

2021 Cambridge Sports Union Annual Meeting
June 28 at 7:30 PM, via Zoom

President Larry Berman opened the meeting at 7:35, with 22 members in attendance (see list at end, 2 additional members signed in later, for a total of 24). Since Secretary Tom Dmukauskas is in Europe. Sara Mae Berman was appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

After welcoming all the members, he explained that there were 2 major events affecting the Club.

First, the Jr Program in the Ski Section has separated from CSU. The program, which started out with children of CSU skiers, grew as high school classmates joined in. Many parents participated in running the program, and eventually, the parents decided that a better fit for their HS-aged kids was to join with the Eastern Mass Billy Koch League, a long-established separate program for 8-13 yr olds, in the newly forming Eastern Mass Nordic. A few years ago, Jamie Doucett, Ski Section Treasurer, proposed that a separate bank account, related to our main account but with its own Treasurer, be set up, and the Board approved. Like the other Sections, bank activity for the Ski Section was fairly low, except for Jr Program transactions, which were very frequent. That would relieve Jamie of that extra work. When the separation took place, that Jr Program account still had significant money, and it was appropriate that the money follow the juniors, which Jamie arranged.

Second, CSU has an IRS problem: we lost our non-profit status because we didn't file proper reports for a couple of years. We are now working to get data together to refile properly. Larry has formed a committee of himself, Stephen Peckiconis, Patrick Bugbee, & Jamie Doucett. Their reconstruction of the data and refiling must be done by August 15.

Patrick Bugbee reported for the Running Section (full report at the end):

The Running Section may not be completely back to normal, but there is much activity:

- The Tuesday track workouts, with Terry McNatt leading them, are in regular operation
- The Fresh Pond Saturday races are going again, thanks to Diane McLaughlin's patient coaxing of Water Dept officials. The first two events had 5 and 4 show up. Diane plans an effort to get the word out.
- Patrick Bugbee's Thursday Evening Pub Series is going, with alternating tempo runs and hill workouts, followed by thirst-quenching brews at the Bugbees'.
- The Sunday long runs are also in operation.

Races of note: In the Cheap Marathon in NH, Conor Sleith ran a 2:34:58, Neil Martin 2:36, Patrick Bugbee, etc.; Neil Martin has a long streak of marathons. There is a 5km series on the River; in Feb 2020, CSU had 26 racers: (Kris) Smith 24:22, Conor Sleith 26:22, Susanne Muehlschlegel 33:54. The Mt. Washington Race up the Auto Road: the CSU Women's 60+ Team won, taking 12 minutes off the previous record; CSU once again supplied 10 volunteers to help at the finish. The Grand Prix Series has started again; the next event is a 5 miler on Aug 8 in RI. The Running Section will this year assume the cost of entry fees for the GP; in response, 20 people have donated over \$800 to help cover the cost of the entry fees. The Running Section is looking for another open runner, 25-30 years old to help fill out the CSU Marathon Team at Boston in October..

Jamie Doucett reported for the Skiing Section:

Last fall, the Skiers, after a one year gap, held their Annual Roller Ski Race in Andover; lots of juniors and seniors. None of the usual races last winter, because of the Covid rules for crossing state lines. Wes DeNering bought a race timing system that was used to enable the Weston races to have individual starts, to provide space between the skiers. The future of the timing system is uncertain; Wes may want to keep it, or the Ski Section may purchase it from him. The races were quite successful; the Weston (man-made) snow did not want to die, and the races continued on and on, as Mark Jacobson groomed an ever more dense trail network on the slowly decreasing snow area. Viera Proulx described the season as "twice as many races". The Section needs to firm up its organization and select new officers. Jamie estimated that the Ski Section had something like \$8200 plus 10 years worth of membership fees in the CSU bank account.

Sara Mae Berman reported on the Orienteering Section:

Orienteering got hit like the other sports, but we have the advantage of being a solitary sport: people go out alone (mostly), so social distancing is automatic. Last year, CSU did 2 “bring your own map” events. These consisted of the club setting up one or more courses, arranging for would-be participants to get a map and run the course on their own schedule. Different clubs used different levels of technology; our events stuck to low level (email). Since there would be no gathering of people, we skipped the part about getting a permit. This year, with things opening up, CSU and NEOC cooperated to hold our usual Spring Park-O Series on Thursday evenings in parks around the metro area; we did 6 (instead of the usual 8) events. The events are simple: a short “advanced” course and a shorter beginner course. Each week had a different course setter. These events were organized by Pia Kivisakk and Ian Finlayson (NEOC). The first two events had “challenging” weather: #1 - temps in the 40s with 40 mph winds; #2 - rain; #3-#6 had pleasant weather and drew up to 40 participants, so we finished on a high note; some families even made picnics with their children. We think this fall this will open up further, and we hope to organize one or more weekend events with multiple courses, and expect to take part in other local events.

In the absence of our Secretary, Larry Berman reported on membership statistics: As of June 4, CSU membership is 156:

Running Section	100
Skiing Section	65
Orienteering Section	40

(That totals 205, because some members belong to more than one Section)

This entitles runners to have 3 board representatives, skiers to have 2, and orienteers to have 1. The Sections were asked to select their board reps in 30 days. Patrick Bugbee suggested that a date in the fall would be better, to give time for Sections to arrange meetings. That idea was accepted.

Stephen Peckiconis, CSU Treasurer, accepted some of the responsibility for the IRS situation He expects to communicate with the sections to get caught up on the revenues from 2020 & 2021. CSU bank account has \$53,600: \$21,000 in checking, \$31,500 in savings; that balance has been quite stable for a number of years. Larry has been communicating with Jr program officials to get some of the necessary information for Stephen's work on the finances.

Election of Officers: No new nominations were made, and President Larry Berman, Secretary Tom Dmuskauskas, and Treasurer Stephen Peckiconis were re-elected by acclamation.

A question was raised about the function of the Board of Directors. CSU is incorporated in Massachusetts, and has a set of bylaws it must follow. The bylaws allow each Section to run its own program. In addition to dealing with matters that involve more than one Section, it is the Board's responsibility to see that they don't do things that violate the bylaws. Although it is not in the bylaws, the Board has enacted a policy that when a Section wishes to spend more than \$1000, the board must approve. CSU does maintain liability insurance for its directors and board members.

The meeting was ended at 8:20 PM

Running Section Report from Patrick Bugbee

Track Tuesday has been going well, with Terry leading the crew as always. A typical night will see myself, Kevin Delaney, Amory Salem, Stephen Binder, Pinar, Mark Vautor, and when healthy Tom West.

Battle Road Sunday long runs are back and have a steady crew as well.

The Bugbee Pub has been open on Thursday nights when scheduling allows, alternating Tempo Work and Hill work.

Cheap Marathon in April:

Conor Sleith was 5th overall in a time of 2:34:53

Neil Martin was 7th overall in 2:36:32

Patrick Bugbee limped in at 11th overall in a time of 2:43:04
Dima was 2nd in his age group and ran 3:15:19
Jason Goldshmidt ran a 3:07:21, which I believe is a PR.

Neil Martin was featured in the Tracksmith with an article written by Amory about Neil's absurd marathon streak, which recently ended somewhere around 60 or so.

Conor Sleith, new member Jason Goldschmidt, and myself have been running the Race Cancer 5k series along the Charles. Next race is on July 8th, with I believe Kevin and Terry joining in on the fun.

Tom Dmukauskas along with Kristi and the twins are in Chamonix France. Tom has quite a docket of racing on the calendar with the UTMB Trail Mont Blanc as the goal race.

In 2020, we had one Grand Prix race, which was the Super Sunday 5 Miler in Cambridge. We had a total of 27 athletes run that day, which seems like a great turnout if memory serves me.

Highlights were Prescott Leach's first race in a CSU singlet coming in 17th overall in a time of 24:52.

It was also Conor Sleith's first run as a CSUer, and he ran 26:28 to finish 67th overall.

I believe it was a 5 mile PR for Suzanne Muelshlegel in a time of 33:54.

Men's open team that day was 7th overall.

Men's masters team was 5th.

Women's open team was 19th

Men's 50+ was 3rd

Men's 60+ also 3rd

This year's Mt Washington Road Race was very impressive: on what looks like a slow year, very few records set. Of note, however, was CSU's Women's 60+ team of Donna Smyth, Jacqueline Shakar, and Lisa Doucett. They absolutely CRUSHED the F60+ team record. They knocked over 12 minutes off the old record.

Neil Martin was instrumental in creating a CSU Slack workspace, which has really helped with organizing group runs on an ad hoc basis without clogging up everyones inbox.

It looks like Fresh Pond races are back on, with a big thank you to Diane McLaughlin. The water department in my home city is a pain in the butt, and her dedication is really admirable.

In 2020 the goal was to have CSU cover grand prix fees, with the fiscal capability being closely monitored. In an attempt to hedge the numbers, we opened the donation button on runsignup, and 20+ people donated totaling over \$800.

Members in attendance

Larry Berman	George Kocur	Susanne Muehlschlegel
Sara Mae Berman	Prescott Leach	Stephen Peckiconis
Stephen Binder	Misha Lipatov	Viera Proulx
Patrick Bugbee	Neil Martin	Fred Ross
Cameron Cogburn	Gordon MacFarland	Conor Sleith
Jamie Doucett	Diane McLaughlin	Michelle Smith
Lisa Doucett	Terry McNatt	Donna Smyth
Geoffrey Kent	Danny Muehlschlegel	Jon Waldron