

AGENDA of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the members of SASKATOON ROAD RUNNERS ASSOCIATION INC.
("SRRA" or the "Corporation") held at the
Saskatoon Field House, Room #1, 2020 College Dr., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015 AT 11:00 a.m.

Pre-AGM presentation:

Meewasin Valley Trail System – Nola Stein, Lloyd Isaac & Verity Moore-Wright, MVA

- unique relationship because we are non-profit, community partner
- one of the most popular trails in North America
- the SRRA node is now a destination for many community members
- conservation focus
- from Pike Lake to Clark's Crossing
- mission is to conserve, promote recreation, public participation in decision making
- past 5 years we have donated over 200 000 in funding
- these donations do not go unnoticed by community members, it goes a long way to enhance the well-being of Saskatoon community members
- Nearly 80 km of primary, secondary and tertiary trail in the river valley
- strategic plan 2014-2024 engages stakeholders and the trail is of utmost importance
- averages 89 users/hour, balanced on the east and west sides
- our trail system is top-notch
- did a large study of the entire trail system in the Saskatoon area - results indicated we have primary 4-seasons trail, secondary trails (slightly more narrow/alternate routes), tertiary trails (more difficult hiking and biking)
- demographics of 11 000 people ~57% pedestrians, 43% cyclers, 8% dogs, gender equality, predominately recreational use, but a small percentage are now using it to commute
- much of the trail system is need of repair, increased width, accessibility issues, furniture improvements or replacements, upgraded fountains, in need of a policy regarding signage in the valley
- due to increased population projections over the next decade will result in increased usage of the trail system
- estimated cost is ~16 million to repair the trail system
- the new section to the North Bridge will cost ~8 million

Summary of the prediction mile - 9 participants

- 2 were only 8 seconds off - Judy Warwick and Roland Delahoume
- least accurate - off by 1:14 - Jerry Demeria

1. **Call to Order and Quorum**

Present in Person:

Mr. Peter Goode, President of the Corporation, acted as Chairperson and Theresa Reid-Shea, Secretary of the Corporation, acted as Secretary and Scrutineer of the meeting. Mr. Goode advised that there were 28 members present in person and therefore a quorum was present and the meeting was properly called and regularly constituted for the transaction of business.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

- There were no questions so the agenda was approved

3. **Approval of Last Year's Minutes**

November 1, 2014 - AGM minutes – Theresa Reid-Shea

Alan Anderson *made a motion: to accept last year's November 1, 2014, AGM minutes*
Seconded by Lorrie Dobni

All in favour and motion is passed.

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

Once again the SRRA has had a successful year thanks to our dedicated Board, our very hard working race directors, our many volunteers, and our members. Later in today's meeting you will hear from our race directors

describing the many events we have organized this year. I want to highlight a few points, which I think help illustrate some of our 2015 successes.

- The Saskatchewan Marathon, while having a small growth in overall participants, actually saw the marathon event grow by 10%. That is significant because many marathons in Canada have actually seen decreased numbers. Our 5k event saw huge growth (almost doubled and many are sub-sixteen minutes).
- Our efforts to bring more youth into the running scene are also working. Our marathon, for example, had about 700 participants in the Marafun, as well as many youth in our 5k event. One of the reasons we created the 5k event was to attract youth and those new to running. It is working!!
- Our trail race series is also very popular with the young. For example, at our Blackstrap event 10% of the participants were 16 years or under, and about 10% were 65 or older. That almost matches the national population statistics – although the 65 and older cohort, for the first time ever, has now slightly increased over the 15 and under group. I see our efforts to attract youth as a great success.
- Later today we will talk about more plans to reach even more youth and young adults.

As you are aware, the SRRA is a strong supporter of the MVA – on whose trails we run, train, and race. This year the SRRA made national news as we were the first runners to break the tape at the official opening of the MVA and Trans Canada Trail expansion at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. It was great to see those SRRA jackets showing up in newspapers across the nation. Our donations have helped build this trail system and we should all be proud. Our mandate is to encourage running, walking and a healthy lifestyle. We give back to the community and we are proud of our successes.

The SRRA continues 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 a mystery and something we will be looking at in 2016.

To conclude I thank everyone for attending this AGM. I thank the other Board members for their work this year, including a special thanks to our two retirees – Heather Arnold and Carolanne Inglis-McQuay.

Lots of good things planned for 2016
Peter

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

Balance Sheet:

- Assets of \$215,907
- Very healthy GIC and cash balance – as we have yet to decide on donation amounts to Meewasin
- Deferred revenue for the marathon is a new item in the current year – PotashCorp gave us \$88,500 to cover the marathon for 2015, 2016 and 2017 so the 59,000 is 2/3 of the amount which has also been locked into a GIC
- Total Cash and GIC \$210,867 (prior year – \$116,673) increase of ~\$94,000. Made up roughly of the marathon profit of ~\$31,000 and \$59,000 in the Potash Corp amount. Since we have yet to make a donation we have shown the excess cash relative to last year

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements:

- Schedule 1 shows the earnings from the races
 - Marathon did well but made less than last year (~10,000 less but also had some added costs in the current year including the website redesign as well as payments made to the Ukrainian runners for the media work they did for us)
 - River run turned a profit but was less than prior year – less participants but the organizing committee did an excellent job of cost cutting
 - The trail runs/women's run/Blizzard - made small profits

- We pay a 4000 dollar fee to be an 'A' club then Sask Athletics gives us a grant resulting in the positive dollar amount
- Sask Athletics also provides us with insurance for our events (we pay \$3 per participant for races and \$2 per member for insurance for all events including workouts, socials etc.)
- Memberships of 233 + 13 non paying members
- Clubwear expenses have increased – purchased new toques and throwaway gloves
- We have yet to make a donation to Meewasin

Lynn Cushway made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report. Seconded by Jeff Hehn.

All in favour and motion is passed.

Dispense with Requirements to Appoint an Auditor: Leah Hientz

WHEREAS the Corporation does not require the services of an auditor or any person to conduct a review of the financial statements of the Corporation, and it is therefore necessary for the appointment of an auditor or any such person to be dispensed with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Corporation dispense with the appointment of an auditor and dispense with the appointment of any person to conduct a review of the financial statements of the Corporation, in respect of its fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 and in respect of all previous fiscal years of the Corporation and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Al Rung made a motion that this resolution be passed. Seconded by Judy Warick.

All in favour and motion is passed.

6. Reports

a) Membership Report (Al Rung)

- we are sitting at Nov. 4th = about 244 member (regular members - 218; life members - 2 (Jim Jasneick, Ray Risling, Peter Goode); Special members - (SRRA) - 10; youth members - 9)
- 10% of the runners at the trail events were youth

b) Monday Night/Saturday Morning workouts and Craven Clinics/Workshops (Theresa Reid-Shea, Kent Blatz and Dave Stark)

- 6:00 p.m. at River Landing
 - workouts are provided by Bruce Craven of Craven Sport
 - a quick warm-up then a speed workout
 - 8-15 participants weekly
- 6:30 p.m. at McPherson Hill
 - Workouts led by Dave Stark
 - warm up then hill repeats
 - 20-35 participants weekly
- Saturday long runs
 - Meet at Brainsport (now opens at 8:00 a.m.) for an 8:30 a.m. start
 - SRRA long run continues to lead by an SRRA member
 - runs are often geared toward upcoming SRRA events.
- Each year Bruce Craven puts on a number of workshops that develop strength and conditioning options specific to runners. Continue to watch the newsletter for options as Bruce Craven makes them available.

c) Social Report (Heather Arnold)

- Was held at the top of Saskatoon Square
- Attendance was around 50
- Theme was SRRA has talent
- Members sang, recited poetry, and told stories

- Heather is stepping down
- Theresa will look into a spring kick-off event with a family focus

d) Cross Training (extracurricular) (Clint Svensrud)

- Cross country skiing was held at Holiday Park on Sunday afternoons (coffee and hot chocolate after)
- yoga in the park did well in the spring
- will have another option available in the late fall early winter
- 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Saturday mornings track runs at the Field House led by Judy Warwick

e) Communications Report (Dave Stark)

- SRRA newsletter has been provided almost 7 years
- 368 newsletters have been sent out.
- Members have been faithful, if somewhat sporadic in contributions, but those that have been received are greatly appreciated.
- Feedback is limited but generally positive
- The newsletter will continue, but in the winter months it will be provided every second week or monthly
- Then May-Mid-September (every second week)
- Format may change
- Dave is stepping down as newsletter editor on January 31, 2016

f) Equipment report (Nancy Milhousen)

- without rentals it has been much easier
- we may need a shed for the marathon if the marathon continues to grow
- Nancy would like some things gone and somethings stored at someone's house
- the cup supply is getting lower
- Nancy suggested a nice day in the fall should be set aside to de-clutter the shed
- Peter suggested a larger shed; we could then divide it into two sections (i.e., marathon, other)
- our current location is 200 square feet but we could use 400 square feet

g) Clubwear – (Theo Phillips)

- 30 buffs, 15 toques, 54 sets of gloves
- consider getting new jackets (Louis Garneau??? Sugoi??? Salomon???)
- asking for feedback from the membership regarding future orders

7. Race Reports 2015:

a) Winter Shines Blizzard Triathlon - February 1, 2015 (Jeff Hehn, Neil MacKay, Alan Anderson)

- Over 100 people were out (~80 racers)
- The serious ski loppet was the day after so if that event doesn't go this year the event will likely be attended higher
- This was the third event
- Part of the Saskatoon Wintershines Festival
- Start/Finish – Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval
- 3 categories (Challenge, Citizen, Family)
- This next year will have a youth event as well
- The Challenge involved 4km skate or 1.5 km snow shoe, followed by an 8 km ski, then a 5km run
- Great volunteer support from the Tri-Club and ski club (great partnership)
- Made a small profit

b) Run for Women – May 10, 2015 (Carolanne Inglis-McQuay)

- 60 entries, good weather
- 3rd year
- Meant to be organized and run by men
- minimal charge (\$5)
- BBQ to follow - non-money making event - more of a family focus

- c) **Saskatchewan Marathon and Marafun - May 25, 2015 (Kim Ali, On Purpose Leadership)**
- fundraiser and money gets re-invested
 - close to 500 volunteers - not possible without the volunteers - get meal, t-shirts and involve them
 - investment - website development, changing the colour theme, new registration platform
 - investment in the participants - Brainsport and Adidas - and sizing of shirts have been much better
 - medals for the 10 and 5 km runners received this year – a very popular decision
 - investment in the youth aspect - Marafun (700) - partnership with Bruce Craven and Mike McDonald who visited the schools and increased motivation
 - sponsored children at King George to train and take part in the 5 km event (approx.. 60 including leaders)
 - partnership also with the Open Door Society - 20 youth in 5 and 10 km events
 - largest # of registrants to date (celebration) and speaks to the success
- d) **EY River Run Classic - July 12, 2015 (Neil McKay, Heather Arnold, Nancy Milhousen)**
- Smokey year but luckily a smoke free, hot, and humid day
 - 385 participants (down likely due to forest fire smoke in the weeks leading up to the event)
 - Included 5km, 10 km, and half-marathon distances
 - Same course – started at River Landing went North along the river valley
 - 10k race was part of the Saskatchewan Athletics Road Race Series
 - 10 km men's winner (36:28) - Nick Romanow of Flower Mound, Texas
 - 10 km women's winner (40:16) - Robyn Luthi of Melfort, Saskatchewan
 - Men's half winner - James Funk (1:17:30) of Saskatoon
 - Women's half winner - Erin Gardiner (1:29:22) of Saskatoon
 - 5 k men's winner - Nelson Peters (18:19) of Spiritwood Saskatchewan
 - 5 km women's winner - Sonia Rees (19:28) of Saskatoon
 - Special thanks to the title sponsor, EY, for its continuing generous sponsorship,
 - Thanks to Brainsport and the other sponsors, the many volunteers, and the race committee which consisted of Neil MacKay, Heather Arnold, Nancy Milhousen, and Audrey Mowchenko.
- e) **Trail Race Series (3 races) May 2015, July 2015, Sept 2015 (Peter Goode)**
- April –
- o Meewasin Park
 - o 55 people
 - o Race day registration only
 - o No food
- July –
- o Cranberry Flats
 - o 55 participants
 - o Theo brought food and Lynn's mom baked scones
- Sept. –
- o Blackstrap Provincial Park
 - o 60 participants
 - o Theo and Lynn provided food
- f) **Turkey Trot (October 2015) (Brian Breit)**
- held on the Monday of the Thanksgiving weekend
 - ~ 28 entrants
 - no cost
 - Turkey and fixings for the winner (1 second off his time)
- g) **Prediction Mile - Nov 1, 2014 (Murray Gross)**
- preceded AGM , 20 entrants
 - free to membership, \$5 for non-members

- meant to encourage attendance at the meeting, small event

h) **Remembrance Day Run - Nov 11, 2014 Murray Gross, Race director**

- free event for members, done on a small budget,
- 50 participants,
- 12 readers
- Edward's School of Business - Start

8. 2015-2016 Tentative Race Schedule and Race Directors

- Blizzard- Winter Triathlon –Jan. 30/16 (Jeff Hehn, Neil McKay, and possibly Alan Anderson, and the Tri-Club)
- Run for Women - May 7, 2016 (Kent Blatz)
- Saskatchewan Marathon –May 29, 2016 (On Purpose Leadership - 10th year of involvement)
 - Dec. 1st registration (early bird rate - last yr. 800 people signed up, most committee members are returning, ALL activities to Prairieland Park, t-shirts (shock green) have already been ordered, and looking at interesting guest speakers)
 - Charity of Choice has been the MVA for the last 5 yrs and the participants are able to donate when they register
 - goal is to keep the routes the same
 - more recognition for age classes and maybe moved to the finish area village
- EY River Run Classic –July 10, 2016 (Neil MacKay, Heather Arnold, Nancy Milhousen)
- Trail Series - #1- April 2016 #2- July 2016 #3- Sept 2016 (Peter Goode (May) /Theresa Reid-Shea and Theo Phillips (July/Sept))
- Turkey Trot – TBA – may be week before Thanksgiving (Brian Breit)
- Considering a cross country race in September (\$3 entry insurance) to be led by Peter and possibly Brian M.
- Prediction Mile & AGM – Nov. 5, 2016 (Murray Gross)
- Remembrance Day Run – Nov 11, 2016 (Murray Gross)

9. Election of the 2016 Board of Directors

3 officers (president, treasurer, and secretary)

10 people have agreed to let their names stand for the election to the board. Nominations from the floor were opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the following persons be and are hereby elected directors of the Corporation, to hold office until they resign or until their successors are elected.

Nominees:

Dave Stark
Nancy Milhousen
Theresa Reid-Shea
Clint Svensrud
Leah Hientz
Peter Goode
Theo Phillips
Al Rung
Kent Blatz
Alan Anderson

Resigning:

Carolanne Inglis-McQuay
Heather Arnold

Lynn Cushway made a motion to elect the above nominees. Seconded by Lorrie Dobni.

All in favour and motion is passed.

10. New Business

- SRRA has three officers - should we consider terms for these roles and Peter proposed that there be a succession plan so we do not burn out our volunteers.
- Tom Stack - treasurer for 11 years and Lorrie - President for 6 years move that they become life members.

Peter made a motion to make these two life members. Seconded by Theo Phillips.

All in favour and motion is passed.

11. Adjournment

Theo Phillips made a motion to adjourn AGM meeting.

All in favour and motion is passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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)

MLT

Thank you for the on-going support!