

**BKVR Meeting 4/15/2026** – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Zoom

Present: Judy Orton, Ruth Jones, Gail Wood, Jenn Sharpe, Pat Zemianek, Kathy Zemianek, Tim VanOrden, Anita Gabalski

1. **Review of Minutes:** 2/24/25 – approved
2. **Membership Status:** Membership is up to 38 including a new family.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of 3/31/26 is 16,335.60 plus the new memberships.
4. **Race Updates:**
  - a. ZemBenn – 5/3/26: details of the race were discussed
    - i. Venue: Park McCullough has been secured and needed items (tables, chairs, microphone, trash receptacles) will be available the morning of the race. May need to use the bathrooms in the carriage barn. Tents will be provided by BKVR. Some furniture on veranda will need to be moved.
    - ii. Registration: a) BKVR website has been updated; online registration available. As of meeting date there are 22 registered plus one kid. b) Question if Mike emailed past participants to encourage registration.
      1. Race Promotion: Race is being promoted in USA Running as a premium listing; Upstate Sports, Vermont Sports and shared on Facebook.
    - iii. Prizes: Amy Chambers is donating maple syrup. The group agreed on the green cooling towel for the age group prize.
    - iv. Volunteers: Some course marshal spots need to be filled.
    - v. Food: Green Mountain Pediatrics will donate up to \$75. Cups will be used not bottles. Water jugs will be at the bridge, finish line and refreshment area. The usual bananas, oranges, bagels and cream cheese will be available. Members are encouraged to bring homemade goods.
    - vi. Shirts: Kathy will work with Crae on ordering. Entrants must be registered by April 16 for a guaranteed shirt.
    - vii. Sponsors: Letters have been sent out to several businesses. Judy will check with Henry's and L'il Britain. Pat will check with Madison's.
    - viii. Timing: Tim has developed his own Timing System which will be made available at no cost to BKVR. He will also mark the Start/Finish with tape.
  - b. Steps Toward Home
    - i. The race date has been changed to June 13<sup>th</sup>. One sponsor to date.
5. **Scholarships:** Two – three have been received. The deadline to apply is April 30. Decision will be made in early May.
6. **Moonlight and Other Runs:** There are two full moons in May; the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>. The group decided to have the full moon run closer to the 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. **VT Walk/Bike Summit** – A reminder this event is being held in Bennington this year. BKVR is a sponsor. Members were invited to attend if possible.
8. **Track Shoe Funding:** Dara Zink had approached group members to determine if BKVR could be a resource for helping students get running shoes. The group agreed this is a good cause but would probably work best partnering with the school nurses and coaches. A spreadsheet could be developed to keep track of shoes available.

**NEXT MEETING: TBD**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Gail Wood