

Important changes coming to the club.

In order to give the members some time to think about running for the new positions we will be voting on in the next couple of months I have written the following

Most people do not realize that there is an executive committee that is supposed to oversee the club. During the time I have been a member it has not been that active. Most decisions have been made at the general monthly meetings. This has caused some problems. With the meeting getting larger every month, trying to get 50 members to agree on anything is tough. Example for at least 5 years, if not longer, we have been trying to stop sending out the hardcopy newsletter to people that do not want it. Never happened. Every change that comes up at meetings seem to deteriorate into a shouting match and nothing gets accomplished. For all the sociability we have everywhere else the meeting sometimes get loud.

Now the Road Runners Club of America, through which we get our insurance, and is our national running club is giving us a solution. In order to continue being a member of this organization and receive all their benefits, they are requiring that we follow some basic organizational guidelines. All that they are requesting are basic common sense changes that we should have made years ago. Some we will be making in the next couple months some we will continue to work on throughout the year.

The first change is to go to an elected Board of Directors. Our present Executive Committee consists of all former Presidents up to 30 members on the committee. They are on the committee till they die. Kind of like our US Senate. The new board will be elected for 2 years, and must go off for a term after 6 years. This will allow for some turnover on the Board. We will be looking for member candidates for this board at our March meeting, if the Bylaw changes pass. You can run for any of the new positions by getting in contact with me or coming to the March meeting. We will have a vote at the April meeting for all the new officers. More on this process is available later on this newsletter. We are also asking to stop the hard copy newsletter in 2 votes and asking that all race directors sign a conflict of interest form. After all this is done we will be looking at a code of conduct and different duties for the committees and officers if we can get some agreement to move forward. Because we do not have a permanent location all of what we do is spread out among our members. For new people it is hard to understand who does what and how things work.

I am hoping that in the future the Board of Directors can guide the club in making changes, while the final voting is still made at the general meeting. We are hoping this will eliminate the arguing about minor issues, so we can work on making the club a better experience ahead. There will be 9 Positions open on the board so your chances of getting on are good if you are interested. We will be voting the same way we do for governmental elections. All names will be on the written ballot the top 9 vote getters will be elected. The actual voting will happen at the April meeting. Nomination will end April 12. This is all new to us so try and work with to make this a better club.

Thanks

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