

Juneau Trail and Road Runners

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Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Juneau Trail and Road Runners (JTRR)

Saturday, January 30th, 2021 via Zoom virtual platform. Meeting convened at 6:02 PM.

In attendance: Co-Presidents Keith Levy and Dan Robinson, Treasurer Kym Mauseth, Secretary Susan Cable, Membership Coordinator David Epstein, Race Director Coordinator Paul DeSloover, Race Results and NAOC Coordinator Myron Davis attended the board-only portion after the main meeting. Not in attendance: Equipment Manager Dave Thomson. Including board members and general members, a total of 25 people attended all or part of the virtual meeting.

Dan thanked Susan and Kym for their part in the 2020 virtual races.

Kym gave a treasurer's report. We had a great year, considering the pandemic. Per Dan we had 1,100 runners, vs. about 2,000 the year before, but we spent way less in 2021. Dan continued that Cameron Clark and others had more runners than in 2020! Some 2021 virtual races will continue to offer runners to do multiple distances.

Dan continued to host the meeting. Sweetheart's relay is the next race. Dan asked for suggestions for future virtual races. Linda Kruger loved the virtual race set-up, especially the choice of days to run. Others mentioned that the markings made it feel more like a regular race, very fun! Some half-marathons down south opened up for a whole month. Many people missed seeing the other club members race.

Kym put the 2020 Treasurer's Report on the screen. Most amounts were similar to last year. Donations include \$3,000 to the Ben Blackgoat Scholarship. Members much appreciated that local businesses gift cards for prizes. Doing this was Kym's idea! Kym plans to put out a spreadsheet of local businesses with gift cards; anyone who knows of others, please let her know.

JUNEAU TRAIL AND ROAD RUNNERS 2020 Treasurer's Report

• Beginning Balance	\$20,686.45
• Receipts	
○ Memberships	\$ 1,159.82
○ Race Receipts	\$10,213.84
• Expenses	
○ Donations	\$ 6,325.91
○ Race Expenses	\$ 736.81
○ Club Expenses	\$ 4,671.35
• Ending Balance	\$20,326.54

Dan listed all of the board members and asked for objections to all continuing. Susan described her duties. No one stepped forward to take over for her, yet. All will continue, with the caveat that a replacement may step forward for the Secretary/Webmaster position.

NAO Cup - Kym shared her screen to show the list of winners. She described the prizes. We thank NAO for the prizes! Dan mentioned how much some of the younger runners enjoyed running multiple distances. Is there something NAO might be able to offer the younger crowd that they would enjoy more than their parent getting a percentage off? Usually we would give out ribbons. Ribbons can be mailed out, but Kym burned out on doing that. John Kern suggested doing medals for NAO again, and easier than trophies. He has contacts, and says they are relatively inexpensive. Mike McKrill, who was an officer 30 years ago, said he is impressed with JTRR's success and organization. He likes the idea of having year and place on the awards. Mike thinks the kids are pretty happy with just the ribbons. In the chat were other ideas. Suzanne Sauerteig did ribbons for all child participants, and that we need to continue to keep the cost of club races down, unlike many races other places. Technical shirts are nice for bigger races. Ribbons are good age 7 and under. Kirk Thorstenstein showed off Craig's impressive ribbon collection.

We could/should let the school PE teachers know our schedule (though it changes), so they can encourage children to participate.

David Epstein talked about the Juneau Marathon and Half Marathon. The board has set a date of April 1st to decide if the race will be virtual or not. \$65 marathon, \$35 for the half. Sign-up is open! The link is on our website and in every club email Shoutout until then. If the race is not virtual, we'll need to recruit many volunteers very quickly!

Suzanne Sauerteig asked if it would be possible to keep donations open for all races so non-participants can continue to donate. Kym said people can register and not run, and that often registration is open for a few days after the race to allow for reconciliation. Suzanne said she had favorite races, both JTRR and other fundraisers, which she would like to donate toward.

Paul DeSloover acknowledged Kym as the main drive and hardest worker behind this year's virtual races. The race director whisperer! Myron's fantastic race result work is greatly appreciated by all!

Linda Kruger mentioned how great it is to see all of the faces, and what great attendance this meeting had. John Kern congratulated the club for all we've pulled off in 2020. Dan said that David Epstein did a great job of keeping his eye on what other clubs were doing, in part through RRCA.

The main membership meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

After the main meeting adjourned and general members and some board members had signed off, Dan shared Sweetheart race details with Kym. David stopped recording the meeting. Myron, Susan, and David Epstein stayed on, and Myron showed up (parenting stuff had kept him from attending). Kym said she has revamped the waivers section of registrations to better match what we have online for membership and volunteers. She also added gift card info to the registration form. We'll discuss prizes and such at the next board meeting. Kym feels we should order more ribbons which say JTRR rather than SERR, as the current ribbons do. Buffs are a great idea, and we could do a model show of how they can be worn. Other ideas were temporary tattoos/stickers/patches.

General member participation at the Zoom was fantastic, both verbally and in the chat. Dan said perhaps if we do an in-person meeting again we could have a Zoom option for the introverts.

Myron said the marathon times and photos were very challenging this year, and in general the virtual year was more challenging than past years. Myron has been working on getting past results from past Juneau Empires at the state library. He adds former names as hidden parts of the name which is visible to others. Will we have a race director's meeting this year? Little has changed. Kym thought it might be useful to remind RD's of the forms they need to submit for virtual races. Maybe record a short how-to video for RDs? We could email instructions to each RD when the Shoutout goes out to subscribers for their race.

Board break-out session adjourned at 7:13.

Chat from the meeting:

00:13:33 Kristin McTague: Hi, JTRR friends!

00:13:47 Kym Mauseth JTRR Treasurer: Hi Kristin!

00:19:23 Kristin McTague: I will say "ditto!" to what Linda said. Great job, Kym!

00:20:22 Susan P: Missed seeing everyone, but enjoyed the virtual races. I ran a couple in the morning before work.

00:22:22 Jeremy Hsieh: I was pretty skeptical about the virtual races at first, but I came around on it after trying a few. I appreciate the work that went into them!

00:23:24 Kirk Thorsteinson: As a Race Director, much thanks to all of you behind the scenes with the website and permits...!

00:23:48 Holly Handler: What Kirk said!

00:26:42 Kirk Thorsteinson: There was definitely some learning curve to directing a race virtually, but I did not miss setting up in the dark and cold in November :-)

00:29:58 Lori Crupi: Thank you to everyone

00:30:18 Heather Parker: thank you to board members for all your work!

00:38:31 Gus Marx:I love medals!

00:39:37 Lori Crupi: my 13 yo daughter said trophy for first, medal for second, ribbon for third. I feel like medals are easier than trophies. Adults don't need anything as far as I'm concerned

00:39:50 Suzanne Sauerteig: ribbons are inexpensive and store well

00:40:19 Suzanne Sauerteig: ribbons are less expensive

00:40:53 Kristin McTague: A yellow bib? Like Tour de France

00:41:06 Kristin McTague: Or a visor

00:41:15 Susan P: I wonder if there are temporary tattoos - First place, second place, etc. As a parent, I suggest ribbons, store well, make great bookmarks.

00:41:16 Kirk Thorsteinson: Every kid probably has their own thoughts. For some, ribbons and medals may just go in a box. But inexpensive practical awards like socks might be appreciated too.

00:41:17 Gus Marx:Running caps?

00:42:08 Gus Marx:And it's advertising....

00:42:38 Kirk Thorsteinson: NAO did something neat for one of the races where they had a table with a variety of items kids could choose from...water bottles...

00:42:53 Kirk Thorsteinson: But something with the JTRR logo and year obviously special and memorable

00:43:03 Alyssa Hobbs: Buffs are a great idea.

00:44:53 Lori Crupi: my daughter says kids 7 and younger should all get participation ribbons

00:46:36 Kristin McTague: Have the JSD PE teachers been given our JTRR race calendar? If we want more kids in attendance... just a thought.

00:48:00 Kirk Thorsteinson: Everyone has their own preference on what they wear when racing and for day to day wear. But agree ribbons very motivational and special for youth.

00:48:55 Suzanne Sauerteig: love Keith's mugs for the Nifty Fifty

00:50:02 Susan & Gordon: The mugs were cool, but the cost was subsidized... it's challenging to have great prizes and keep costs down!

00:50:07 Kristin McTague: Thanks Myron Davis!

00:52:18 Kristin McTague: Thanks Dave!!!!

00:53:46 Kimberly Metcalfe: Thanks to all board members and volunteers! Keep running—you can win if no one else is in your age group!

00:54:55 Jennifer Thorsteinson - APFC: A big thank you to the Board, race directors, and volunteers! You are all doing a fantastic job and are appreciated

00:54:58 Holly Handler: Thank you to everyone who helped make these races possible this year, to help keep us sane during these weird times!

00:55:40 Lori Crupi: Yes! What Holly said. It was great to have a virtual race to look forward to.

00:55:49 Susie: yes! thanks to the whole crew board & volunteers! Running in Juneau stays Alive & exciting ! 🙌❤️🙌

00:58:07 Kimberly Metcalfe: Way to go Kym!

01:00:47 Heather Parker: running virtual races has been such a joy this year. thank you to all volunteers, board members, and organizers!

01:01:17 Eddie & Danielle: Woohoo! Keep Juneau moving!

Screen Shots:





