



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
September 10, 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: Robert Moore, Chuck Terry, Barb Light, John Kinnicutt, Cathy Sliwinski, Mike Kelly, Nancy Briskie, Doug Bowden, Wade and Anny Stockman, Marcia and Tom Adams, Josh Merlis, Sara Brenner, Christopher Chartrand, Vince Juliano, Ed Gillen, Ray Newkirk, Ken Orner, Ken Klemp, Mark Warner, Robin Nagengast, Kathy Hart, Ray Lee, Jim Tierney and Debbie Beach

Call to Order (C. Sliwinski): 7:30pm

1. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach): Debbie reported the August minutes were amended to add Judy Lynch to the attendance and the July minutes will not be presented for approval. Motion made by Chuck Terry to accept the August minutes as amended with a second by John Kinnicutt. Motion passed.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 2.1 President (C. Sliwinski): Cathy welcomed Mark Warner to the meeting.
 - 2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Kelly): No report
 - 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): Chuck reported New York State has passed a new law effective September 1, 2008. Any merchandise which is sold via the internet or through magazines is subject to local sales tax. The Club Clothing Coordinator will have to collect the local sales and the club is required to file a quarterly sales tax return. Chuck will be filing all the necessary paperwork and will talk to Judy Lynch, Club Clothing Coordinator.
 - 2.4 Secretary (D. Beach): Debbie requested those present put the e-mail address they want the minutes distributed to on the attendance sheet, which will then be passed on to the incoming Secretary.
 - 2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John e-mailed the September financial report to officers and distributed copies to those present.
3. Reports of Committees
 - 3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Ed reported as of August 13, 2008 there were 60 renewals and 20 new members. There are currently 2296 active members which includes every member of families. . He has archived all the memberships which have lapsed.
 - 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia reported the club will have a booth at the SEFCU Community Volunteer Expo to be held on September 28, 2008 from 12:00-5:00. Cathy Sliwinski will be assisting her. She has ordered the gifts for volunteer recognition program. There will be a Volunteer Informational Meeting and Dinner on October 20,

2008 at the Stadium Golf Club in Schenectady. A family style pasta dinner will be served and the doors will open at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. There is a nominal charge of \$3.00 per person with a cash bar. The recognition awards will be distributed at the event.

- 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Rob reported the press release for the Voorheesville 7.1 race was mailed out. He will be manning a booth for HMRRC at the Adirondack Marathon Expo on September 20, 2008. .
 - 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Nancy report the 3rd and final Tawasentha X-country race took place. Josh Merlis reported “everyone lived” and there were a total of 121 finishers between the 3 races. Nancy reported the SEFCU Labor Day 5K had 603 finishers. Upcoming events include the Anniversary Run, Voorheesville 7.1 and the MHR Marathon and Half Marathon. Volunteers are needed for the Marathon and Half Marathon. A Race Director’s meeting will be held on Sept. 29, 2008 and the 2009 race calendar is near completion. Doug Bowden reported the number of finishers at the SEFCU Labor Day 5K is a record and the total for the Tawasentha X-country series is record is also a record compared to when the series was held in Bethlehem. Ed Gillen asked how the names of those joining via Active.com (for the MHR Marathon and Half Marathon) will get to him and Cathy Sliwinski will follow-up Elaine Humphrey.
 - 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Nancy Briskie presented Pam Zentko’s report. The outstanding race reports include: the Colonie mile, Valley Cats 5K, Indian Ladder Trail Run and the Tawasentha X-country series. The Hour Run had a loss of \$156.70 compared to \$198 in 2007. The Two Person Relay had a loss of \$170.02 compared to \$264 in 2007. The Pentathlon had a loss of \$206.31 compared to \$273 in 2007. There was a starting balance of \$6,664.20 and an ending balance of \$6,837.73.
 - 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): Robin reported everything is going well. A Production staff member is still needed but do have someone is interested. Jim Tierney reported there are those who advertise in the Pace Setter who are not always timely in their payment of invoices or dispute those invoices. Jim has had to follow up with phone calls, send out copies of invoices (if he is told it was not received) or send out invoices with the outstanding balances. Those present supported his efforts to secure payment to the Pace Setter for the services rendered.
 - 3.7. Website (E. Neiles): Not present and no report.
 - 3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
 - 4.9 Safety (V. Juliano): Vince reported a staff member at the University of Albany wanted safety brochures for an Oct. 25, 2008 event. He has had difficulty setting up a meeting with the staff member to give him the brochures. Ray Lee offered to deliver them.
 - 4.10 Election Committee (M. Adams): Marcia reported 2 ballots were received via the mail approving the 2009 slate of officers. Therefore the 2009 HMRRC officers will be as follows: Mike Kelly, President; Mark Warner, Executive Vice-President; John Kinnicutt, Treasurer and Barb Light, Secretary. Chuck Terry will continue to serve as Executive Vice President for Finance as his term of office has not expired.
4. Unfinished Business: None.
 5. New Business: Nancy Briskie reported a soldier from Afghanistan has contacted her requesting to participate in the 2009 Hang-Over Half Marathon along with some others stationed with him. Nancy will follow-up with Cheryl and Brian DeBraccio who are the race directors.
 6. Announcements - Snacks for October meeting: Ed Gillen.

7. As it was her last meeting serving as President Cathy thanked everyone for their support and hard work over the past year. She also thanked Debbie Beach for her years of service as a club officer. Tom Adams thanked Cathy for “steering the ship”, to which all those present agreed.

Adjourn: Motion made by Ken Orner to adjourn with a second by Nancy Briskie. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Beach
Secretary