



**Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
March 12, 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: Ed Gillen, Cathy Sliwinski, Chuck Terry, Nancy Briskie, Pam Zentko, Tom Ryan, Charlie Matlock, Vince Juliano, Ken Klemp, Rob Moore, Jim Tierney, Ray Newkirk, Anny and Wade Stockman, Tom and Marcia Adams, John Kinnicutt, Joe Benny, David Newman, Elaine Humphrey, Jim Gilmer, Doug Bowden, Ray Lee, Josh Merlis, Barb Light, Judy Lynch, Paul Mueller, Brian DeBraccio and Jennifer Senez.

1. Call to Order (C. Sliwinski): Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm followed by a welcoming of new attendees.
2. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach): Ed Gillen has requested the following change in his report in the February 2008 minutes. From "Ed questioned why the Times Union is not publicizing the results of HMRRC races, in particular the Winter Series results" to "Ed questioned why the Times Union is not publicizing HMRRC races and that if we publicize more, we could increase membership to HMRRC." Motion made by Marcia Adams to accept the amended minutes with a second by Ed Gillen. Motion passed.
3. Reports of Officers
 - 3.1. President (C. Sliwinski): Cathy reported she and Nancy Briskie met with the race directors on March 5, 2008. A copy of the minutes from the meeting was sent to all of the race directors. Ed Gillen and Ray Newkirk are working on the new membership database. In this process they have found a number of complimentary memberships. Cathy passed a list around to those present requesting opinions if any of these memberships should continue. Cathy announced grants were awarded to the following races or organizations: the Vale Cemetery Association, the Saratoga Tri Club, the ARE Dodge the Deer 5k, Run for Darfur, the Duanesburg Area Community Center 5K and the Adirondack USATF.
 - 3.2. Executive Vice President (M. Kelly): Cathy reported for Mike the deadline for the scholarship applications has been moved to April 1, 2008. To date 15 applications have been received. There is currently 1 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) nomination. Any member can nominate another club member for the DSA via e-mail or by mail by April 1, 2008. In addition nominations can be made in person at the April 9, 2008 HMRRC meeting. The DSA committee will then choose up to 5 candidates who will be presented by the club member who nominated them or another representative at the May 14, 2008 HMRRC Club meeting followed by the voting process.
 - 3.3. Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No report

- 3.4. Secretary (D. Beach): No report.
 - 3.5. Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John distributed reports to the club officers today via e-mail. There was a minor error which has been corrected and will be reflected in next month's report. He is looking into an on-line Quicken version which would \$2.99 a month for all club accounts. At Cathy's request he is developing a standard form to be filled out and submitted with all receipts when requesting reimbursement.
4. Reports of Standing Committees
- 4.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Ed reported there were 105 renewals, 12 new members and \$33 in donations. In April a letter will be sent to every club member providing information on how to access the records keeping portion of the club website. Club members will be able to renew on-line with a PayPal. He thanked Ray Newkirk for all his help with this project. This is the first part of the Wild Apricot software to be applied and other features will be added over time. He will have an e-mail address set up to assist members with any problems or questions they may have. John Kinnicutt stated when a payment is made to Wild Apricot through Pay Pal an e-mail is sent to Google e-mail address he has set up and will add Ed Gillen to the distribution list.
 - 4.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia Adams reported there were 5 new volunteers. She stated the Pace Setter will be publishing a series of articles written by volunteers describing what they do and why. For example, she and Debbie Beach will be writing an article about registration coordination for races.
 - 4.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Rob reported he sent out all the press releases for the Delmar Dash.
 - 4.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie/C. Sliwinski): Nancy requested Ken Klemp report on the Winter Marathon and Relay held in February. Ken stated there were 85 marathon finishers which is a record with 58 marathoners signing up day of. There were 30 relay teams. There was a profit of \$706.17. Nancy reported at the Runnin' of the Green (Island) there were 383 finishers. The Delmar Dash is the next club race with Marcia and Tom Adams reporting everything is going well. Tom reported there will be a volunteer party (free for volunteers) at the American Legion Hall with guests welcome at \$5 per person. Jim Tierney reported the Bill Robinson Master's 10K had to be moved to April 26, 2008 due to SAT exams at Guilderland High School. Other area races which are being held on the same day will be or have been contacted out of courtesy. Charlie Matlock presented 2007 financials on the Stockade-athon. There was a \$2525 profit. Charlie will be resigning as treasurer and the Stockade-athon bank account has been officially closed. Vince Juliano thanked Charlie for being the treasurer since 1993.
 - 4.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Pam reported an opening balance of \$7415.59 with a closing balance of \$7261.38. The Winter Series #5 reported a loss of \$399 compared to \$44 in 2007. The Winter Marathon and Relay reported a profit of \$706 compared to a profit of \$265 in 2007. As the Stockade-athon report was given at the meeting there were no outstanding reports.
 - 4.6. Pace Setter (J. Benny): Joe reported the March issue was delivered starting on March 3rd with some members still not have receiving their issue as of Monday, March 10th. The April issue is in the works with quite a bit of content. Joe thanked Emily Bryans and Vince Juliano for their assistance with obtaining articles.
 - 4.7. Website (E. Neiles): Cathy reported for Ed Neiles progress continues to be made in updating the website.
 - 4.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
 - 4.9. Safety (V. Juliano): Vince reported he plans on writing an article on a variety of safety issues and requested those with information or concerns please contact him.

5. Unfinished Business:

5.1. Headphone policy: Cathy reported during the race directors meeting the proposed Headphone Policy was discussed and amendments made. Joe Benny brought the original motion back to the table, with a second by Rob Moore. Debbie Beach then read the amendments suggested by the race directors as follows:

- Revise the proposed policy to state: "Due to safety concerns and in accordance with USATF policy, headphones or similar devices are prohibited during HMRRRC events. Failure to comply may result in disqualification."
- The USATF information will be removed from the rationale section
- The last four bullets under Policy Enforcement will be removed

Following a discussion it was agreed all references to USATF would be removed and the last bullet in the Policy Enforcement would be amended to state "The decision of the race director(s) is final." After a final reading by Debbie Beach, Marcia Adams made a motion to amend the policy as read with a second by Ray Newkirk. All in favor and the motion was passed. Marcia Adams then made a motion to accept the policy as amended with a second by Nancy Briskie. All in favor and the motion was passed. (Please see attached document for the Headphone Policy)

6. New Business:

6.1. Elaine Humphrey and Jim Gilmer presented on the Running USA Conference they attended in San Diego, California. Nancy Briskie requested they present more specific information at a race directors meeting.

6.2. Marcia and Tom Adams requested to attend the Portland Marathon Event Directors' College from October 2-5, 2008 in Oregon which is limited to 100 participants. They submitted a proposal with an estimated budget and course description. Doug Bowden made a motion to provide up to \$2500 with a second by Ray Newkirk. Following a discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor.

7. Announcements: Cathy announced Dan Cantwell wrote an article on Martha DeGrazia in the Times Union and she has requested permission to reprint the article in the Pace Setter. Dan informed Cathy the Times Union will be discontinuing his monthly column. Members who have enjoyed his column are encouraged to contact the Times Union.

8. Refreshments for April: Tom and Marcia Adams

9. With no further business a motion was made by Ray Newkirk to adjourn the meeting with a second by Marcia Adams and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Beach
Secretary