



SAR Annual Meeting Agenda

**Southern Arizona Roadrunners Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 12, 2024**

**Tucson Racquet & Fitness Club**

6pm

	Board Member	Attendance	Race Director	Attendance
1	Caroline Gardner	X	Randy Accetta	X
2	Greg Wenneborg	X	Autumn Ball	X
3	Robert Rezetko	X	Monica Bermudez	X
4	Dave Dixon	X	Steve Outridge	
5	Mohammed Al-Sammak		Steve King	
6	Kurt Michels	X		
7	Donna Gracia	X		
8	Wayne Lubis		<b>Guests</b>	
9	Craig McCarthy	X	Kelly Thrush Gratitude & Grace Foundation	X
10	Kurt Michels	X	Ashley Levy	X
11	Elle Steiner	X		
12	Lucas Tyler	X		
13	Amairani Garcia	X		
14	Brian Meyer			
15	Agata Orlinski	X		
16	Layra Reza	X		
17	Mackenzie Fritz	X		

1. Call Board Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Approval of January Minutes - minutes were approved.
3. Introduction of Guests - Ashley Levy introduced herself. Kurt Levy introduced himself and is requesting SAR charity support for his Gratitude and Grace Foundation for transplant recipients and substance abuse patients.
4. Officer Reports -
  - Membership is at 845 and family membership is at 586. Agata will help Lucas with membership package mailings.

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- Materials Officer - the new chips purchased in December are 100% effective after two races. The Board re-approved the expenditure of a new starting arch for \$800. The Board had approved the new arch in XXXXX
- Treasurer - The PNC account is now closed. Dave distributed the February treasurer's report to the Board and pointed out our fund situation. It was agreed at this point in the meeting that SAR will do a spring and fall Children's Fitness Fund grant. This is a change from doing one CFF grant in the fall. Dave recommended we do this as our CFF is healthy and we have the ability to disburse more funds.
- Steve Outridge's Race Director Report: Planning is progressing well for:
  - 03/03/24 - Dave's Run for ALS
  - 03/17/24 - Desert Leprechaun
  - 04/13/24 - Sabino Canyon Sunset Run

-Registration numbers are not good for Daves Run so far. I don't know why. Perhaps the masses are upset about it being changed to an 8k. Hopefully, numbers will pick up significantly over the coming weeks. The 8K course is locked in and submitted for certification, thanks to Lucas. Registration numbers are pretty good for Desert Leprechaun and Sabino, but I definitely hope they also pick up significantly over the coming weeks. Still waiting to hear back on my submission for new 5-year permits at Sabino. There is new leadership over there so we will see how the process goes this year. Great work by Lucas and his team, and Greg, at Fine Valentine's again this year. Everything seemed to go pretty well, and I hear that the course has never been marked more clearly. :-)

Many thanks also to Dave for helping me out with quick responses to my requests for expense reimbursements for shirts, medals, and more.
- FitKidz Committee February Report: We now have a permit for the SW corner of Reid Park for the FitKidz Club. We also have permission from Tucson Parks & Rec for the NW corner of Mission Manor Park (no permit was issued). The FitKidz Club registration and volunteer site is active and we are getting responses from parents and volunteers. I delivered FitKidz Club flyers to the Valenzuela Center and Boys & Girls Club at Mission Manor Park to promote the FitKidz Club event at Mission Manor Park. We had 46 runners yesterday for the FitKidz Run at the Fine Valentine Relay.
- Website Committee: We continue to make maintenance updates such as adding board minutes, updating the Grand Prix results, updating for content and accuracy, and updating resources and training, all in all we have made 39 changes this month! The big change this month has been to standardize our race page layout, the accordions, and the content in the race pages. Every race page for active races this year has been updated to some degree with the most current upcoming races getting the most attention.

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- Grand Prix Report: Robert initiated a discussion of Grand Prix rules and awards, including free race entries for overall and masters winners, and he will revise the current written rules to reflect the recent practice. A motion was passed to revise the rules and wording of the Grand Prix for 2024.
5. New and Continuing Business –
- Randy Accetta gave an update on the Sunrise at Old Tucson Trail Run. 400+ have signed up. A SAR email went out to the membership list promoting this race. Randy proposed that in exchange for SAR support, Run Tucson pay SAR \$3 per prepaid registered runner up to \$500 and any SAR donations from this race site would go to SAR and reduce RT's cost to SAR by the amount donated. He also suggested SAR put a button on every SAR race on the website for donations. Randy then departed and the Board discussed his proposal.  
**A motion was passed to accept \$2 per prepaid entrant for Sunrise at Old Tucson Trail race and that no donations go towards reducing RT's payment agreement.** There was no dollar amount cap (\$500) as part of the motion.
  - A long discussion ensued regarding the terms of a future contract with Run Tucson/Randy Accetta. The discussion was tabled and the Presidents will decide the terms of the contract based on the Board's many inputs.
  - SAR agreed to provide social media posts on Adaptive Athletics awards gala on April 5, 2024.
  - Greg Wenneborg discussed the possibility of buying the rights and equipment & supplies to the Arizona Distance Classic Half Marathon that traditionally takes place in March in Oro Valley. Approximate cost is \$15,000. The Board decided to continue to consider this as an option but there were concerns raised about competition with other SAR races in March and the lack of Race Directors willing to take on this project.
  - Donna Gracia requested SAR provide press credentials to her husband as SAR's official photographer. The motion passed.
  - The SAR flier for March is due to the Printer by February 23. A final round of edits was conducted on February 15.
  - The Self Defense Class presentation was tabled to the March meeting.
6. Race and Event Report - Dave Dixon said we had 185 participants at the January 14th Beyond event at Saguaro National Park West. The Rangers were cooperative and helpful.
- The Sun Run on January 21st had 529 registered runners on a wet and cold morning.
  - Autumn Ball requested media support to advertise the Southwest Endurance Training Running Start 5K training that begins March 7.



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7. Good of the Order: Kurt Michels resigned from the SAR Board effective immediately. We thank Kurt for his service to SAR and the Tucson running community and wish him well in his future endeavors.
8. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.