

**Anchorage Running Club
Annual Members Meeting
March 29, 2017. The Peanut Farm @ 7:00 PM
President's Report**

My name is Gregory Dixon and I have been the President of the Anchorage Running Club for about a year. I would like to report some of the activities the Club undertook this last year.

Club Activities in 2016

- Held the following races:
 - Do RunRun 4 miler on Ship Creek Trail
 - Trent Waldron Glacier Half Marathon and Pulsator 10K
 - Mugwumps 10K
 - Masters 5K/10K
 - Anchorage RunFest kids 2K, the Anchorage Mile, 49K Ultra, marathon, marathon walk, marathon relay, half marathon and 5K.
 - Zombie Kids and Zombie Half Marathon
 - Wednesdays run/walks for an hour at the Alaska Dome from October through March.
- Loaned equipment to several races.
- Awarded six-\$2,500 scholarships to high school students involved in running.
- Donated a total of \$12,300 to various high school athletic teams and other youth groups for helping with aid stations at the Trent-Waldron Glacier Half Marathon, Anchorage RunFest and the Zombie Half Marathon events.
- Donated \$1,000 to the Mountain View Boys and Girls Club for the Faster than A Falcon 5K.
- Raised \$7,700 from the Octoberfest 5K/10K for donations of \$3,850 each to the Brother Francis Shelter and to Beans Care.
- Sponsored a sell-out showing of "Run Free: The True Story of Caballo Blanco" at the Beartooth Theatre.
- Conducted a member survey.

Race Designations

The Anchorage RunFest Kids 2K was designated a Healthy Futures Event and the Anchorage RunFest marathon was designated a Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) regional championship event and the RunFest half marathon was designated an RRCA state championship event. The Club is also a member of Running USA, the national trade group for running events.

Member Discounts

Club members are entitled to registration fee discounts for the Trent Waldon/Pulsator, Anchorage Run Fest, and Zombie Half Marathon events. Discount codes are available upon

request. Member dues are not sufficient to stage the larger races, but we try to keep the registration fees as low as possible.

Board Members and Meeting

Current board members are Gregory Dixon, President; David Ramseur, Vice President; Rich Wenrich, Secretary, Dawn Hansen, Treasurer; Betty Cronin, Tim Middleton; Heidi Clement; Sharron Fisherman; and Neil Lamothe. Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month at the Club's office located at 2804 Northern Lights Boulevard. Club members are always welcome to attend. Board members work diligently on implementing the Club's mission: promoting healthy lifestyles through running and walking.

Board member Sharron Fisherman was recently appointed to a two-year term as the RRCA Alaska Representative. Sharron will have an opportunity to network with other running clubs across the nation and see what works and not works for them.

Club Challenges and Opportunities

- Attracting more members especially younger members.
- Declining sponsorship dollars especially from oil companies and non-profits heavily supported by oil companies.
- Recruiting sufficient volunteers for the larger races.
- Developing new races that don't interfere with other events, that are unique, and fun. In the last couple of years more organizations have decided to conduct races resulting in fewer participants in established races and events.

We would love to hear member comments and suggestions and you can always e-mail me at gregory@ancrun.org.