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Annual Meeting – January 25, 2020

President Adam Pangrac called the Annual Meeting to order at 11 a.m. at Beyond Running, West Fargo location. He then introduced the current board members, as follows: Patrick Gross, Vice President and Membership; Deb White, Treasurer; Therese Vogel, Secretary; Anna Pangrac Website and IT; Jenna Grabinski, Volunteer Coordinator and Member at Large. Bill Schalow, Solemotion, was also present.

Treasurer’s Report: Since Deb White was not present at this time, Adam reviewed current Financial Statement prepared by Deb, noting current accounts totaling approximately $17,000, noting a loss of $1,065 in 2019, due to Red River Run. Adam brought in many kilometer sponsors and instigated cash prizes for place finishers (still based on age-grade results). Also, coffee mugs were used as place finisher awards, with sufficient remaining for 2020 RRR. The board’s plan is to continue to build up this race to attract more participants. Adam stated the board’s goal is to break even or make a little on LAP races and work toward improving the races.

Membership: Pat reported 37 members in 2019; mostly individual memberships. Many LAP members present renewed their membership for 2020 at the meeting.

Website/Facebook/Social Media: Anna has kept the LAP website up to date over 2019, including more information on runs from local businesses/organizations. More social opportunities through LAP were discussed. Adam suggested we partner with Beyond Running to sponsor viewing parties for running event (e.g. Olympic trials) at the store, providing food. These gatherings would also help promote LAP membership. Adam has been posting on our FB page on occasion, and will try to post more regularly. It was encouraged to have him post 2020 membership information.

2020 Races: Bill Schalow stated that St. Patrick’s 5K & 10K race will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020. He said that parade route has changed a little, but it will be to our advantage with more spectators on the route for a longer period of time. Bill stated that registration is now up, and he will start to promote more in a week or so. Bill has not set an exact date yet for the Red River Run, but will do so soon. He plans to have the race again start and end north of the Moorhead Center Mall.

LAP Series 2020: The board plans to continue the LAP Series for 2020. The choice of involved races was discussed. Rhonda Magel suggested we add the June Fargo Brewery 5K to have seven races in the Series. Adam compiled the 2019 results and awards given out at the end of the meeting. Heather Garlie suggested the board post results throughout the season instead of just at the end so competition can be viewed in an ongoing manner, and that all results should be posted at the end, not only the top 10 place finishers.

Election of Board Members: Heather Smith Garlie and Lonna Whiting were nominated to join the LAP Board. Being no other open nominations, Heather and Lonna joined the board.

Open Member Discussion: Rhonda Magel suggested we consider adding a “walker” category to our races, e.g. give awards for 1st – 3rd walkers. By specifically including walkers, this could increase number of participants. It was suggested that RRR could then promote as a 5K run/walk and a 15K run. Bill S. stated it would be possible to keep these categories separate in the results.

Board Minutes: Therese asked the membership if anyone would like to have the board post their meeting minutes to the website. With no membership input, it was decided this was not necessary. Therese mentioned if anyone would like to see the minutes, she would be happy to email out.

LAP Series 2019 Results: Adam awarded Certificates to the following:

Runners participated in 4 of 6 races; Charles Elhard, Rick Crume, Patrick Gross and David Sapp

Runners participated in 5 of 6 races; Therese Vogel, Jim Duursma, and Rhonda Magel

Place Finishers: ($10 to 10th place…..$100 to 1st place):

(attached to these minutes)

Congratulations were extended to the place finishers present and a group photo taken.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. followed by lunch of soup, sandwich, cookie, and beverages.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Vogel

Secretary