



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
December 16, 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:

Call to Order (M. Kelly): 7:30PM

1. Reading and approval of minutes (B. Light): Motion to approve minutes by Marcia Adams seconded by Rob Moore. Motion passed.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 2.1 President (M. Kelly): Mark Warner is working on getting information together for the Distinguished Service race so that nomination forms go out and voting takes place earlier than last year. Debbie Beach and Nancy Briskie are working on the banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 7th at the Desmond. Reservation forms are in the Pacesetter. If you are able to help them with the banquet, please let one of them know.
 - 2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): Distinguished Service race has an ad in the February Pacesetter asking for nominations hoping to get all nominations in by the March meeting so we can vote at the April meeting. Scholarship awards will have an ad in the Pacesetter in February and March and on the website. He will also get a list of coaches he can send out notices to for applications. Marcia Adams will give information to Mark on Dollars for Scholars program.
 - 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): Chuck presented final budget for review. Motion made by Doug Bowden to approve budget as presented seconded by Marcia Adams. Motion passed.
 - 2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No report.
 - 2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): Presented treasurers report for October through December 15th and the Year To Date report.
3. Reports of Committees
 - 3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): We had 64 new members and 75 renewals last month. 12 new members joined at Winter Series 1. He can get a list of people when membership lapses. Discussion continued about contacting these members. Ed is contacting them 30 days before, 7 days and 1 day before and then 7 days after it has lapsed. Ed is willing to reach out to these people to see if he can get them to rejoin. Ed will try and track new members coming in.
 - 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia will have final tabulation for the Volunteer Recognition Program the end of this month and it will be published in the February Pacesetter.
 - 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): In November Rob attended the Adirondack Sport and Fitness Show with the HMRRC booth. Flyers sent out for Hangover Half to all newspapers.

- 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Al Maikels directed the Turkey Raffle Run on 11/23/08 at The Crossings. There were a total of 346 participants. First Winter Series of the season held Sunday, 12/14/08 which was directed by Doug Bowden. The 15K had a total of 134 in attendance with the 3 miler having 100. Upcoming races -Second Winter Series Race is scheduled for Thursday January 1st which includes the Hangover Half and the 3.5 miler. Winter Series #3 which consists of a 3 miler, 10K and 25K is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2009. Race Directors Will Dixon and Ed Gillen can be contacted if there is any interest in volunteering for this race. Eileen Coombs brought the kids corner crafts to the first Winter Series Race as a new concept to let parents run while the kids are being cared for.
- 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Passed out race committee report for Turkey Raffle Run.
- 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): Kari Gathen will be new content editor for the Pacesetter starting in March 2009. Emily Bryans will stay on until then.
- 3.7. Website (E. Neiles): December Pacesetter posted to the webpage in pdf format, linked off our homepage. He will continue to work toward reducing file size while maintaining quality/clarity. He is still working on posting the HMRRRC apparel page. Hope to have "live" very soon. Race schedule, results content all current.
- 3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
- 3.9. Safety (V. Juliano) No report.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - 4.1 - E-Issues related to the Pacesetter –people are wondering if the Pacesetter will be online and/or mailed. We can let people opt out of receiving the paper version if they rather view in pdf. One idea is that the Pacesetter be in the section for members only. Further discussion will be done and brought to the meeting with suggestions. At this point we are not going to stop sending out the Pacesetter.
5. New Business:
 - 5.1 Proposal by Josh Merlis and John Kinnicutt regarding attending the Running USA Conference in February in California to gain insight and ideas to bring back to the club. Josh proposed \$3600.00 to cover the cost of attending the conference. Marcia Adams thinks that HMRRRC is already a member-since Jim Gilmer and Elaine Humphrey attended last year. Josh will look into that and let us know. Discussion continued on costs of conference. Mark Warner made a motion to spend up to \$2500.00 for conference for Josh Merlis and John Kinnicutt to attend conference. Rob Moore seconded motion. Motion passed.
 - 5.2 -Marcia Adams discussed bulk purchase of race bags. \$1.29 each depending on quantity we purchase. It is actually a re-useable bag that you can reuse for many things. Front would have HMRRRC logo listing all the race names. If we go to a convention or expo we can hand out giving advertising of our races and club. If a race is going to use them they would have to pay for them from their budget.
6. Announcements: Vince announced that should be able to close out Stockade-athon next month. Doug Bowden asked that Nancy Briskie contact SEFCU and Marathon and Half Marathon race directors so that those races can be closed out.

Mike Kelly will bring refreshments next month.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Light
Secretary