



# RC MALDEN

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*RUN CLUB OF MALDEN  
ANNUAL REPORT 2021*





## *STATEMENT OF PURPOSE*

RCMalden is organized to provide a structured organization for the purpose of promoting running as a sport and a healthy lifestyle within our community.



# *LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT*

In 2018, I founded Run Club of Malden because, well, I couldn't believe it didn't already exist. On my runs around the city - solo runs, as I didn't know any local runners at the time - I'd notice lots of other runners and think, "they look cool; we should run together."

So I created a Facebook page, spread the word, and voilà, RCMalden was born. Wednesday evenings at Hugh's were our staple, and soon enough, we added Saturday mornings at Bikeeny. My intention for the club, which was very quickly realized, was for us runners who would pass each other on the street with barely a nod, to instead share those runs, have a chat during, and a drink after. The friendships I saw blossom between club members were, and still are, a great source of personal joy.

As I watched the club grow in 2019, I began getting this nagging feeling: *we could be more*.

I wasn't exactly sure what more meant, and I didn't know how to achieve it, but as I got to know our runners, I knew it was possible. Aside from being dedicated runners, our club was full of intelligent, compassionate people with diverse backgrounds. So I began asking around for some help, and thankfully, they agreed.

Mary, Alicia, Mike, and Katie guided the club through its largest transition. Together we navigated the sea of red tape to advance the club from a Facebook group to a 501(c)3 nonprofit and official RRCA member club. Becoming an official nonprofit will allow us to host races and apply for grants and other fundraising opportunities, which will enable us to give back to our community.

Just imagine an RCMalden produced road race, with hundreds of runners running the streets of Malden, staffed by Malden residents, supported by Malden businesses, raising money to donate back to Malden.

For now, we are content with running a few miles, drinking a few beers, and having a few laughs, but... **we will be more**.

Joe Leblanc  
President, RC Malden



# ***MEMBERSHIP 2020-2021***

**Total Members 2021: 93 (including family memberships)  
Malden residents make up 77 percent of club membership**



**RCMALDEN IS A 501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND A MEMBER OF THE ROAD RUNNER'S CLUB OF AMERICA**



# *2021 ACTIVITIES*

## **WEEKLY RUNS**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM & SATURDAYS AT 8:00 AM**

- RCMALDEN TEAM RACES
- DASH FOR DAVE VIRTUAL RUN
- STOKES LOOP 5K AT NIGHT SHIFT
- 26X1 MILE CLUB CHALLENGE RELAY INVITATIONAL - SRR
- IRISH AMERICAN 5K & 10K ROAD RACE
- RUN-TOBERFEST & DONUTS + BEER WITH IDLE HANDS BREWING
- FEBRUARY 2021 2:23 FOUNDATION RUN FOR AHMAUD ARBERY
- MEMBERS-ONLY "SPRING AHEAD" 5K TRAINING PROGRAM
- SUMMER TRACK SERIES
- RCMALDEN ROAD TRIPS
- TIMED ONE MILE AND 5K RACES
- WINTER CHALLENGE BINGO
- SEASONAL INFLATABLES PHOTO CONTESTS







## *COMMUNITY CORNER*

**Malden Runs** - Free program through Malden Recreation for folks looking to run for the first time or restart running. Coach Joe LeBlanc guided participants over X weeks to achieve running 3 miles.

**PlogMalden** - To celebrate Earth Day, RCMalden held a casual run around the MacDonald Stadium neighborhood to collect garbage. The event was supported by Councillor at Large Steve Winslow on his trash-collecting bicycle.

**2nd Annual Wobble Before You Gobble fun run** - on Thanksgiving morning to raise funds for Bread of Life

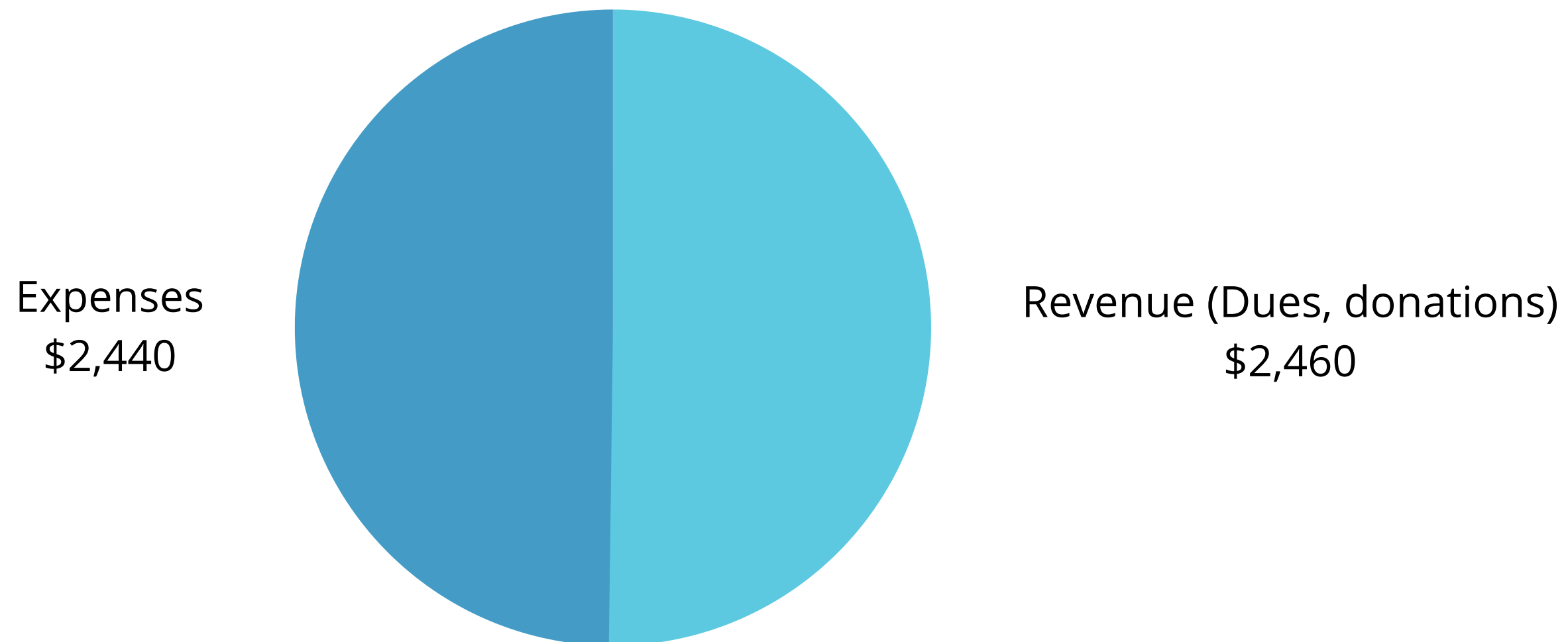
**2021 Boston Marathon Volunteer Team** - RCMalden members and friends volunteered at the hydration station at Mile 10 of the Boston Marathon in Natick.

# *FINANCIALS*

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Club financial support was received in 2021 from all sources, including membership dues and donations, totaling \$2,460 which was used to support club programs and expenses. Expenses of \$2,440 were incurred in the same period which primarily consisted of membership fees in the Road Runners Club of America, RCMalden branded tent for club events, general liability insurance, D&O insurance, and costs incurred to establish our nonprofit status. The club ended the period with savings of \$1,369.

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# *THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS*



Hugh O'Neill's Restaurant & Pub  
Bikeeny Caffé  
Idle Hands Craft Ales



Marathon Sports  
Councilor at Large Steve Winslow  
MacDonald Stadium in Malden  
Pine Banks Park Track in Melrose



# *BOARD OF DIRECTORS*



Joe LeBlanc - President  
Mary Quigley - Vice President  
Mike Docktor - Treasurer  
Alicia Curran - Secretary  
Katie Connors - Committee Member-at-large

A special thank you to Michele Horn for donating her time to guide the RCMalden board members through the process of becoming an official run club.





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OUR MEMBERS  
AND OUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY!*