



Gate City Striders eBoard Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date:
September 8, 2021

Start Time/Location:
7:15 pm - Zoom

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Berger	X	Amanda Naro
X	Diane Clifford	X	Tara Roark-Towle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Crane	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Rogers
X	Carolanne Donovan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Rouleau
X	Rob Fiero	X	Phil Petschek
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Furler	X	Carolina Tumminelli
X	Christy Kervin	X	Trevor Ward
X	Johanna Lisle Newbold	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Guests:

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- **Opening Remarks (Steve Rouleau) (5 minutes).**
Meeting run by Christy Kervin
 - **Secretary's Report (Carolina Tumminelli) (1-2 minutes)**
 - August Minutes - Minutes accepted.
 - **Treasurer's Report (Diane Clifford) (10 minutes)**
 - Updates - More revenue from Pack, trail series, couch to 5K. and then some outgoing paid out student scholarship.
 - Upcoming expenses for Pack (timing bill), Bill from the police.
 - Report on Budget -
 - Monthly budget review for 9/2021 -
 - Draft budget from Steve? per Steve - it is in process. no ETA? Christy will ask Steve what the ETA is.
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 - **Committee Reports**
 - **Sponsorship/Outreach (Jeremy Berger) (5 minutes)**
 - Updates: no updates

- **Membership (Trevor Ward) (5 minutes)**
 - Updates: Membership has been gradually increasing. Close to last month - about 10 renewals, and 2 new members. Diane still needs to reach out to George re: membership to have that broken out for budget etc.
 - Trevor will send out an updated membership list.

- **Communication (CarolAnne Donovan/Mark Crane) (5 minutes)**
 - Updates – Finalized Code of Conduct and has been included in the last couple of emails. Do we need to send out an email just about the Code of Conduct? Probably not necessary since it has been out on all of our platforms.
 - Next newsletter going out 9/14. Johanna will send Carolanne something about the Marathon bus then.
 - next newsletter will have scholarship winner announcement etc.
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- **Competition (Johanna Lisle Newbold & Tara Roark-Towle) (5 minutes)**
 - Boston Marathon Application and Awarding Process- (no updates)
 - **Support for Virtual Boston GCS Runner's**-(Johanna) - Date: 10/9 at Gilson Road Trail Trail parking lot. will reach out in a few weeks to get info from people to see if it is worth doing.
 - Will be sending it out to see what people are looking for.
 - maybe use the flags. And finish line, but who will be available and volunteering, etc. But it will come down to how many volunteers will we have.
 - Johanna will send out a survey
 - **Boston Marathon Bus**-still looking for someone to take over Dan's role. BAA not allowing us to have a team bus, but we need to decide if we should do anything or will we just not be allowed to do anything at all.
 - Results from Poll to members re: Bus/hotel? **are we doing the bus/hotel?**
 - **Mark Crane has been working on it, bus is \$3,350, Hotel is \$2,600. Bus is max capacity of 50. Bus would cost \$120 per person, but BAA has not published details about loading times etc. If we cut out the hotel, then it could be just \$67/person. Only 19 people filled out the survey.**
 - **People are starting to ask questions about the bus.**
 - **with where we are at right now, it would be a big loss to the club monetarily unless we get 50 people.**
 - **Should we just forgo it for now?**
 - **Phil makes a motion to forgo the bus and hotel. Diane seconded. motion passes unanimously.**
 - **Christy will touch base with Mark & Steve re: announcements. especially to the membership board within 24-48 hours.**

- Mountain Series- Jacob Wormald is leading the entire series at the moment.
- NHGP- most of our runners are competing this year.
- NEGP-
- Cross Country- starts Sunday (9/12). will probably be a smaller group.

- **Social (Amanda Naro) (10 minutes)**
 - Updates
 - Awards Dinner
 - Hall of Fame –
 - Annual Meeting (Amanda Naro)
 - Best of Boston/Henri Renaud Awards (Amanda Naro) - reserved 11/15 date at NCC. **we will have to decide next meeting.**
 - Scholarship Night/Health & Wellness Night (Amanda Naro):
 - Ultimate Runner Night -
 - Candlelight relay/Bell Lap celebration? would tentatively be 10/21. usually the last night of track, normally end it with a celebration at Chunky's.
 - Do we want to have an indoor event given COVID?
 - Chunky's now charges a fee for reserving a room - \$99.
 - or do we just keep the celebration at the Track - have pizza there? maybe encourage people to bring chairs and lights. maybe use the tent, and generator with tents, etc. Phil and Rob will talk about it to get it done for an outdoor event.
 - Budget for pizza, drinks, plates & napkins, Budget of \$400. Motion passes unanimously.
 - **GCS Half Hunt - has been released.**

- **Training (5 minutes) -**
 - Winter Track
 - Spring/Summer/Fall Track - (Stephen Rouleau) - Had checked with Carolina a week or two ago and as of then, the track at North was clear of scheduled events thru Mid-October. We will continue to check on occasion just in case.
 - Couch to 5k - A few individuals successfully completed the Couch to 5k program on Monday! George is running a modified program now thru September – basically starting at week 6 – given the crap weather we had most Wednesday nights.
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- **Events/Races**
 - Freeze Your Buns: Updates -Rob Lembree. is going to start working on permitting process.
 - Gate City Marathon (Mark Furler) **(5 minutes) - 2022 date? no updates. Looks like some additional expenses came**
 - Pack Monadnock 10 Miler -updates? **(5 minutes)**
 - Statistics:

- Registrants: 104 Pre + 12 Day of = 116
- Finishers: 102 (87.9%)
- Revenue: 4,700
- Expense: 3,804.58 (includes estimate for \$400 from Peterborough police)
- Net Income: \$895.42
- Volunteers (excluding RDs): 17 + 2 groups (Hawkins, Scouts)
- Overall we feel the 2021 event was a success. Overall feedback from participants after the race was positive, though there were a few notes worth keeping track of for 2022, specifically:
 - -Concern by homeowners in the start area that they were not expecting the crowds. A simple "heads up" in advance of race could be helpful.
 - -No access to inside of school in morning mean no toilets. This should only be a 1 time hiccup due to COVID
 - Additional need for course marshalls
- Due to COVID a few change were made to this year's race:
- -No volunteers were recruited for shuttling runners between start and finish. This brought some questions/concern from runners before the race, but messaging was good so it did not become a problem. It may be helpful to reimplement this (or a bus) in normal years
- -Number of awards and shirts were pared down to save on expense: This had no negative feedback, and in fact the maple prizes were well received. Do not anticipate a need to go back to larger shirt orders or prizes in future years
- -Race was run in August: Although this did not cause any problems, it did make for a hotter than usual race. We would look to move it to May again in 2022.
- Board Action:
 - -As part of online registrations, people had the option to make a donation to PAL. We received \$188.47 for PAL through that registration process (numbers NOT included above). We ask that the board donate this amount as a minimum to PAL and consider an additional amount, supplemented by race revenues.
 - -The Boy Scouts volunteered at one of our water stops. We had suggested a possible donation for their help, but made no guarantees. We ask the board to consider a token donation to the Boy Scouts with proceeds coming from race revenue.
- Not all expenses have come in yet for Pack.
- We need to table the discussion about donations until we have all the final numbers. **ADD TO AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH**
- PAL Track & Field (1-2 minutes)
 - **Cancelled for 2021**
 - ***Follow-up: Still have a need for coaches for Spring 2022.***

- Should we be looking outside the club? Steve will reach out to PAL to see if they have any ideas.
- PAL XC - Steve talked to Tom - they are all set for coaches. **Website updates coming as it gets closer to season starting.**
- Summer Trail Series (Rob Fiero)- (1-2 minutes) - all expenses, etc are in. There might be one more small check from lightbox, but not much. Pretty much wrapped up. Rob needs to do a wrap up meeting with RD's and some of the other volunteers for a final meeting.
- Fitness University (Carolina Tumminelli) - (1-2 minutes). no updates
- Mill Cities Relay - (1-2 minutes) Date set - 12/5/2021
 - Need some people to help Chris Simard with the GCS duties for MCR. **Steve will work with CA to get it out into the newsletter.**
 - Will people even feel comfortable doing the event, etc?
 - Logistics of people driving, cars, etc.
- Novemberfest: moving forward. there is a planning meeting next week.
- Community Outreach (Scott Rogers) - Per Steve: In some early discussions with Scott regarding targeting early November for another roadside cleanup.. should be after Poison Ivy season
 - We should be talking about signage, etc, to try and make our groups more visible, etc. like road signs, vests with GCS name on it. Phil will reach out to Scott to talk to him. Carolanne will work with Phil on it.

Other

- Logo? no urgency at the moment because we have so many singlets at the moment. Try to get some ideas for new logos? Phil can get it to the graphic arts department at his school.
 - It will have to be a process, etc. especially with signage, flags,
 - we just have too many different things/logos going on. We haven't used the same logo across all things.
 - Do we need a redesign, or just pick one of the ones that we have - pick one of the two?
 - new logo - doesn't say we are from Nashua...
 - Determine between our 2 at the next meeting. Review the two, and then we can discuss at next meeting.
- Kelly and Ryan are stepping down from the scholarship committee..Once that is public info, we should begin soliciting to try and get people

- **Adjourn Meeting - motion: Phil Seconded: Diane**
- **Next Meeting: October 13, 2021 @ 7:15p.m. TBD**

After the meeting - on 9/14/2021 - a Motion was raised by Mark Crane to regarding the Boston Marathon Bus via email. Below is the summary and/or email responses.

All,

Paul Donovan and myself have been working on getting something together to provide transportation to most of the Marathoners that are running this years Boston Marathon. We have spoken with Grace Limousine and as of today they have 1 party bus left for Oct 11th that holds up to 55 people, the cost would be \$2160 for 12 hours. Last Friday they had three buses. What we would like is a commitment from the club of \$200 for a down payment to hold the bus. We would then create a sign up site to get as many runners as possible, we would also advertise outside the club in hopes to attract other local runners to also participate. If we don't get a minimum of 30 people we would cancel or if it is close ask the people that signed up to pay a bit more. We will set a price of \$70 and anything over 30 riders makes the club money. We had 19 people fill out the survey, and since then a few others received notice that they are in for this year. I am hoping to get a yes or a no from each board member hopefully tonight of early tomorrow so we can proceed if the board agrees. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks Mark

Carolanne Donovan - Yes

Diane Clifford - I vote yes for the deposit.

Amanda Naro - Is this going to work with all the start times being so different and no athletes village? And do we need a formal motion to vote?

Jeremy Berger - I vote yes!

Stephen Rouleau -

I think informal is fine given we all understand that we're only provisioning up to 200 dollars for the Boston bus ... I vote yes

Carolina Tumminelli - Will there be a date certain by which people have to sign up for the bus? We would want to make sure that if we do have to cancel because we do not get enough people to sign up that we give people enough time to make alternate plans..

Tara Roark-Towle: I'm assuming that Grace Limousine supplies the driver. A limo driver working for 12 hours would require a significant tip. If this idea passes, I would recommend including the driver's tip in the cost.

We all agreed that it would be great to provide this service to our club again in the future, but since we took a formal vote at last weeks meeting with a unanimous decision not to pursue a Boston Bus this year I'm unclear how we legally proceed in this situation.

For now, I abstain.

Carolina Tumminelli: Tara does raise a good point. We did have a formal motion and vote at the last meeting. If we did want to move forward, i think we would need to make it a formal motion, etc.

Rob Fiero - I'm curious what the staggered start window is for Boston and if 12 hours will be long enough for everyone to be transported. An hour plus going downtown, an hour cushion for the first runners departure, some window between the first and last runner, call it 6 hours for a potential slowest runner to finish, some time for everyone to get back to the bus and an hour plus getting back may add up to more hours and more cost.

I don't mind in theory about the \$200 but one of the reasons this was voted down (unanimously) was there were only 4 weeks at the time to try to organize this. Now we are at 3 weeks out. It seems safe to assume that at this point most people have probably made alternate arrangements.

I'd like to see more discussion on this before I vote.

Mark Crane: So there has been a lot of discussion on this and we understand the starting times and yes we think we can cover most all riders, there are a few that will fall outside our window as they have really early starting times. This goes include the driver and gratuity, I understand that a vote was made at the last meeting and I have talked to most people and they are still hoping that we can have a bus. I understand this is a bit last minute but still believe we can pull it off but understand if the board doesn't want to approve this. I will make one last Hail Mary and make a formal vote on this subject. Please reply if you can.

Rob Fiero I'm curious to know a bit more - when you say you have talked to most people, how many have verbally committed to transportation at the \$70 price? Are we talking 10 or 30?

I'm also nervous about the idea of putting this option out there and then possibly pulling it days ahead of the race because we didn't get enough people to sign up. I don't think that's a great option.

All this said I do want to say thank you to both you and Paul for the work you've done. If the proposal wasn't so last second and after a vote against just the other day I think it would be an easy yes.

Stephen Rouleau: Mark, to be clear. Your proposal is that the club would be out no more than 200 dollars for the deposit. Correct?

Mark Crane: Steve, THat is correct

Trevor Ward: I'm OK with the \$200, but I think that those wanting to ride need to know that it may not happen and to have a backup plan ready.

Scott Rogers: *I agree with Trevor. As long as week make it clear to those who sign up that they may need to find other arrangements because of the last minute nature of this plan.*

Mark Crane: *Thanks everyone for the discussion, at this time I would like to pull the request and we can inform the club there will be no bus this year.*

Steve Rouleau: *Boston only came out with their bus times late last week.. we've been working on solutions to fit with what we have available for awhile.. but without knowing what Boston would be doing it's difficult to pin down specifics until that point.*

Mark, if your desire is to still pull the request.. then so be it..

But I'm frustrated by the actions here.. we should be looking for solutions not just putting up road blocks.. this is a service our members were looking for. A service we've run annually all along. This year is different than prior years. Prior years there would have been no differing bus times to deal with as it was just one time to get into Hopkington by. The main "last minute-ness" of this has been in the delay in Boston telling us what they are doing. We're still just about a month out from Race day. Runners are still working out their logistics. Mark and Paul have been hard at work looking for a solution.. no hotel.. smaller buses.. etc.. the request put forth here by Mark here was for an outlay of no more than \$200.. that's it...

Carolina Tumminelli: *No one is putting up roadblocks. I can at least speak for myself and probably a few other board members that the last thing we want to do is dangle a bus in front of Boston Runners and then have to take it away because we aren't able to make it work. I was ok with the \$200 but like a few other members mentioned, wanted to make sure that people who signed up were well aware of the fact that if we did not meet X number of people taking the bus that we would not be able to have the bus. It is not fair to people that we say we have a bus and then not be able to provide that bus, leaving them to scramble. This year's logistics for Boston are complicated across the board so to offer a solution and then have to take it away without warning would not be fair.*

At the meeting, we discussed different types of solutions, and as a board voted unanimously not to move forward because it did not seem possible to have it go forward. I think we all fully appreciate the hard work that Mak and Paul have been doing to find a solution but without having that information at the meeting, we made the best decision we could make.

We are all well aware of the last minute information from Boston, and none of us is blind to to the fact that this is a different year. As far as i know, all members of the board want to work together to do what is best for our members and that is what we are all working toward.

Steve Rouleau: *It feels like many roadblocks are being put in place over the simplest of things.*

I know for a fact that Mark and Paul have been talking with many members are looking for the bus this year. We have a number of seats filled from those individuals alone. Mark was asking for a deposit. That's all.. and yes it would be communicated that it wasn't a done deal that the bus may not come forth still.. but that we were working on it.

Boston has been slow in communicating what they would allow and thus it is extremely difficult to plan logistics without knowing what those parameters would be. In prior years the busses would be leaving the common at a certain time.. now it's all over the place.. we needed to adjust for that.. all of that was in play..

Our members are looking for this service. I could not be at the meeting last week due to work, nor could Mark to speak on the efforts that have been in play. This was not a last minute fully putting together.. this was working on things and finding solutions as Boston disseminated information.. That's all.

Carolina Tumminelli: Well, without having all the information, the board made the decision they made at the last meeting.

And what the majority of us were asking for in this thread was that it be communicated to members signing up for the bus that there was a chance, depending on sign ups, that the bus may have to be cancelled so that they should make back up plans, just in case.

I see no roadblocks by any members, but rather, board members trying to make sure all information is out there. Instead of working against each other, we should be working together and communicating.

Steve Rouleau: And the cautionary notice regarding that there might not have been a bus would have been communicated.

Mark wasn't at the last meeting to answer questions and give input directly on the efforts and such that were being made. There was only a copy / paste of a brief status from him..

Whatever.. I'm done..

Mark if your request is still to remove the motion. Then so be it. Is that your intent, Mark Crane?

Tara Roark-Towel: All

I too would have voted yes for the \$200 deposit once we had clarification regarding the questions posed in this email thread.

Perhaps there is communication happening outside of this thread that I am not privy to, but I don't see any reason for hostility towards other members of this Board who are doing their due diligence by asking questions.

My initial hesitation was with the legalities of moving forward in light of Board Vote taken last week opposing a Boston Bus this year.

We all want what is best for our club members, but we must conduct ourselves as a cohesive and respectful group within the structure of a Board.

Phil Petschek: I'm still a yes vote on it but I am still interested in some sort of actual number of people who are saying that they are interested in taking the bus not just a lot or most... also making sure they know there may not be a bus if we don't get enough people.

That being said just a thought for as long as I know we have been doing a tent and table for support at the 30K spot. I have heard nothing about that this year. Isn't that also something our runners expect? Should we be putting out a note that there will be no support tent this year as well? Are there plans to do one and I don't know about them?

\$200 no worries disappointing members big concerns.

September 17, 2021

***Mark Crane: Carolanne,
When can we get out the news that there won't be a Boston Bus this year. Some members were going to start posting on the Facebook page about alternative plans but I asked that they wait until the club makes an official announcement.***

September 21, 2021

***Carolanne Donovan: Hi everyone,
I just posted in the members group. Sorry it took so long, busy weekend!***

Mark Crane: Thanks for posting it, now we can start the threads about carpooling etc.