

AGENDA of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the members of SASKATOON ROAD RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
("SRRA" or the "Corporation") held at the
Wolf Willow Housing Co-op Meeting Room
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 AT 11:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order and Quorum**

Meeting called to order at 11:10 am with 26 members present.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Heather Arnold. Seconded by Roland Delahomme. All in favour and motion is passed.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept 2015 AGM minutes by Heather Arnold. Seconded by Theo Phillips. All in favour and motion is passed.

4. **President's Report:** Peter Goode

2016 has been another successful year for the SRRA. As in the past, this is due to our hard-working race directors, our many volunteers, our members, and the Board members.

- The Saskatchewan Marathon, our premiere event, continues to grow, which Kim Ali will describe later today. This is the first time we have exceeded 4000 participants.
- Our efforts to bring more youth into the running scene are also working. Our marathon, for example, had about 1200 participants in the Marafun, up from about 700 last year.
- Our other events are also continuing to see growth in the youth age groups, which was one of our objectives discussed last year. For example, our social this past summer had about 20 kids in a fun run full of pure joy..

We continue to be a strong supporter of the MVA – on whose trails we run, train, and race. We gave them a donation of \$50,000 last December which we targeted for trail improvements. We also were active participants in the Keep Meewasin Vital movement and had a strong showing at the City of Saskatoon's Meewasin Day.

We continue to offer very low membership rates, including a youth rate. We continue to be the least expensive club to join (vs. biking, etc) in the City. Our members continue to receive great benefits thanks to our supporting merchants. Our race entry fees rival any in Western Canada and we are proud that many of our events and training are either free or simply designed to cover food and insurance fees. Yet, the majority of our race participants still do not join the SRRA and continue to pay full price for their entry fees. Why so many are willing to come to every event without taking advantage of the significantly reduced fees remains, just like last year, a mystery and something we will be trying to change in 2017. On the other hand, we do make more money from these runners!

To conclude I thank everyone for attending this AGM. I thank the Board members for their work this year, and I want to give a special recognition to the three retirees – Nancy Milhousen, Dave Stark, and Alan Anderson. The SRRA depends upon active Board members and you three have certainly done your share of the work! Thank you for your dedication to running in Saskatoon.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Leah Heintz

- deferred revenue is down
- this year is the last year for corporate funding for the Marathon and we are looking to confirm funding for the future

- cash is low right now, but that is normal between September and December, this will pick up once early-bird registration begins and we can expect a big influx (~\$40 000)
- OnPurpose is now payed on a 12 month cycle and their rate has gone up (~\$3000.00 +GST)
- currently there is not a reasonable alternative
- in the past we would pay OnPurpose a bonus, but we no longer have that written in the contract
- membership is down a bit
- SK Marathon made approximately \$29 000, which is comparable to last year
- River Run profit was comparable to last year
- Trail runs brought in a bit more money this year
- we made a big donation (\$50 000), but this will not be repeated this year
- donations of \$500 (Alzheimer's) and \$500 (Breast Cancer Foundation) were made when Fast Eddy went through Saskatoon
- a donation of \$500 was made to support the Zoo Run
- The Blizzard made ~\$100, but this was given to the bike group
- There was some discussion re potash grant for the marathon and whether we will get it again. Kim thinks we will but we have to go through the application process. In the past it has been for a 3 year commitment from Potash Corp.

Two Motions

Dispense with Requirements to Appoint an Auditor for 2016-17 year. Motion made by Dave Stark. Seconded by Al Rung. All in favour and motion is passed.

Motion for acceptance of 2016 treasurers report made by Theo Phillips. Seconded by Murray Gross. All in favour and motion is carried.

Leah is looking for someone to mentor who would take over treasurer role in 2 years.

6. Reports

a) Membership Report (Al Rung)

- we are sitting at about 204 members (182 regular, 7 life, 8 directors, 7 youth)
- slightly down from last year (245)
- Al has ordered the new membership cards - plastic, number remains the same, and a renewal sticker is sent when members renew
- they will arrive prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- used Mable's Labels @ www.mabelslabels.com

b) Monday Night/Saturday Morning workouts (Theresa Reid-Shea, Kent Blatz)

- Monday night speed workouts continue to be planned by Craven Sports and are posted on the website
- Saturday morning long runs continue to be led out of Brainsport on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am

c) Social Report (Theo Phillips)

- June 4th - was in the Silverwood area
- Kids 1 km run and games (children loved the medal)
- the bbq (burgers, hot dogs, and salads from D'Lish)
- movie in the park "Born to Run"
- next year will continue the theme of a "Family FUN" focus (BBQ/kids games/kids run, movie, bouncy castle, etc.)
- tentatively June 3rd - same format (Theresa and Theo will help out) but may look at a new location given how busy the park was

d) Communications Report (Dave Stark)

It has really been a pleasure to have been on the Executive of the SRRA for something in the order of 15 years (or more - I've long ago lost track!). My involvement as President for two or three years in the early 2000's and for the last nine years as the Vice President (communications) has been rewarding and enjoyable. It was great fun doing the weekly newsletter for these nine years and I'm pleased to see that it's going to continue - in a less frequent and possibly modified form - under the authorship of Barbara Shirley. Thanks to Peter Goode and Lorrie Dobni (and Janis Brown before them) for handling so much of the constant modifications needed for the website. I'm resigning from the Executive for a time, but will almost certainly be back. I will continue my extensive involvement with the Saskatchewan Marathon, putting together the participant handbook, wrangling the pace bunnies and helping with many of the media duties

e) Equipment report (Nancy Milhousen)

- Our equipment stock is in good shape. The only new purchases in 2016 were for new water jugs. As Nancy is retiring we are looking for a new Equipment Director.

f) Clubwear – (Theo Phillips)

- Deanna Miller (Graphic Artist) quoted \$262.50 to design us a logo
- sizing samples at the AGM so people can pre-order after paying a deposit
- current stock = 13 toques, 17 buffs, 2 jerseys, and a lot of gloves

6. Race Reports 2015:

a) Winter Shines Blizzard Triathlon - (Jeff Hehn)

b) Run for Women – (Kent Blatz)

c) Saskatchewan Marathon and Marafun - (Kim Ali, On Purpose Leadership)

d) EY River Run Classic - (Neil McKay, Heather Arnold, Nancy Milhousen)

- The SRRA's EY River Run Classic was held on Sunday, July 10, 2016. Thanks again to Randy and Judy Warick for last minute tweaking of our course due to on-going on-site construction as the direction of the start/finish area had to be reversed but with favourable results. There were a total of 315 registrants in the three race distances- 5k, 10k, and half marathon.
- James Funk of Saskatoon won the male Half Marathon category with an impressive 1:19:22 gun time.
- Erin Gardiner of Saskatoon won the female Half Marathon category with an equally impressive 1:31:06 gun time
- 10 Km Provincial Championship winners were
 - Male - Michael Middlemiss, Regina, Sk. with a 35.22 gun time.
 - Female - Brooke Mentanko, Yorkton, Sk with a 39.21 gun time.
- 5 Km distance winners
 - Male - Nelson Peters, Spiritwood Sk, with 20.01 gun time
 - Female - Sonia Rees, Saskatoon, Sk with 20.33 gun time

Special thanks to Title Sponsor, EY and sponsorship from Brainsport, Saskatchewan Athletics and City of Saskatoon and support from all our dedicated volunteers.

e) Trail Race Series (3 races) (Peter Goode)

- April 2016 – Our first trail run of the year was held at Meewasin Park and had approximately 40 runners enjoying a great run and a wiener roast after the event.
- July 17, 2016 - Cranberry Flats - 67 participants (35 - 2 laps; 11 - 3 laps; 21 - 4 laps), Snacks included - fruit kabobs and banana bread. Nice day, extra hard course
- September 18, 2016 - Blackstrap - 40 participants (16 - 5km; 17 - 10 km; 7 - 15km). BBQ - hotdogs and burgers. Overcast day, cool, extra hard course, extra single track. New challenge - after race - lot to the top (parking lot to the top of Blackstrap and back).
- Blackstrap numbers down – very busy weekend with lots of other races going on. We are creating an alliance with bike groups etc. In helping to maintain trails, provide trail grooming etc.

- Discussion about putting one of the races on in August as there are no races in August. Traditionally, races in August do not have good attendance. Will consider, although not much support.
- f) **Turkey Trot (October 2016) (Peter Goode)**
- Another great event organized by Brian Breit. Approximately 26 runners, with two of them being exact on their predictions. We therefore bought another turkey. Brian, as always, had gathered some great prizes.
- g) **Prediction Mile - (Murray Gross)**
- The 2015 Prediction Mile outside the Saskatoon Field House just before the SRRA Annual General Meeting.
 - Nine athletes competed in this year's run.
 - All Athletes ran the mile without a watch.
 - Their goal was to come as close as possible to their time prediction.
 - This year, the closest prediction was 6 seconds out, both Roland Delhomeau and Judy Warrick won prizes for closest prediction.
 - The least closest prediction (or Spirit Award) went to Jerry Demerais.
 - Prizes were presented at the SRRA Annual General Meeting.
 - Thank you to Allan and Peter for volunteering.

h) **Remembrance Day Run - (Murray Gross)**

Over fifty runners, one cyclist and two dogs attended the 2015 Remembrance Day Run. The Run began at Nutana Collegiate, with a rousing version of O Canada and after a five Kilometer run, with a number of stops at some of Saskatoon's War Memorials and ended at Nutana Collegiate with a moment of silence. Runners then proceeded into the school for a tour of the Memorial Art Gallery, a song and coffee/snacks and fellowship. Thank you to Dave S, Dave B, Jerry, Colin, Bev, Don, Shona and Audrey who supported the Remembrance Day Run.

7. 2017 Tentative Race Schedule and Race Directors

- Blizzard- Winter Triathlon – TBD (Jeff Hehn and the Tri-Club) Date TBA
- Run for Women – May 13 - (Kent Blatz)
- Saskatchewan Marathon – May 28 (Kim Ali and On Purpose Leadership)
- EY River Run Classic –July 9, 2017 (Neil MacKay, Heather Arnold, Nancy Milhousen)
- Trail Series - #1- April 2017 #2- July 2017 #3- Sept 2017 (Theresa Reid-Shea and Theo Phillips)
- Turkey Trot – Thanksgiving, October 9 (Brian Breit)
- Remembrance Day Run – Nov 11, 2017 (Murray Gross)

8. Election of the 2017 Board of Directors

- Peter Goode
- Theresa Reid-Shea
- Leah Hientz
- Al Rung
- Kent Blatz
- Theodosia Phillips
- Shona Iverson
- Greg Fenty

Motion was made by Audrey Mowchenko to accept list of 2017 Board of Directors. Seconded by Jan Stirling. All in favor and motion is passed.

9. New Business

- a. Suggestion for increasing membership numbers – give all Learn to Run clinic participants a complimentary SRRA membership. Have someone from SRRA executive make a presentation to group about the SRRA to give them exposure to it. Alternatively, maybe they could have membership benefits during their 8 week clinic only. Another suggestion to provide discounted race entry to beginning runners for first race if they finish the Learn to Run program. Board will discuss these options. Murray noted that many

from Learn to Run clinic do not finish clinic, or do not sign up for any races. These options require more discussion by SRRRA executive to figure out a way to incorporate new runners into activities.

- b. Unsung Heroes – Tish (D'Lish by Tish) and Greg Fenty. SRRRA should be acknowledging them in some way. How about lifetime membership for Greg to SRRRA? Discussion re ways to acknowledge Tish – plaque in restaurant?
- c. Discussion re Sask Athletics and insurance.

Door prizes drawn for. Winners were Kent Blatz and Jan Stirling.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jan Stirling. Seconded by Audrey Mowchenko. Meeting adjourned at 1330h..

Supporting Merchants

Brainsport The Running Store

Bike Doctor

Bruce's Cycle Works

Escape Sports

Eb's Source for Adventure

Outter Limits

Popeyes Supplements

Partners with the SRRRA

Craven SPORT Services

On Purpose Leadership

Sask Athletics

EY (Ernst and Young)

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Thank you for the on-going support!