

# **North Jersey Masters Board Meeting 10/8/19**

***Board meeting called to order by Debi at 7:28pm***

***Debi makes motion to accept September minutes, Lori 2nds***

**Attendees:** Debi Brathwaite, Chris Kunkel, Norm Chester, Michelle Christensen, Jack Frame, Ed Kavanagh, Lori Kilmurray, John McCormack and Drew Coyle.

## **Events- Drew**

- Drew has 40 ppl signed up for the marathon bus so far.
- After the NYC Marathon Johnny will be managing all the bus arrangements for the NYC ½, Brooklyn ½ and the NYC Marathon.
- Lexi and Frank would like to organize the proposed scavenger hunt fun run, but they do not think there is enough time to get it done by November, so we collectively discuss possible spring dates.
- The board discusses potential races for the “destination run” and all decide to choose the New Jersey Marathon the last weekend in April.
- The fall session pizza party will be November 19, at Renato in Ridgewood

## **Sponsorship-Chris**

-Chris, Michelle and Jack will join the sponsorship committee to help Jerry  
Chris will set up a meeting with Katie, Chris, Michelle C. and Jack to discuss new plans and opportunities for 2020.

## **Apparel- Lori**

The apparel committee will be opening the online store for winter apparel. It will include hoodies, sweats, Under Armour cold gear, white caps and winter hats with a pom poms  
All board members agree with requests.

## **Communications-Lori**

- Nick has requested that the workouts have their own separate area on the website. Drew suggests it has its own page/tab as it was on the old site. Lori will try and add this on her own, but if she needs assistance from Jonathan, Debi wants to know the price before we move forward with him.
- Lori looked into why we were being charged for overages on Constant Contact and she found that we have 3900+ contacts and our plan only allows for 2500. After discussion, we concluded that Ridgewood Runners are incorporated in our contacts and therefore we have so many. Lori will go through the lists so only members are included. They will also start using RunSignUp to send out update emails but will send their quarterly newsletter and other emails that need more creative abilities out of Constant Contact. This should alleviate the overages. Debi also wants Lori to let her know who currently has admin rights for Constant Contact.

### **Beginners Group-Debi**

- Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> is the dress rehearsal for the beginners and Linda needs volunteers to run with the group. Lori will post on FB that we need volunteers for this.
- The graduation race is Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Paramus 5K and Debi would like all board members to be there to support the graduates.

### **Coaching-Debi**

- There has been a large turnout for Tuesday and Wednesday's weekly coaching workouts and both are going well.

### **Membership-Ed**

- Ed will take over as chair of the membership committee.
- Ed will be meeting with Pete to get more familiar with how the committee work. Pete will continue as a member of the committee, but in a limited capacity.
- Ed has some people in mind for the committee and some ideas about how he would like to run the committee. He and Debi will have a meeting to discuss future for the committee.

### **Treasurers Report-Norm**

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- Coaching, apparel (singlets) and the awards gala are highest expenses with the Ridgewood Run being our largest source of revenue. NJM was able to donate over \$19,000 in 2019 to various charities with half of that going directly to the Special Olympics of NJ.

### **Misc.-Debi**

- Board elections are on November 6<sup>th</sup>. As of 10/8/19 Michelle Bellomo, Michelle Christensen, Dominique Hamel, and Erene Saludaes have submitted their intention
- Debi asked Lori to add term limits on the existing board on the website.
- Debi asked Michelle to create a FB invite for elections.
- Debi and the RR Volunteer Committee had a meeting with Barwick Group and there were several issues raised and addressed about the 2019 race and expectations for next year's race.
- The USATF Championship Bid deadline is the first week in November and all board agrees we should move forward and submit a bid for the RR 10K.

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Debi makes motion to adjourn the meeting, all agree.  
Meeting adjourned 9:14pm.

**Next meeting 11/12/19 @ 7:00pm Friendship House, Ridgewood**