



The Runner

There will be a Special Membership Meeting of the Association on Wednesday October 6th 2004, from 7-9 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Kingston Brew Pub, Clarence Street, Kingston. All members are welcome!! This notice is provided in accordance with Section of the KRRR Constitution.

There are two important agenda items for this meeting:

1. Planning issues for 2005:

Board members have been carefully reviewing key issues for the Association. We have recommendations for the race series, future relationship with sponsors, recruitment and role of race directors and potential initiatives for 2005. This meeting is an opportunity to hear about these options and lend your ideas and recommendations. This is a consultation meeting and no vote will occur on these matters however your input and ideas are really welcome!!

Here are the 2004 Board of Directors for the KRRR:

Mike Adamcryck (Vice President to Sept, 2004), Tony Bourne, Peter Coughlin (President), Kevin Dunbar, Joanne Gunning, Deb Holtom (Secretary), Na Lin, Karen Millson, Heather Ostic (Treasurer) Bruce Pardy and Rob Wilson.

2. Constitutional Amendment for membership year:

In accordance with the process for Constitutional amendment, the Board is asking members to support amendments to the Constitution, that will shift the membership structure to an annual membership year, to run from January to December each calendar year. We are hopeful that this change will be ready to go for November 2004. There will be a recorded vote on the proposed changes. More information in this Newsletter. Please keep reading.

The KRRR will provide munchies and you can order your favourite refreshment at the Brew Pub. Please plan to be there.

Watch for the last upcoming KRRR Series race for 2004

Sunday November 7th, 2004. Anniversary Run, Glenburnie.

More on the Proposed Constitutional amendments

Background Info: What are the changes all about?

Membership in the Association is an important issue. The Constitution provides for the rights of members to vote and participate in the activities of the KRRR. Officers and Directors of the Association need to be members and so members become the potential leadership candidates to manage and direct the activities of the Association. We need to have an active membership base.

Membership has real benefits:

1. Immediate reduction of \$3.00 per registrant in KRRR race events.
2. Member participation in KRRR events significantly reduces the liability insurance premiums for KRRR sponsored events. Liability insurance provides coverage for the Association, its officers, race directors and volunteers at the KRRR race events.
3. Member race results are included in the Series results for both overall winners and age category prizes. Non KRRR members are not eligible for the series awards and recognition.
4. 10% reduction on all products purchased at Runner's Choice, Princess Street Kingston.
5. Membership participation enables financial support for the Association. These revenues help support annual costs for services such as the website, race equipment upgrades, publications, race certification and the annual meeting and awards.
6. Members are also people interested in running and the always-important encouragement of new runners and volunteers. Members are the ambassadors for the goals of the Association.

Why do we need to make a change?

The current membership structure provides for individual application and renewal time. Members forget when their renewal is due and many other organizational memberships are based upon a defined period (calendar year or academic school year).

The KRRR does not have a cost effective and efficient method for contacting lapsed members and following discussion of various options, in April 2004, the Board voted to implement a calendar year membership structure for Association.

In this decision, the Board recognized that previously, the Newsletter Editor distributed renewal reminders with the Newsletter and members were encouraged to forward their renewal information and fee. However, most renewals occurred at the time of the Annual Meeting in November. We believe that linking the membership renewal to the Newsletter is problematic, as recently the KRRR has not been able to publish a Newsletter, due to lack of an editor. The Newsletter is also appropriately available via the website - Newsletter receipt is not really a membership benefit.

In response to the changes for the Newsletter, several strategies have been considered, and the Board is recommending more effective use of the KRRR website, email notices and communication and perhaps one annual, paper copy of the Newsletter to be published. This can reduce postage and printing costs.

This change to an annual membership year requires amendment to the Constitution. It is important that these changes are approved and ready for implementation effective the fall of 2004. It is not helpful to wait to the 2004 Annual Meeting, as a potential new group of Board members will have to understand and implement these changes.

What will the proposed Amendments do?

The Board anticipates that with this new membership structure we will have an autumn membership campaign, with membership applications and renewals encouraged by the end of November for the coming calendar year. If the amendments are approved, The Board would like to kick off this 2004 Membership campaign by ensuring that all new applications and renewals received effective September 1st, 2004 will provide for membership paid in full to December 2005.

An annual membership drive would be linked to the Annual Meeting – this is when many members currently renew their membership. Membership would then normally run from January to December each calendar year. This also is consistent with our liability insurance premium payment, which is on a calendar year and requires data on number of members per calendar year.

It will also be possible for members to join and renew in the first six months of the calendar year, in order to benefit from the reduced race registration fees. The Board anticipates that these members would pay the same membership fee, and might submit applications up to June 30th of each calendar year. In order for individual results to be included in the KRRR Race Series Standings, the Board will require that the individual runner must be a full member by June 30th of the calendar year.

Members would continue to be welcome to apply at any time of the year. However, the focus will be on renewal and new memberships in October-November for the coming calendar year, with full payment required up to June 30th of the next calendar year. There is no reduced membership fee, prorated for later calendar year application.

While this present discussion does not address the actual membership fee, the current single (\$20) and family (\$30) membership structure is working well and the Board recommends the same membership fee for 2005.

It is helpful to note that the following amendments are made in accordance with the procedure as outlined in Article XII, Section 1 and 2. These proposed amendments will be presented at a Special General Meeting, Thursday October 7th in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 and 3. The Constitution was initially established at the Incorporator's Meeting on February 25, 1981 and has been amended seven times, the most recent being November 1998.

Please see below for a summary of the current and proposed language in the Constitution as it relates to membership and the related rights of members.

Kingston Road Runner's Association Constitution and By Laws

This is the current and proposed wording in the Constitution for the relevant sections.

Article IV – Membership

Section 5 - Current

The membership year of the Association shall be for a twelve (12) month period beginning from the first day of the month following the date of application. The membership fee shall be due upon application and each succeeding twelve (12) month period, thereafter on the thirtieth (30th) day following the end of the twelve (12) month period. Members who have not paid for the then current year shall be removed from the membership list. They may, nevertheless, again become members in the same manner prescribed by this Constitution, and at the discretion of the Membership Secretary.

Proposed for Article IV, Section 5 (proposed changes underlined)

The membership year of the Association shall be for a calendar year, from January to December. Application and payment of fees for membership and renewal may be completed up to June 30th of the current calendar year. Members who have not paid for the current membership year following June 30th, shall be removed from the membership list. Members who have not paid for the then current calendar year shall be removed from the membership list. They may, nevertheless, again become members in the same manner prescribed by this Constitution, and at the discretion of the Membership Secretary.

Section 6

A member in good standing is one who has paid his/her membership for the then ~~current month,~~ calendar year and at the discretion of the Membership Secretary. Members should be encouraged to be active in the Association.

Section 7

No person shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Association during any month unless his/her annual membership is paid for the period, which includes that ~~month,~~ calendar year, and at the discretion of the Membership Secretary.

Section 9

No person shall hold office or be entitled to vote at a meeting or to give notice to amend the Constitution, if at any time the person is in arrears of membership fees. ~~no person shall be entitled to vote who is not a member of the Association at the time notice was given calling such a meeting.~~