

BKVR Meeting 8/4/2026 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Arlington Recreational Park

Present: Judy Orton, Ruth Jones, Gail Wood, Jenn Sharpe, Anita Gabalski, Rob Raffone, Dara Zink

1. **Review of Minutes:** 4/15/26 – approved
2. **Membership Status:** Nothing new to report
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The P&L reports were discussed. ROTT earned a little under last year which is attributed to the anniversary shirts. ZemBenn came out in the red primarily due to low attendance and sponsorship.
4. **Race Updates:**
 - a. ZemBenn – 5/3/26: Final report reviewed which showed a loss of \$161.26. Changes to the race will be discussed in the future.
 - b. Steps Toward Home – 6/13/26: Final report showed a profit of \$1,939.00. \$1,600.00 was donated to Bennington DCF.
 - c. ROTT – 11/26/26: Judy will look at hats available through 4imprint. She will also confirm the race with the town in September. Underwood is already confirmed, and Fisher school will be dealt with separately.
5. **Scholarships:** Seven students were eligible for a portion of the scholarship money. To date, three students have received their checks.
6. **Moonlight and Other Runs:** The runs are still happening with the next planned for 8/28 or 8/29.
7. **VT Walk/Bike Summit** – Gail attended this event on May 8 as the BKVR representative. There is significant work and thought being given to make Vermont walk, bike, run and vehicle friendly while working together. The summit was very well attended by people from throughout the state.
8. **Track Shoe Funding:** A process to assist kids needing track shoes was discussed. Add a sneaker fund donation to the registration process and partner with Mountain Goat when a request is received. Consider ear marking \$500 to start. When a need becomes known, Dara will reach out to Mountain Goat then email BKVR requesting funds.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Wood