



**Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
May 14, 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: Josh Merlis, Brian DeBraccio, Robert Moore, Sara Brenner, Ray Lee, Emily Bryans, Doug Bowden, Jim Tierney, David Newman, Nancy Briskie, Ed Neiles, Larry Decker, Chuck Terry, Barb Light, Cathy Sliwinski, Judy Lynch, Peter Newkirk, Brenan Tarrier, Al Maikels, Jordan Kinnicutt, John Kinnicutt, Ed Gillen, Dave Pickel, Vince Juliano, Larry Peliggi, Marcia and Tom Adams, Charlie Matlock, Chris Chartrand, Elaine Humphrey, Jim Gilmer, Pam Zentko and Debbie Beach

1. Call to Order (C. Sliwinski): Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
2. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach): In the April minutes the date of the Indian Ladder Trail Run was corrected to August 3, 2008. A motion was made by Chuck Terry to accept the minutes as corrected with a second from Ray Lee. Motion passed.
3. Reports of Officers
 - 3.1 President (C. Sliwinski): Cathy reported applications for the HMRRC grants are due by July 1, 2008. She is also forming an Election Committee whose job it is to develop a slate of officers including the following: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in serving please contact her. Cathy stated the GHI Workforce Team Challenge is tomorrow night and Pete Newkirk reported a record turn out of 7200 participants composing 393 teams. Mayor Jennings will start the race and WNYT will be broadcasting from the event.
 - 3.2 Executive Vice President (M. Kelly): Cathy announced the names of the students who were awarded the 2008 Shrader Scholarship, which are as follows: Hilary Edmunds from Voorheesville Central High School who will be attending Colgate University where she plans on running cross country and track. Emily McTague from Niskayuna High School, who will be attending Williams College and plans on continuing her running there. William "Macky" Lloyd from Voorheesville High School, who will be attending St. Rose and will be running track there. Matthew Blair from Lansingburgh High School whose top three choices for college include Brown, Vassar and Colgate.
 - 3.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): Chuck reported the audit on the 2007 GHI Workforce Team Challenge and SEFCU Labor Day 5K races is complete and everything was in order. He thanked Joe Richardson, from the GHI Workforce Team Challenge, for his attention to detail and organization of the event's financial records.
 - 3.4 Secretary (D. Beach): No report.
 - 3.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John e-mailed the Profit and Loss report from March 9, 2008 through May 13, 2008 and the Year to Date report to the club officers.

4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - 4.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Ed reported there were 45 renewals with 18 new memberships and 3 monetary gifts. 40 people renewed or joined on-line. The Wild Apricot program automatically sends out welcoming and thank you notes from a template. The software has many features that have yet to be accessed. HMRRC is a member of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce and as a result members can access certain benefits, which are listed on their website. There will be an HMRRC table tomorrow night at the GHI which Ed and Judy Lynch will be helping to staff.
 - 4.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia reported she has been receiving names of volunteers from Ed Gillen.
 - 4.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Rob reported everything is up to date. He volunteered to staff a booth at the Adirondack Sports and Fitness Expo if the club wants to participate next year.
 - 4.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie, C. Sliwinski): Jim Tierney reported on the Bill Robinson Master's 10K, which had 102 participants compared to 100 in 2007. The attendance record is 114. Overall everything went fairly well but there were duplicate bib numbers which caused some problems with scoring (the bib numbers were printed by Electric City Printing). The financial info was given to Pam Zentko. The Mother's Day Race also went well but the finalized numbers not yet available. Josh Merlis reported the Tawasentha X-country series is all set to go and he has met with Bob Oates. August 4, 2008 is the first race.
 - 4.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Pam reported the Delmar Dash had a profit of \$1878 compared to \$842 in 2007 and the Master's 10K had a loss of \$81 compared to a profit of \$150 in 2007. She had a starting balance of \$7609.18 and a closing balance of \$12,438.25. The report from the Mother's Day race is the only outstanding report.
 - 4.6. Pace Setter (J. Benny): Cathy reported Joe Benny is moving out of the area and complimented him on the job he has done as Pace Setter editor. She has set up a Selection committee to find a new editor. Anyone who is interested or has suggestions of possible candidates please let her know.
 - 4.7. Website (E. Neiles): No report
 - 4.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report
 - 4.9. Safety (V. Juliano): Vince will be writing an article concerning running in Schenectady and safety.
5. Unfinished Business:
 - 5.1. Distinguished Service Award Nominee Presentation and Voting: Al Maikels presented Jim Gilmer. Larry Peliggi and Debbie Beach presented Tom and Marcia Adams. Jim Gilmer was awarded the 2008 Distinguished Service Award.
6. New Business
 - 6.1. Recycling Proposal (D. Newman): David reported how plastic water bottles end up in the trash and should be recycled. He works for DEC and is willing to explore purchasing bins and presenting a proposal on how the club could recycle. Following a discussion it was requested he find out the facts on the secondary market for plastic as well.
 - 6.2. Kaila Horton made a presentation on the St. Jude's Hero program. She presented a video and handed out folders of information. She is requesting assistance in getting the word out.
7. Announcements: Cathy received a letter from Carl Urrey seeking donations for the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School's volleyball team of which his daughter is a

member. They are attending a tournament in Orlando in August. Vince Juliano explained Carl's connection to HMRRC to those present.

Josh Merlis announced the ARE Trail Running Clinic will be held on July 17 – 20, 2008 at the Dippkill Wilderness Retreat and on June 28, 2008 the 5k Run for Missing Children will be held using the same course as the Freihofer's Run for Women.

June meeting snacks: Barb Light

8. Adjourn: 8:50pm Motion to adjourn made by Al Maikels with a second by Pete Newkirk. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Beach
Secretary