

Youngstown Marathon Emergency Board Meeting
July 17, 2020
Via Zoom
5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

Attendees:

Mark Lipinsky
Crystal Siembida Boggs
Josh Boggs
Joe Midlick
Nicole Ranttila
Janie Crawl
Christina Toth
Steve Hixson

An emergency board meeting of the Youngstown Marathon was called by Board CEO and Race Director Mark Lipinsky. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ability to hold the Youngstown Marathon and associated events.

The following items were discussed:

- Mark met with Mercy Health and Chemical Bank/TCF. Mercy was receptive to following the discretion of the board regarding the events. TCF was concerned about having the full event considering the impact of COVID and recent emergency levels of the virus; however, they seemed more receptive to downscaled events.
- Josh also spoke with the Youngstown City Health Commissioner. She is not approving any large events in Youngstown or Mill Creek Park.
- Holding a 5K with heats (similar to the Freedom Four Miler) was discussed.
- Mark mapped a 5K course from Second Sole through the nearby neighborhood and hike and bike trail. This course has been submitted to Ryan Tekac with the Mahoning County Health Board for approval.
- If the board can get a 5 mile course approved for Run Ytown, this event could also be held pending approval.
- The board discussed offering the half marathon and full marathon races as virtual races.
- Any events held require disclaimer that events could be cancelled if COVID cases rise and the county does not permit the events.
- Run Ytown medals have already been purchased - clarify specific amounts and approvals.
- Board must create viable options for runners who have already registered for the events:
 - 160 registrations have been paid
 - 100 of these registrations are above the price point of a virtual race of 5K
 - \$30-\$40 price point would cover expenses of a 5K

- Those who already paid could switch to a virtual race, the 5K or choose to run their event in 2021
- Any differences in registration fees could be refunded or the runner may donate them
- Sponsorship check from Mercy was said to be on the way
- Beneficiaries: we did have two charities apply and can direct proceeds to them

Actionable Items From This Meeting:

1. Mark said he will discuss these issues with Mercy and TCF and determine if any funds are requested back to sponsors and if enough funds are available to hold events. Confirm sponsorship support for holding virtual events and 5K.
2. The board needs to vote on holding:
 - a. Virtual events
 - b. Live 5K
3. Ensure the board is covered with insurance
4. Inform beneficiaries of status of events

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Nicole Ranttila, Board Secretary