



SAR Annual Meeting Agenda

**Southern Arizona Roadrunners Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 2023**

Jewish Community Center North classroom

Monday October 9, 2023

6pm

	Board Member	Attendance	Race Director	Attendance
1	Caroline Gardner	X	Randy Accetta	X
2	Greg Wenneborg	X	Autumn Ball	
3	Robert Rezetko	X	Monica Bermudez	
4	Dave Dixon	X	Steve Outridge	
5	Mohammed Al-Sammak	X	Steve King	
6	Kurt Michels	X		
7	Donna Gracia	X		
8	Wayne Lubis			
9	Craig McCarthy	X		
10	Kurt Michels	X		
11	Robert Rezetko	X		
12	Lucas Tyler	X		
13	Amairani Garcia	X		
	Guests			
1	Elle Steiner	X		
2	Brian Meyer	X		
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1. Call Board Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.
2. Introduction of Guests - Elle Steiner and Brian Meyer introduced themselves and provided background information as they are both potential Board Members. Caroline made a motion to vote on both as Board Members. Craig McCarthy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Elle and Brian are now SAR Board Members.

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3. Approval of minutes – Caroline Gardner made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes with two corrections for spelling. Dave Dixon seconded the motion and the motion passed.
  
4. Strategic Issues - Caroline opened a discussion to form a website committee in order to improve the SAR website. The Website Committee members were named and will meet separately from the board meetings to make website improvements. The Website Committee members are: Donna Gracia (lead), Greg Wenneborg, Robert Rezetko, Brian Meyer, Kurt Michels, Elle Steiner, and Randy Accetta. In particular, Donna, Elle, and Brian all have strong backgrounds in website design. A discussion to form a Volunteer Committee in order to manage and recognize volunteers was opened by Caroline. A committee will be formed with the following members who will meet separately from the Board: Caroline Gardner (lead), Amairani Garcia, Mohammed Al-Sammak, and Agata Orlinski. A discussion to determine members of the Fitkidz Committee was opened by Caroline.  
The following Fitkidz Committee members were named: Craig McCarthy (lead), Lucas Tyler, and MacKenzie Fritz. Lucas will put out a social media post to seek volunteers to assist with Fitkidz events. Randy Accetta stated he wants to coordinate with Craig and Lucas to prepare for the next Fitkidz event on October 22, in conjunction with the A Mountain Half Marathon race in order to work out details on placement of the Fitkidz registration, t-shirt tables, and volunteer coordination.
  
5. Race Calendar and Event Discussion - Randy Accetta said the Tucson 10K race went well and thanked the club for the help provided. Lucas Tyler said the preparations for the Thanksgiving race are on track.  
Greg Wenneborg talked about the timing issues at Fitkidz. Fitkidz results were posted by the afternoon. Greg discussed his efforts to troubleshoot the timing equipment to resolve the issues.  
Greg requested to be reimbursed \$375 for the purchase of new timing chips. He will provide a receipt to the Treasurer, Dave Dixon. Caroline made a motion to reimburse Greg \$375. The motion passed and Dave will get a check to Greg.  
The Jim Click race had a new Race Director, Autumn Ball. Caroline said Autumn did an excellent job as a first time Race Director. Caroline will schedule a meeting with Autumn Ball and Pete Hughes to review any issues/challenges they experienced on race day.  
There was one noise complaint regarding the Fitkidz race at Sabino. We will consider social media posts and race day signage to let park patrons know about the event and that it will be noisier than usual on race day.

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Randy will provide a donation (not a SAR donation) to Team Hoyt for \$3,000 to help replace stolen race chairs and other stolen equipment. He suggested SAR consider making a donation as well. Dave Dixon made a motion to provide \$1,000 to Team Hoyt to help with replacing equipment. Craig suggested that Dave or someone on the Board discuss the possibility of having Team Hoyt purchase insurance and/or review the security of the storage facility to reduce the possibility of theft in the future (Team Hoyt had \$20,000 of equipment stolen). The motion to donate \$1,000 passed.

Caroline and Greg will meet with Randy in October/November to renegotiate the SAR contract with Run Tucson. Once that is done the Board will vote on the new contract in December or January.

6. Monthly Reports - Dave provided the Treasurer's Report. A copy of the report will be archived with these notes. He still needs to close the PNC account but there are issues to resolve with this account. He also said 2024 might be the last year for Marana Health to sponsor the Sun Run.

Youth Program: Lucas will advertise a call for nominations for SAR Children's Fitness Fund grants in November, with a possible Board vote on awarding grants in December, 2024.

Lucas stated the deadline to submit articles for the next newsletter is November 15. He has 5-6 articles written by SAR members for the newsletter.

Material needs: Greg requested new race signs be purchased, which will cost \$150. He said that Race Directors should be taking equipment to/from the shed as part of their RD duties. It should not be his job to get equipment for their race. That said, he noticed the shed needs cleaning and suggested we schedule a clean out day in the near future. Greg talked about an overall effort to upgrade the timing and display board systems. He suggested we use a 5-year cycle to continue to have reliable timing and display equipment. He suggested the Board make a plan for November to make a motion to purchase 10,000 timing chips to replace and upgrade the current chips.

Lucas discussed purchasing Fitkidz hats that can be resold for profit back to the Fitkidz fund. In a related comment, Dave said that race fees/profits are now taxable in Arizona and that the club needs to have paperwork to show we are a non-profit and get a sales tax exemption. Dave expressed concern that SAR needs to make this a priority and get a better understanding on what SAR can and can't do in terms of paying taxes on money generated from races and sales.

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Material Needs - Greg stated SAR needs 4 timing cables at \$95 each (does not include tax or shipping) due to some recent damage that occurred. He and Lucas discussed purchasing a new inflatable START/FINISH arch with accompanying signage. The arch and cables will cost \$1,100. A motion was made to make the purchase and the motion passed. Greg reiterated that race equipment generally needs replacing after 5 years of use.

7. New Business – Caroline tabled the Fitkidz committee discussion and it will be discussed at the November meeting.
8. Good of the Order - There was a discussion about the March 3, 2024 Dave's Run date. Consider moving the date or provide Race Director Steve Outridge race day assistance. Steve has an event on March 2 which may impact race preparation for Dave's Run. Caroline will talk to Steve about how SAR can best support this race. Caroline suggested a party or some recognition for Sharon from the Running Shop. Sharon has retired and has been a great partner and contributor to SAR and the Tucson running community. Lucas is the new owner of the Running Shop. Kurt Michels passed out flyers regarding the November 5, Hope for Huntington's walk at Silverlake Park. He requested participation and possibly a donation from SAR to support Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA). Due to time constraints this was not pursued in the meeting, however, Caroline will email information to the Board to consider a SAR donation or personal donations to HDSA.
9. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.