

HMRRC BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 11, 2006

Attendance: Ray Newkirk, Ken Klemp, Cathy Sliwinski, Robert Moore, Josh Merlis, Neil Snedeker, Will Dixon, Tom Adams, Elaine Humphrey, Nancy Briskie, Doug Bowden, Jim Thomas, Ed Neiles, Mike Hannah, Ginny Mosher, Betty Langevin

1. Call to Order (R. Newkirk): 7:30 p.m.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes. Secretary was absent. Doug Bowden had a modification. It was listed in the minutes there were 90 finishers for the Winter Series #1, should state 190 finishers. Doug did send that correction to Debbie Beach. Motion to accept the December minutes with that change made by Jim Thomas with a second by Ed Neiles. Motion passed.
3. Reports of Officers:
 - 3.1. President (R. Newkirk)
 - 3.1.1. Ray gave a quick update as to the HMRRC Website status. Ed and Ray still believe that January 15th it will go live. Still looking for additional information to put on the web, such as running routes. Josh Merles mentioned the USATF Website, there is a link with measured routes, etc. Ray will look into it. Ed Neiles stated all components are on hold for the web, they might not move over initially, but anything with substance will make its way over.
 - 3.1.2. Ray reported that at the Budget Meeting we set aside a certain amount of money for conferences. Elaine Humphrey will be representing the club in February. Elaine said the conference is the first week in February, all on road racing. Will be different vendors and race directors. Elaine will compile the materials with the different contacts.
 - 3.2. Vice President (N. Briskie)
 - 3.2.1. Nancy is working on our April 12th meeting being at the Polish Community Center. She is holding a meeting this Friday with her committee regarding this meeting. Will have more to report after the committee meeting.
 - 3.2.2. Nancy reported no response to date received on the scholarship mailing but it is still early. The deadline is March 1st.
 - 3.3. Executive Vice President – Finance (J. Thomas)
 - 3.3.1. Jim mentioned that Mike Hannah has compiled all of the income and expenses through year end and Jim will be reviewing it.
 - 3.4. Secretary: Absent. No report.
 - 3.5. Treasurer (M. Hannah):
 - 3.5.1. Mike reported that we ran a deficit for the year in the amount of \$7,300.00. Most of the deficit was due to a reduction in race income. In 2004, GHI had a change in race directors and at that time an additional \$6,000.00 was turned over that was kept in the fund. Also, we have not raised race fees, etc., and expenses have gone up. Doug Bowden

mentioned that the income was way down on the 2005 GHI Race. In 2005, there was a \$16,000 profit and previously there was a profit of \$26,000-\$32,000. Sawchuck Brown was an additional expense for this past year's event. Ray Newkirk mentioned that the Sawchuck Brown expense would basically account for the entire deficit year.

4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - 4.1. Membership (Tom Adams, Marcia absent):
 - 4.1.1. Tom reported that there were 14 new individual, four new family and four renewals from the Winter Series; 11 mail-in individual memberships, six family, for a total of 35 new memberships. Membership also received a \$2.00 donation. Marsha Adams made up a new sign to be set up at the Winter Series publicizing the free races to members encouraging runners to join the club.
 - 4.2. Volunteer (T. McGuire): Absent.
 - 4.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Rob reported that he has been getting items to the papers 3-4 weeks before the event goes off. He needs help for a write-up on each Hall of Fame Candidate to send to the Times Union. Ray mentioned that we have articles from the Pace Setter. Ed Neiles will forward those articles to Rob Moore.
 - 4.4. Race Committee (D. Bowden): Doug handed out a proposal for HMRRC to add a new race to the schedule – the Father's Day 5K to be held at The Crossings on June 18, 2006. The Race Director would be Sue Nealon who is on the Board of Directors for Community Resources Federal Credit Union (established by former Niagara Mohawk) which would sponsor the race. Ray, Ed and Doug feel it would be a worthwhile addition to the race schedule. Motion was made to add the proposed Father's Day 5K to the schedule by Doug with a second from Mike Hannah. Jim Thomas questioned the cost, would there be a discount for HMRRC and Credit Union Members. Ray mentioned that Sue has prepared a budget and it looks like we should at least break even with the race. Ray called for the question to adopt proposal, all in favor, motion passed. Jim Tierney stated to Doug that the Mother's Day Race date is incorrectly listed. Doug corrected the date to read May 14, 2006. Also, Bruegger's Bagel 5K has rescheduled their race from June to September 17th which is the date of the Club Anniversary Race. When Bruegger's made the change, they checked with the USATF schedule but neglected to check the HMRRC schedule. Doug would like to change the Anniversary Run to September 10th which is okay with SUNY. The SEFCU Race is September 4th, only 6 days apart from the new date of the Anniversary Race. Vince mentioned that the Stockade-athon should read the 31st Anniversary, not the 30th. Doug Bowden brought up the December 10th, 2005 USATF Proposal which was submitted at last month's meeting regarding the four joint HMRRC/USATF Adirondack Association Championships – Runnin' of the Green, Bill Robinson Master's 10K, Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon and Stockade-athon. HMRRC pays for USATF certified timers and medals and we collect entrance fees and sponsor's fees. Each Race

Director for these four races has approved. The additional expenses will be charged to the individual races and each director will make the decision whether to continue the USATF Championship status. No questions for Doug.

- 4.5. Race Committee Treasurer (S. Bacon): Absent. Doug had no report as there was no action on the race committee report. Still have some outstanding reports – Mohawk Hudson River Marathon, SEFCU 5K, & Stockade-athon. Turkey Raffle Run was turned in.
- 4.6. Safety Committee (H. Hennessey): Absent. No Report.
- 4.7. Pace Setter (E. Neiles): Ed reported we made a concerted effort to get the February issue out early to the printer with the Hall of Fame Feature Articles as we want to make sure it is out by the 1st of February. We have a staff member, Dave Mosher, who stepped down so we are looking for a trainee so if anyone is interested, let Ed know. It consists of 6-7 hours time once every three months.

5. Reports of Special Committees

- 5.1. Grand Prix Subcommittee (J. Moore): Absent. Ed Neiles reported on Grand Prix. Since the Hangover Half, we have a new addition, which is the age-graded Grand Prix. We are going to age grade all the Grand Prix races – age and gender graded. We are going to have 6-deep awards. We will have age-graded and open awards.

5. Unfinished Business:

- 5.1. Ray received a report from our Banquet Committee. Ginny Mosher reported that we are moving along with about 115 people signed up to date. We were thinking of keeping the Desmond again next year. Ed Neiles mentioned that a table for the Hall of Famers should be reserved. To check out how many guests each Hall of Famer is bringing and to reserve a table. Doug Bowden said that could be 2-3 tables that might have to be reserved. Ed Neiles asked what the maximum number of people are allowed to attend the Banquet. The maximum is 165 with a guarantee of 120. Elaine Humphrey reported on the New Year's Eve bus trip. 47 people attended. Bus broke down and we arrived at the race at 12:10. Did receive our packets and everyone was able to jump into the race. Elaine received a \$400.00 credit and would like to use it for next year's trip, discounting any members that attended this year. 32 people completed both events, NYC and SUNY and qualify for Survivor Awards. Ray asked for a final report and Elaine will supply that once she receives the Survivor Awards.

6. New Business

- 7. Announcements: Betty Langevin who is in charge of HMRRC Clothing would like to resign as of May from the position. Ray Newkirk asked Betty if she could prepare an outline of the process that could be handed over to the person who takes it over. Rob Moore mentioned Winter Series 3 this Sunday is still in need of course volunteers. Vince Juliano was notified by New England Runner Magazine that The Stockade-athon was considered their "Race of the Year" and made the front cover. This is a very high honor for the club. Vince also announced that Emily Bryans is

stepping down as Volunteer Coordinator of the Stockade-athon. Anyone interested must be computer literate and be able to communicate by e-mail. It is about a 3-week job consisting of 4-5 hours a week. One can do this job and run the race. Terry Rooney contacted Jim Thomas a couple of weeks ago. Terry collects used running shoes and is looking for a replacement. Anyone interested, please contact Terry by e-mail at TerryRooney@netzero.com.

8. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Neiles, with a second from Mike Hannah. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Briskie