



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club  
General Meeting  
Point of Woods Community Center  
February 11, 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): 7:30 pm

1. Reading and approval of minutes (B. Light): Marcia Adams made motion to approve minutes, Rob Moore seconded. Motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (M. Kelly): Date Changes for March and May meetings-March meeting will be held on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, the May meeting will be held on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> both at same time. Congratulations on the banquet – Thank you to Deb Beach for putting on the banquet February 7<sup>th</sup>. From all accounts it went very well and everyone had a good time. Cystic Fibrosis Stair Climb – Mailing form in for an Exhibitor table at the stair climb which will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Rob Moore will be representing HMRRC at the booth. Hiring of an Accountant –Mike has received one quote from a firm and he is seeking another quote. It has been brought up to him that there may be a few things that are required that we as a club are not doing. Mike is looking to get an annual report and recommendation or have a full audit. After we get the quotes we will have to decide how to proceed. If anyone in the club knows of an accounting firm that works with not-for-profits please forward the information to Mike Kelly. Mike and Cathy Sliwinski had a meeting with Dan Rain of the Friends of the Rail Trail. Currently they have signed the agreement and are in the waiting period. The county has hired a contractor to do the inspections that are required. They have a good committee coming together and HMRRC will be playing a role with that. Mike will keep us posted on any further updates. Mike offered that we could put an article in the Pacesetter for them to help get the information out to the public. Dan Rain may like to come to the Delmar Dash. Mike will have Dan contact Marcia for more information. Follow up with late race reports: Mike hasn't heard back from John Parisella yet. Vince will send Pam the final form from the stockade-athon.

2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): Distinguished Service nominations are due in and Mark has placed an ad in the Pacesetter. He has received one nomination so far. Nominations are due by the end of February or at the March meeting. Voting will be at the April meeting. The date of the Distinguished Service race is May 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Mark will place the nomination form on the website. Mark has sent out the Schrader scholarship letters with the applications to athletic directors in Section 2 and has an ad in the February Pacesetter and March Pacesetter. Applications are due by the end of March with the selection in April

and they will announce the four winners in May. Mark has received some feedback from coaches so the information is getting out there.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No report.

2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No report.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): No report.

### 3. Reports of Committees

3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Total members in the club total 3,082 with 2,342 active members. Since the last business meeting we have added 43 new members and 77 renewals. Officers wanted an update on how many are renewing-out of the 190 renewals that were sent for February, we have received 80 back to date; out of the 142 renewals that went out for March we have received back 37. These months and future months will be recorded. Ed has forwarded three member profiles for upcoming Pace Setters. Although not part of the membership, set up Wild Apricot for Annual Banquet. About ¼ of all attendees signed up online. Set up the Delmar Dash online for registration. Ed staffed membership table at Winter Series 4 and 5.

3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia is handing out awards for the Volunteer Recognition program. She is starting the 2009 spreadsheet-we will probably have another informal meeting later this Spring. Marcia reports we are getting volunteers and the program is gaining momentum.

3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Information on the winter Marathon sent out to all the papers. WMHT wanted to do an interview with Mike Kelly. Mike is working on that. Adirondack Sports and Fitness expo is being held on April 3-5th. Rob will look into what the charge would be to have the booth for just Saturday. Anyone interested in volunteering at the booth for the expo please contact Mike Kelly.

3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Winter Series Race #4 held on January 25, 2009. 84 finishers for the 15K, 74 finishers for the 3 miler, and 30 finishers for the 30K. Our thanks to Josh Merlis for directing the race. Winter Series #5 was held on February 8, 2009. 128 finishers for the 10 miler, 20 finishers in the 20 miler, and 117 finishers in the 4 miler. Our thanks to Scott Ginsburg and Lori Sciortino. Upcoming race calendar includes the following races: February 22, 2009 HMRRRC Winter Marathon and Marathon Relay. Please contact Dana Peterson, Ken Klemp or Ed Neiles to volunteer for this race. March 7, 2009 Running of the Green. Ken Skinner is the contact for this race if you are able to volunteer.

3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): SEFCU Race is still outstanding. Winter Series #2 had a loss of \$578 vs \$903 in 2008. Winter Series #3 had a loss of \$406 vs \$262 in 2008. See attached report from Pam.

3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): Deadline for the next issue is February 25th for anyone who wants to contribute articles. This is the last month that Emily Bryans is content editor she is working with Kari Gathen so she will be set to start in March.

3.7. Website (E. Neiles): Ed is going to report on an “as needed” basis moving forward. Pictures on the website-they are working on getting more pictures on the website. There are a lot of pictures that are taken that aren’t used in the Pacesetter that could be loaded on the website. Mike will check with Ed on that.

3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.

3.9 Safety (V. Juliano): Vince is working on an article for the Pacesetter.

### 4. Unfinished Business:

4.1 Reusable bag proposal-We need to get a count of Race Directors that want to use them for their races. Will cost be covered by club or absorbed by races?-6000 bags printed up with HMRRRC logo and the names of club races and the website plus shipping is \$1.29 per

bag. Currently spend \$300 for 1000 manila envelopes. Mark Warner is concerned that this would be adding fees to the race fees that may already go up. Would it be a real benefit to the club? Doug Bowden reported that people want more and are expecting more for their fees that they pay for races. Vince added that across the board races were up 10% in race participants. Primary reason is women participating. They look forward to “stuff” in their packets. Mike Kelly made a motion to approve up to \$4000 for the purchase of HMRRC recyclable registration bags to be used for races and for promotional purposes. Ray Lee seconded the motion. Vince was concerned about the bags increasing fees if the Race Directors had to pay for them. Motion changed to the HMRRC will purchase bags for use by the Race Directors or for promotional purposes by the club. Doug Bowden made motion to table motion until next month.

5. New Business

5.1 Lee Pollack and George Regan and insurance issues-what is insured thru HMRRC races thru USATF- when we sign a race off for sanctions we are covered under the national policy thru USATF. It is a liability policy based on claims and negligence. If an athlete is injured it acts as excess over their health insurance. It is important to note that this is only for USATF members only. Race Directors are getting asked questions from sponsors as to what type of coverage we have. Part of the insurance program is that Race Directors can get copies of certificate of insurance to show sponsors that the policy is in force. Race/sponsors/volunteers are covered under the liability part of the insurance. Basic coverage is \$1 million \$2 million aggregate. Spectators or bystanders there is no exclusion for spectators. If an individual makes a claim and sues the club the club would be protected by the policy. What would a rider cost to cover volunteers? Lee is not sure we could get that type of coverage. It is probably cost prohibitive. Importance of informed consent from the volunteers-let them really know what they are signing up for. Mike asked Lee to look into providers that may be out there that could create a policy to include our volunteers. Look into combining joining HMRRC and USATF.

6. Announcements: Mark Warner to bring March refreshments

Adjourn: Marcia made motion to adjourn; seconded by Dave Newman. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Light  
Secretary