



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Newkirk Products*
January 9, 2008

Mission Statement

The Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club (HMRRC) is dedicated to promoting the sport of distance running through education and training to promote running as a part of a healthy lifestyle, promoting personal fitness and community through organizing and managing running events, providing means of communication among club members and creating opportunities for social activities. We believe in encouraging participation in running events for individuals of all levels of running abilities and acknowledge that volunteer participation is a foundation upon which HMRRC exists.

Attendance: Brian DeBraccio, Rob Moore, Marcia and Tom Adams, Josh Merlis, Sara Brenner, Joe Benny, Chuck Terry, Ray Newkirk, Elaine Humphrey, Ken Klemp, Tom Ryan, Ed Gillen, Jordan Kinnicutt, John Kinnicutt, Nancy Briskie, Doug Bowden, Ray Lee, Mike Kelly, Cathy Sliwinski, Vince Juliano and Debbie Beach.

1. Call to Order (C. Sliwinski): 7:41pm
2. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach): Motion made by Marcia Adams to accept the December minutes as written with a second by Mike Kelly. All in favor.
3. Reports of Officers
 - 3.1. President (C. Sliwinski): No report.
 - 3.2. Executive Vice President (M. Kelly): Mike reported the ad announcing the Shrader Scholarship has been placed in the Pace Setter and the applications will be distributed to Section II schools. He also suggested placing it on the Section II website. Cathy read a letter from one of the 2007 awardees, Collin Shannon.
 - 3.3. Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No report.
 - 3.4. Secretary (D. Beach): No report.
 - 3.5. Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John distributed the following reports to the club officers via e-mail on 01/08/08: 2007 Fiscal Year, 2008 Year to Date and 2008 December 13, 2007-January 9, 2008. His printer was broken so he was not able to distribute hard copies, but offered to e-mail them to anyone who was interested.
4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - 4.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Ed reported he sent more welcome letters compared to apology letters this month! He thanked Josh Merlis for developing the Profile of a Runner form and the first profile will be in the February Pace Setter. He reported 30 new memberships and 147 renewals. Many of these are from the Winter Series. Nancy Briskie complemented Ed on the work he is doing.
 - 4.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia reported 20 new volunteers who she will be contacting by phone. A website has been found which assists organizations in coordinating its volunteers and is free to not-for-profits. A link can be placed on the HMRRC website to a form specifically for our members. When it is filled out Marcia will receive an e-mail. She will follow up with our webmaster, Ed Neiles.

- 4.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Rob reported the media notifications through Winter Series #4 are up to date and he will be sending out information on the Winter Marathon this week.
 - 4.4. Race Committee (D. Bowden): Doug reported the Hangover Half went off despite a snowstorm thanks to a great job performed by the road crews. Attendance was down by about 100 participants. He then turned it over to Brian DeBraccio, who is the race director along with Cheryl DeBraccio. Brian thanked all the volunteers and reported the event went well despite the weather. He also thanked Tom and Marcia Adams for providing homemade soup. Doug concluded he thought it was the club at its best. Elaine brought the financial report from MHR Marathon reporting about a \$20,000 profit. Due to the printing error made on last year's shirt she was given credit towards this year's shirt by the vendor. Doug reported volunteers are needed for the remaining Winter Series and the Winter Marathon & Relay will be held on February 24th. The Summer Track Series will be held at the Guilderland High School Track. There is still no date for Home Run 5K; however the membership brochures will be printed with the current race schedule.
 - 4.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Cathy read Pam's report. There was a starting balance of \$4,837.88 and a closing balance of \$8,036.05. The SEFCU Labor Day 5K reported a profit of \$3,992 compared to \$4,210 in 2006. Doug commented he thought the profit was incorrect. The outstanding reports are from the MHR Marathon (which Elaine brought to the meeting), Stockade-athon and Winter Series #2. ADDENDEUM: On 01/19/08 a revised report was received via e-mail from Pam correcting the profit from the 2007 SEFCU Labor Day 5K to \$3,391.
 - 4.6. Pace Setter (J. Benny): Joe reported the January issue was delivered to the post office on 12/28/07 and a Profile of a Runner will appear in the February issue.
 - 4.7. Website (E. Neiles): Debbie reported Ed had sent an e-mail stating he had no report for this month.
 - 4.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report
5. Unfinished Business
 - 5.1 Pacesetter Content: Joe Benny reported if an article concerning a particular club event is in the Pace Setter then the results will also be included. The decision to exclude the results was made due to the cost and time involved with the data entry. Many of the results Joe receives are not compatible with the current Pace Setter printing process and need to be re-typed. Josh Merlis suggested placing the results placed next to article. Joe said results for non-club events will be handled on a case by case basis.
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Changes to Membership Database: Ray Newkirk reported he has been evaluating a software program called Wild Apricot. He has it on a trial basis until January 25th. He has been experimenting with downloading membership information, etc. It has the capability to do mass mailing, renew memberships, join on-line, etc. It would cost the club \$2160 a year to run. The program would allow the club to achieve the results we want for on on-line membership database. It will allow each member to update his or her address, telephone, and e-mail information, pay for membership and register for club events on-line by accessing a link from the club website. Ray also reminded those present we would still also have to accommodate those who choose not to use on-line services and it would not eliminate all the manual work. Ray made a motion HMRRC spend \$2160 to acquire the Wild Apricot membership software for 1 year with a second by Marcia. With no further discussion the motion was passed unanimously. He will develop a time frame for moving over to a new system and this will be communicated to all members via mailing containing

user names and passwords. He also suggested Cathy focus on this in her next President's column.

6.2 Headphone policy: John Kinnicutt displayed the large and small signs he had printed up. Marcia Adams she has been removing pictures which contain people wearing headphones before she passes them on. Debbie Beach distributed a proposed Headphone Policy which contains a rationale for the policy, the policy and an enforcement procedure. Ray Newkirk reported there was a Headphone policy (found in a copy of the November 1985 minutes) but was not as detailed. Debbie requested no discussion on the proposal until next month to give everyone time to review it. She asked any constructive criticism be sent to her ONLY at dbeach21@verizon.net prior to the next meeting. She will then summarize and present the information. The proposal will also be attached to the January minutes.

7. Announcements:

- Cathy had an announcement from the Mildred Elley School in relation to providing massages at club events and Doug will distribute to all the race directors.
- Marcia Adams reported the Delmar Dash applications are out. And if people register on Active.com prior to March 1 the Active.com fee is waived. Ed Gillen asked if a membership application could also be added.
- Debbie Beach reminded everyone the Annual HMRRRC Awards Banquet is February 9th at the Desmond. Brain DeBraccio will be providing music during dinner and following the awards until 11:00pm.

8. Adjourn: Ray Newkirk made a motion to adjourn at 8:32pm with a second by Tom Adams. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Beach
Secretary

*Due to a scheduling conflict at the Point of Woods Community Center the meeting was moved to Newkirk Products. THANK YOU Ray Newkirk!