



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club  
General Meeting  
Point of Woods Community Center  
May 6, 2009

*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): 7:33 pm

1. Reading and approval of April 8, 2009 minutes (B. Light): Motion to approve minutes by Marcia Adams seconded by Daniel Pollay. Motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (M. Kelly):

- Mike is continuing to work on HMRRC Sponsorship-hopes by our next meeting to have sponsors lined up and be willing to give members discounts & to display on website.

Congratulations to Kari Gathen on her first Pacesetter as Content editor.

2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): The Schrader Scholarships were awarded to four recipients this year, Meaghan Gregory from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, Kevin Sprague from Queensbury High School, Gina Cristaldi from Broadalbin-Perth High School, and William M. Danaher from Shenendehowa High School. Mark is trying to schedule a visit to the schools to give them their awards. Mark will work out with Mike Kelly. Ed will also put the award winners on website. Mark will also put together an article for an upcoming Pacesetter. We had thirty-three applicants apply for the Scholarship. Distinguished Service Race is set for May 31<sup>st</sup> honoring Nancy Briskie. Jim Tierney will arrange to have the plaque made up and Marcia will help get some volunteers for Mark Warner for the race.

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

2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No Report.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): Mike Kelly, Chuck Terry, John Kinnicutt and Pam Zentko met to go over finances, and to move money to get within the FDIC limit. They are looking into re-doing the way finances are done so that lines are more in line with the budget. John is also trying to get Quicken online so Pam and John can work together.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Membership total is 1971 active members. Since the last meeting we have had 70 renewals and 16 new members. We are still maintaining a strong percentage of renewals but making slow gain as far as new members joining. Ed Gillen will be staffing the tent at GHI and will have applications to join on hand and if any Race Director has flyers for races please give them to Ed to display.

- 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Marcia is starting worksheet on volunteer points next month. We still need volunteers for the Distinguished Service Race; it looks like we are staffed well for GHI.
  - 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): No report.
  - 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Race Director meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Ed Gillen gave a presentation on the Wild Apricot program and Josh Merlis and John Kinnicutt went over the race conference they attended. The Bill Robinson race on April 25<sup>th</sup> went well. We had 97 finishers; weather was warm. Next year will be 30<sup>th</sup> year. There is discussion to move to a 9am start for next year. Mother's Day Race is Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Nancy used the Wild Apricot system for applications and had no problems.
  - 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): See attached report. She is still missing reports for Winter Series#5. Nancy will contact Scott Ginsberg to get report.
  - 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): No report.
  - 3.7. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report.
  - 4.9 Safety (V. Juliano): No report.
4. Unfinished Business: People having problems accessing the HMRRC website-Ray Newkirk sent an email out on instructions on how to access website. Ray thought it was an issue on the user end. Will try to put a notice in the June Pacesetter to reach out to people who are having issues to contact Ed Gillen for instructions.
5. New Business
- 5.1 – Discussion on need for a new HMRRC booth/display- we are out in public explaining what the club is and trying to get new members. Mike Kelly does not feel the display gives the positive image it could be giving and we should invest money in getting a nice professional display for the club. He proposes that we look into finding out what it would cost to put together a display. He is guessing that it would probably cost between \$5000-\$7000 for this The display will be portable and usable in different locations and venues. John Kinnicutt offered to look into prices for different styles and artwork for the next meeting. Discussion continued about how to spruce up the current display we have for the upcoming events. Mike Kelly will talk to Rob Moore about it. We will look at what John finds out and will put a proposal together at the next meeting. We will have a booth at the Friehofer expo held on May 29<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will need help to man the booth. We will also be collecting shoes and shirts for donations. Need volunteers for morning and afternoon shifts. The Special Olympics Summer Games which will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> is also looking for volunteers. These games will be held at the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk school. They are looking for about 50 volunteers. If anyone is interested please contact Special Olympics CD Summer Games Volunteers, 504 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304.

Roxanne Wunsch brought up that 25 HMRRC members are participating in the Green Mountain Relay-a 200 mile, 24 hour ultra relay race in Vermont the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Two teams from this area will be competing-they are a 12 person co-ed team and a 6 person woman's team. Race rules required that each team provide a number of volunteers to staff the course throughout the race, drivers for the 3 vans, and a small support crew over the course of the weekend. As they are preparing their teams, volunteers and crew to represent Albany and the Capital District at this race, they are approaching a few promoters of the local running scene to ask for support in helping to defray the costs of competing. The projected cost to participate is estimated at \$210 per person. This is based on cost for registration, hotel, vans, gas, food, water, team singlets and miscellaneous safety items. Based on these numbers she proposed that HMRRC donate \$800 to help defray the team

members costs of competing in the 200 mile ultra relay event. A discussion continued on this topic about having the club sponsor or to have it go through the grant committee. It was brought up that a possible promotion for HMRRC for this event with signage on support vehicles and support crews would be a benefit for the club. This race is not only reaching to Vermont but there are teams from the NYC area participating. Cathy Sliwinski commented on the grant committee that there is a criteria that needs to be reached. Applications are being accepted now for this. Mike Kelly expressed concern that other groups will come forward and want more donations for this type of activity. Mike is concerned this is not what club members want the club to spend money on. It is a great opportunity but many members feel it should go through the grant committee. Mark Warner noted that many members who were participating in the event were in attendance at the meeting and felt that we were being "ambushed" in approving this motion. Marcia stated that this is exactly what the grant committee was formed for. John Kinnicutt expressed his concerned that this issue will be taken out of the public forum for approval and goes to the grant committee behind closed doors and out of the public eye. It is up to that small group and he feels it should be made by the entire group. Mike Kelly stated that maybe going forward there should be a criteria set up for supporting events like these. Chuck Terry questioned what other organizations had been contacted and Roxanne said that ARE is donating the use of one of their vans for the event. Chuck Terry stated from a financial point if this is how we are going to proceed, it will be an open ended thing and each month we would have a group come in for a donation. If this is what we want to do we can add a line item to the budget for this purpose. We do have \$10,000 in grants to be used for this but we do not have a line item in the budget for this as it is proposed. Sara Brenner brought up the mission statement for the HMRRC and felt this was exactly in line with that statement. Motion for the HMRCC to donate \$800 to help defray the team members costs of competing in this 200 mile ultra relay event was voted on with 12 members in favor and 12 members opposed with 2 abstentions. Motion defeated. Mike suggested they apply for a Grant- Mike will ask Ray to expedite the process. Sara stated that more members need to be made aware of the grant program. Marcia suggested to have an article in the Pacesetter about the program and to advertise that grants are given out and what the club spent the money on to promote.

Marcia suggested that we may want to consider this for a line item and put in as a budget item.

Announcements: June refreshments – Mike Kelly

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Marcia Adams, seconded by Dave Newman. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Light  
Secretary