



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
October 14, 2009

Attendance: Barb Light, Chuck Terry, Rob Moore, Ken Orner, Doug Bowden, Ed Gillen, Brian DiBraccio, Jon Rocco, Mike Kelly, Mark Warner, Will Dixon, Marcia Adams, Tom Adams, Nancy Briskie, Elaine Humphrey, Jim Tierney, John Kinnicutt, Josh Merlis, Ed Neiles, Ken Klemp, Dave Newman, Ray Newkirk, Cathy Sliwinski, Ray Lee, don Lawrence, Diane Fisher, Scott Ferguson, Randy Goldberg, Tom Ryan, Vince Juliano, Diane Fisher, Steve Vnuk, Thomas Ryan, Bernie Weis, John Parisella

Call to Order (M. Warner): 7:30PM

1. Reading and approval of September 9, 2009 minutes (B. Light). Marcia Adams made motion to accept minutes, Rob Moore seconded, motion approved.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (M. Warner): Thanked Mike Kelly for his hard work and dedication during his Presidency. Mark Warner announced that longtime member Susan Cohen died on October 14th. She was the first woman to run with the Willow Street Club, she was an excellent Masters runner, and a strong supporter of club for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Don and her family. The Club will make a donation to the JCC in her name.

Recruitment of Race Committee Chairperson and remaining race directors for 2010. Nancy Briskie will be stepping down as Race Committee Chairperson, if you know of anyone interested to take this position, please contact Mark Warner.

Don Lawrence-new president of USATF is here and he is looking at opportunities to work with HMRRRC in the next year. Youth running is one area they would like to work on.

Try to list action items after each meeting to work on for the next month. A good way to follow up on items discussed.

Elaine Humphrey went over Marathon/Half Marathon-Mark Warner thanked Elaine for the many years that she has run the race; Elaine thanked all the volunteers that helped out because the race would not have happened without them. Record 726 finishers in the marathon and 799 in the half. Record number of entries for both races. She has received all positive comments about the race. This year she hired a dedicated EMT, and Police, due to the number of entrants. Took in about \$100,000.00 in fees, but with added expenses should be around the same as last year. Final report will be coming in the next few months.

2.2 Executive Vice President (J. Rocco): No report.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): Getting towards the end of year and he will be preparing the budget for 2010. Chuck will bring in a preliminary budget next month to review and discuss and make adjustments as needed. In December the budget will be approved. Anyone with input for the budget please let Chuck know.

2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No report.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): No report.

7. Reports of Committees

7.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Since the last meeting we have 46 new members bringing our current total to 2135 members; Ed put an article in the Pace Setter answering common questions asked; also sent the editor membership file updates. The total membership does include family members. Sending around 1450 Pace Setter magazines each month. Not many are returned due to incorrect addresses.

7.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Busy month for volunteers – Marcia recognized people who really stepped up for the marathon-helped to put together 1800 race packets-Nancy Briskie, Rob Briskie, Ginny Pezzula, Ken LaPenta, Jim Russo, Ed Neiles. Thanked all volunteers who came out and helped. Also noted a great job was done by Ed Neiles in helping coordinate the marathon and half marathon. Marcia will have updates on volunteer recognition program next month with some changes.

7.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Thanked volunteers who helped on Oct 4th at SEFCU Foundation non-profit expo-he thanked them for having us. They had a record turnout. November 21st is the Adirondack Sports and Fitness Winter Expo at City Center in Saratoga. It runs from 10AM-6PM. Rob will be there and if anyone can volunteer please contact Rob Moore or Mark Warner. Mike Kelly is working on a new display. He will have a display by Stock-adeathon.

7.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Pat Glover held Anniversary race-2.8 miles & 5.6 miles. 44 finishers in the 2.8 mile race and 92 in the 5.6 mile race. On September 20th Jim Thomas and Russ Hoyer held the 7.1 mile race-had 83 finishers. Stock-adeathon race preparations are going well; may have big issues to tackle for next year. Bill Rodgers is coming back to the expo and Ed Whitlock is coming back to run. He is 78 years old and looking for a new record. As far as entries go it is growing and we are ahead of schedule from last year. We have about 500 entries so far. Expecting about 1500 for this year. No plans to cap race at this point. Course can accommodate the runners. Plans to shift packet pickup and awards to the pavilion. Tom Adams has been working with city engineers to develop a way to wrap the pavilion with plastic to protect the pavilion from any weather elements and with the fire going it should be comfortable. Will actually save money instead of paying the school to use their building. Thank you Tom! John Parisella reported on the SEFCU Labor Day 5K race-it was a great race, we have been getting good feedback, had great volunteers, everything worked out well. Race replacements-Father Day race needs a Race Director, no commitments yet. Winter Series#5 needs a Race Director. Mother's Day Race-Sharon Boelke will be helping Jim Tierney this year on the race. Marathon and Half marathon will be run by Rob and Cathy Sliwinski next year. The club bought a BJ's card 2 years ago- John Kinnicutt renewed this year and with the purchases we have made this year we are getting refunds back. Last year we were looking for an indoor track to use during the winter months. Due to schedule conflicts University at Albany didn't work out. Chris Rush will look into Union College to see if we can use that track and other indoor venues. This will help HMRRC and USATF.

- 7.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Just received report for SEFCU; still waiting for Anniversary Run. SEFCU had a \$2693 profit.
- 7.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): No report.
- 7.7. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
- 2.8 Safety Committee (V. Juliano): No report.
- 2.9 Grants Committee (R. Newkirk) Awarded 2 youth grants-one to Delmar Track & Field, and one to Donald P. Sutherland Track & Field club. Information on the grants has not been made public; Ed Gillen thought it would be great to put the information in the Pace Setter or newspaper so that the public sees that we are giving back to the community. Ray Newkirk has a press release prepared and will send to Rob Moore the first part of November. Cathy Sliwinski met with the Trinity group to develop a youth program. She will have a proposal for the club next month.

3. Unfinished Business:

Proposal by HMRRRC Elections Committee to amend HMRRRC Constitution section regarding election of officers. Mike Kelly passed out the amended proposal to make changes to the club constitution with the election of officers. Motion made to approve amendment to bylaws for election, Rob Moore seconded. All in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.

Proposal by Race Committee on purchase of a new vehicle (N. Briskie)-Race Director meeting was held they had a discussion over the purchase of a new club vehicle; voted unanimously to purchase a cargo van, van or truck for the club. Proposal at the meeting formed a committee of Mike Kelly, Mark Warner, Ed Neiles, Doug Bowden; Tom Adams to oversee purchase. Would like HMRRRC club to set up to \$40000 aside for the purchase of a race van/cargo van/truck for use for HMRRRC races and scoring teams. Marcia Adams seconded motion. Ray Newkirk asked if \$40,000 included sales tax-we are tax exempt if bought in New York State. \$40,000 includes all upfront costs of purchase; recurring costs will have to be put into budget. Looking at a higher end van for storage of equipment with custom shelving; money for that will be taken out of the Race Director budget. Vince Juliano thought it was a good idea-he could certainly use now for helping to set up for Stockade-athon. He is supportive of idea and thinks will work well for club. Scott Ferguson asked if we would purchase a used vehicle. Nance Briskie went through that option and it did not work out as well for the club. Estimate of insurance cost is \$1000-\$1500 annually. The cost is based on 20 drivers. There is money in the Race Director budget for \$3500/year to spend on equipment. Ken Orner asked what a lease would there be any plus or minuses with a lease with an option to buy. It was more expensive per month and we could not customize the van with logos or shelving. Retrofitting could not be done or had to be done in a way as to not to violate the lease. John Parisella noted that the advertising for a club and a large running company all over a truck he saw while in New York City made an impact on him and he noted that this could have an impact for the club in this area. Purchase of vehicle would not include shelving; motion doesn't include everything because we do not know what we are going to get yet and what is needed as far as shelving for all the equipment. Tom Adams has agreed to maintain truck/van for the first 2 years the club owns it. Move to table motion to next month made by Doug Bowden; Ken Orner seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

6. New Business: Doug Bowden moved that the 3 Cross Country races be added to the list of free races for club members, seconded by Randy Goldberg; motion passed. Pace Setter options-begin discussion of opting out of receiving Pace Setter versus viewing online. It will save club money and be user/greener friendly. Volunteers needed to help wrap the pavilion in Central Park. If you can volunteer please contact Vince Juliano. Rob Moore attended the Adirondack Sports and Fitness expo on September 18th. Fantastic turnout. Cathy Sliwinski announced there will be a t-shirt and sneaker recycling at the Stockade-athon expo this year from 10AM-3 PM. Anyone who can help please contact Cathy.
7. Announcements: Tom Ryan will provide refreshments next month.
8. Action items: Budget Report; Marcia Adams volunteer recognition program; Volunteers for Adirondack Winter Expo, Race Director for Father's Day race and Winter Series#5 race; proposal for youth running program; vote on purchase of vehicle; Ed Gillen proposal for Pace Setter options; grant program to be added in president's column.
9. Motion to adjourn made by Doug Bowden; seconded by Vince Juliano. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.