



**Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
July 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.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation of scholarships to our 2008 scholarship awardees.

Mike Kelly, Committee Chairperson, thanked members of the committee: Joan Celentano, Ken Skinner, Chris Rush and Jon Rocco. There were a total of 26 applications. All four scholarship awardees attended the meeting with their parents. Mike presented a summary on each student followed by a presentation of their check.

Attendance: Cathy Sliwinski, Josh Merlis, Tom and Marcia Adams, Barb Light, David Newman, Mike Kelly, Robert Moore, Vince Juliano, Ken Orner, Doug Bowden, Pete Newkirk, Judy Lynch, Ed Gillen, Chuck Terry, John Kinnicutt, Jim Tierney, Nancy Briskie, Elaine Humphrey, Jim Gilmer, Ray Lee, Don Wilken, Barb Sorrell, Ed Neiles, James Lee, Jennifer Senez, Paul Mueller, Bill Lloyd, Robin Nagengast and Jonathan Pellitteri

Call to Order (C. Sliwinski): At 7:45pm

1. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach): Motion made by Marcia to accept the June minutes as written with a second by Rob Moore. All in favor.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 3.1 President (C. Sliwinski): Cathy reported Judy Lynch responded to the request for someone to coordinate the t-shirt and sneaker donations. She thanked Judy and stated others would be needed to help organize collections and distribute. Cathy reminded everyone the Club Picnic would be taking place at Thacher Park on August 3, 2008 after the Indian Ladder Trail Run. Cathy introduced Robin Nagengast as the Managing Editor of the Pace Setter.
 - 3.2 Executive Vice President (M. Kelly): No report.
 - 3.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No report.
 - 3.4 Secretary (D. Beach): No report.
 - 3.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John submitted financial statements to the Board via e-mail and had copies available for anyone who wanted one.
3. Reports of Standing Committees
 - 3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Ed reported there were 15 new memberships with 45 renewals. The on-line process is running smooth.
 - 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): No report.
 - 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Everything going well.
 - 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Pete Newkirk thanked the committee for all their work on the GHI Workforce Team Challenge. Next year's event will be held on May 21st and all

of the committee has agreed to stay on for another year. GHI has one more year on their contract with HMRRC. The number of teams and participants was up from previous years. The charity of choice (Living Resources) received about \$2000 and was pleased with the publicity they received. There are two invoices which still have not been received. The committee tried to put more back into the race with the hats and the captains awards. There was a profit of \$71,000. \$6957.04 was left in the race account as seed money for next year's event and to pay off remaining invoices. Nancy reported the Father's Day race had 274 finishers and Valley Cats 5k had 347. The Colonie Mile had record 125 finishers. Upcoming events include: the Summer Series, Hour Run and Pentathlon. Cathy reported the sanction fees have been paid for the SEFCU Labor Day 5k, the Tawasentha Cross Country series and the Anniversary Run. Sanction applications for MHR Marathon, Toys for Tots Half Marathon and Voorheesville races have been submitted.

- 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Pam submitted her report via e-mail. She reported a starting balance of \$13,919.04 and an ending balance of \$6,664.20. The Mother's Day race had a loss of \$302 compared to \$1,213 in 2007. The Distinguished Service race had a loss of \$529 compared to \$510 in 2007. The Father's Day race had a profit of \$733 compared to \$2,452 in 2007. The Valley Cats 5k is the only outstanding report.
 - 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): The July edition has been published. Marcia and Robin have met and have a flow chart developed. Marcia announced the new photography coordinator is Barbara Sorrell.
 - 3.7. Website (E. Neiles): Ed reported it is a busy time of the year for the website.
 - 3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
 - 4.9 Safety (V. Juliano): No report
 - 4.10 Election Committee: Marcia Adams presented the slate of officers, which is as follows: Mike Kelly, President; Mark Warner, Executive Vice President; John Kinnicutt, Treasurer; Barb Light, Secretary. The ballot will be in the August Pace Setter. Petitions for any additional nominations must be received by August 13, 2008.
 - 4.11 Hall of Fame (E. Humphrey): Elaine reported the deadline for nominations from general membership has passed. A meeting will be held in mid August for committee members.
4. Unfinished Business: None
 5. New Business:
 - 6.1 Volunteer recognition (M. Adams): Marcia reported she mailed the proposal for the volunteer recognition program to 118 registered volunteers receiving 6 responses with 5/6 being favorable. Ed Gillen made a motion to adopt the proposed volunteer recognition program as presented with a second by Nancy Briskie. A discussion followed. The volunteer chairperson will be responsible for keeping track of the points. This is not going to be limited to members only but to every volunteer. Josh Merlis expressed concerns about the part of the proposal which provided a free banquet ticket for the top three volunteers and Elaine mentioned other award winners do not get free banquet tickets. David Newman questioned whether it should be cumulative over the years. Marcia suggested maybe lowering the minimal level and removal of the banquet award. Cathy Sliwinski was wondering what the cost to the club would be. Marcia said it would depend on what was chosen but she would be considering to buy awards in volume. Elaine Humphrey also expressed a concern some volunteers only work for a short time. Marcia will add a disclaimer in regards to the accuracy of the point totals. Volunteers will be asked to contact the volunteer chair with any discrepancies, which will then go back to race director. Vince Juliano suggested it is a program which will need to be tried for a year, and then it can be

- modified or suspended. Marcia reported results will be in the Pace Setter and on the website. The program will start with the Running of the Green. Marcia amended her proposal to eliminate the banquet entries with a second by Doug Bowden. No discussion. Rob Moore made a motion to accept the program as amended with a second from Nancy Briskie. 20 in favor with 6 abstentions. Motion passed.
- 6.2 Stockade-athon expo sponsorship proposal (V. Juliano): Vince reported the expo will be at the renovated Proctor's but the event is experiencing financial difficulties due to the recent restructuring of the Schenectady area hospitals. He proposes HMRRRC become a sponsor of the event at a cost of \$1500. The club will get a booth (in addition to the space required for the Stockade-athon registration and packet pick-up), and a half page ad. It will promote the club and not just the race, making it a nice opportunity to make our club known in Schenectady. Vince made a motion for HMRRRC to be a sponsor of the Gazette Health Expo for \$1500 (from the general fund) to be held at the Proctor's with a second by Marcia Adams. Following a discussion which Doug Bowden mentioned it should come out of the Stockade-athon budget. Vince reported only about 20% of Stockade-athon participants are club members and the Gazette is running the expo making it a separate entity from the Stockade-athon. As the expo is at Proctor's there is a cost involved which is \$400 per booth. Don Wilken reminded those present we are a not for profit organization and as such provide clinics, etc. Following further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.
- 6.3 Age Group Awards: Ken Orner made a motion the age group awards for all HMRRRC races with 5 year age groups include the following: 70-74, 75-79, 80+ and awards should go three deep in each. Ray Lee seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Nancy mentioned the statistics (Doug Bowden complied) from last year did not support the proposal and the races would have left over awards. Mike Kelly made a motion to modify the proposal to expand the age group categories up to 80+ but leave it to the race directors as how deep the awards will go and only for the races that have 5 year age groups, second by Marcia. 17 in favor with 9 abstentions. Motion to amend the motion passed. Further discussion followed at which point Cathy Sliwinski suggested tabling the discussion until the August meeting. Doug Bowden made a motion the discussion be tabled, with a second from Nancy Briskie. 5 opposed and the remainder in favor. Motion to table the motion passed.
- 6.4 John Kinnicutt read a statement from Joe Benny concerning opinions voiced should be on the message board and not on the main web site. Nancy mentioned it is no different than putting something in the Pace Setter.
- 6.5 Marcia complimented Mike Kelly on the Scholarship award presentations
- 6.6 Announcements - snacks for the August meeting: Tom & Marcia Adams

Adjourn: Ken made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm with a second by Ray Lee. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Beach
Secretary