera Jones, Brad Fink, Michael Klipper, Susan Adams

*Note: Athens Road Runners is celebrating 5 years.

Greg called the meeting to order around 6:45 p.m.

He introduced current board and recognized Tino as past president and thanked outgoing board members.

Bottleworks parking

As of this week, Bottleworks has instituted paid parking lot the Road Runners usually use for Saturday morning group runs. The first hour is free. Greg will contact the parking lot across the street to see if Road Runners can park there. Alternatively Mike suggested compiling a list of nearby streets for Road Runners to park at. Tino asked people to be safe crossing Prince Avenue and watch for cars that don't stop.

Chick-Fil-A Half cancellation

Jeff Hood at Zaxby's at Dustin Shinholser are going to see if they can save the race, but not for this year. Dustin is trying to get an informal non-sanctioned race that day.

Milledge Mile

Greg had first meeting with the city about the Milledge Mile and it went well. The race would be on a September non-football weekend. Proposed route is a straight route from Broad to Five Points.

Grand Prix Series

Greg introduced the idea of a point system for people who show up at races. This would be for members only.

Summer Track

The summer track series would be four Thursdays during the summer. Greg is looking into getting the Spec Towns Track for the event, which will include children.

Membership Drive

Greg asked members to ask their friends to be members. The group had around 194 members after Tino cleaned up the RunSignup list to get rid of duplicates. Monica said previous president would go through race results and find locals to ask them to join.

Newsletter

Cathryn asked for story ideas and contributions if anyone wants to help.

Financials

Greg said the group is in good standing.

The board is working on the budget—where dues go, what the Road Runners pay for.

Tino said the dues are a good price and great deal, and we get a lot for them. A lot of the money is tied up in apparel. Some money is coming in through specialty shirts.

Mike said that the Road Runners budgets supports local programs like Ridge Runners. Budget also paid for a course certification.

Tino said one year some donations have paid for student memberships in the past.

Tino asked if volunteers wanted to make or lead Saturday morning routes.

New members recognized

Run the Town Red

Tino suggested a designated time to wear Athens Road Runners shirt. Run the Town Red Week.

Questions/suggestions from the audience

- Danny Todd asked what kind of charitable organization Athens Road Runners is: 501c3
- Some of the routes are hard for novice runners. Danny Todd asked for a flat route—maybe down and back from Prince. The board will work on it. The idea would be to have an easy option, or an easy back up option from the 3 and the 6. Two options. Flat 3 and flat 6..
- Rhia wants to get the word out about Road Runners more. Suggested having a booth at the races, smaller races.

7:36 adjourned