



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club

Board Meeting

Point of Woods Community Center

February 8, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom and Marcia Adams, Frank Broderick, Maureen Cox, Jon Golden, Ed Neiles, Ray Newkirk, Chris Nowak, Jon Rocco, Ken Skinner, Cathy Sliwinski, Jim Tierney.

Call to Order (Ray Newkirk):

1. Approval of January 11, 2017 minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Chris Nowak. Motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (R. Newkirk):

Lara is working out well as the Administrative Assistant. She has set up documentation for the Workforce Team Challenge in GSuite. Ken Skinner should contact Lara on his own to expand her duties to assisting him on the Just Run program.

2.2 Executive Vice President (F. Broderick):

In regard to the Schrader Scholarships, notices have been sent out to all the schools. With April 1 being the deadline, perhaps another blast or a notice on Facebook is in order. An ad is up on the website for nominations for Distinguished Service for this year. So far no nominations have been received. Frank advised he would not be at the March meeting.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Nowak):

The email server has been converted to Google's G Suite with same email accounts. There was further discussion regarding G Suite and the addition of Club information and the administrative set-up on the Google drive, including naming conventions and where information should be stored. Chris has obtained a Workers' Comp policy from NYSIF effective 1/25/2017. Total premium is \$988.02 and we've already made a \$318.05 deposit. He is waiting for a quote from NYSIF for disability insurance and has also set up payroll with QBO. A discussion ensued regarding selecting an auditor for the Club.

2.4 Vice President for Running Events (J. Rocco):

Jon recognized the eight extra mile winners and congratulated them: Karen Bertasso, Bill Davis, Karen Dott, David Gilson, Martha Gohlke, Shannon Mackeysey, Chris Novak, and Todd Smith.

Races since the last meeting were Winter Series #3 and #4. WS #3 had 338 finishers (up 118 from last year and down 30 from 2015). WS #4 had 319 finishers (up 13 from last year and down 1 from 2015). The 3 Mile race tied last year's record finishers at 138. To date for 2016=17, the Winter Series has had 1480 finishers, which is down 2.5% from last year.

Upcoming races before the next meeting is Winter Series #5 which is 4.5 Miles, 10 Miles and 20 miles as well as the Winter Marathon. The Ed Thomas WS Survivor Awards will be handed out at the event.

The USATF membership for HMRRRC has been renewed as a club for 2017. Mark Vemilyea has agreed to be the race director for Indian Ladder. Mike Kelly and Jon met with him and an email blast and Facebook post has been done indicating the race will be on July 23, as date as in our calendar brochure. Jon is still working on a race director for the Anniversary Race in September. CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge will hold its first organizational meeting on January 26 and registration is scheduled to open on February 15.

In regard to the Stockade-athon, the following has been done to date:

Ray met with coordinators Kelly, Haley and Skinner and all will continue in their roles. The other coordinators has been emailed to encourage their continued involvement.

Ray met with MVP, the lead sponsor, and was advised "totally committed" to the race. \$12,000 sponsorship was obtained.

Ed, Ray and Jon met with Fleet Feet who provided \$8,000 in prize money for individual runners in 2016. Indicated the club's willingness to consider continuing the existing relationship.

Ray contacted Schenectady City Clerk, Chuck Thorne (via Ken Skinner) to begin process of engaging the city. Chuck provided a copy of 2016's road closure application, which contained other valuable information.

Set up Stockade-athon folder on G Drive with Lara and have begun transferring 2016 race information files to that drive. Lara sent email to Vince for any race documentation he may have.

Recruitment will begin shortly for a new race director. In the meantime, work will continue on drafting a 2017 budget, consideration of event changes (e.g., relay, Just Run extension, etc.) and meeting with AREEP and Josh. A discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the event.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Golden): See attached report. Total of general accounts: \$421,679.00

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (C. Sliwinski): See attached report.

Outstanding reports are SEFCU 5K, Turkey Raffle Run, Stockade-athon and WS#1, 2, 3, and 4.

2.7 Secretary (M. Adams): No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden): (Not present; report e-mailed) See attached report.
Total membership: 2,817
Change in membership: -68
New memberships: 59

Facebook followers: 2,742, an increase of 9
Twitter followers: 266, +1 change

- 3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): Still looking for volunteers for WS #5.
- 3.3 Public Relations (R. Moore): Sent press releases to papers regarding winter series races.
- 3.4 Website (E. Neiles): Still looking for proposal regarding Wild Apricot.
- 3.5 Conflicts Committee (C. Nowak): No report.
- 3.6 Safety Committee (VACANT): No report.

- 3.7 Grants Committee (F. Broderick):

Committee received 9 applications for this round of grants. Frank reached out for additional information on two of the proposals.

- 3.8 Long Range Planning Committee (E. Neiles):

- 3.9 Just Run Program (K. Skinner):

Ken sent out an email to prospective schools and will be sending out a second email to those he does not hear from. It appears there will be 27-28 schools in the program this year. Workouts should start in March. The spring track meets will be held in Guilderland in the 2nd week of June.

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business

Jon Rocco advised that George Regan has resigned as race director of Freihofer's Run. Because Freihofer's is no longer involved in USATF, there were drastic cuts – loss of storage facility and cut back on the hours of their employees. Grand Prix races for USATF will be announced next week.

Tom Adams asked about timing of HMRRC races in the future since Ed Neiles had expressed that he may be traveling in the future and may not be available

Announcements: None

Refreshments: Ray Newkirk

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Chris Nowak.