



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
June 10, 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): 7:35PM

1. Reading and approval of minutes (B. Light): Nancy Briskie made change from the May minutes submitted omitting John Kinnicutt from attending the Race Director meeting-only Josh Merlis was there. Motion to approve by Marcia Adams seconded by Mark Warner. Motion passed.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 2.1 President (M. Kelly): Mike is still working on getting HMRRC sponsors for the sponsorship page on the website. John Kinnicutt sent him links for tents to view in regards to the display tents for HMRRC and Mike will start to look at. Father's Day Race needs help from volunteers. Need more help with actual race-short on positions that need some type of experience in that role. Ed Gillen will get database of area zip codes and will give that to Marcia and Dave so that they can contact people in that area. Ray Newkirk reported on the grant program on how it works. He passed out a Grant Application log and he discussed on the requirements they use to follow for giving out the grants and noted that the current period ends June 30th. He acknowledged that there hasn't been much in promoting the program and they will try to do better in promoting it. John Kinnicutt asked if there was a check point made after the money is dispersed to see if it was used as it was proposed. Ray acknowledged that there is a risk by not checking, but some of the grants are for programs and races so that they know that it is being run. A better job needs to be implemented to make sure that the money is being used for purposes it was requested for. Mike Kelly suggested making the group requesting the money that they follow up with a report as to how the money is used. Ray felt that the organizations would be willing to follow up on how the money was spent. Ray will make an effort to show up after the grant period ends and will report on who applied and who received the grant money. Ed Gillen asked how to use "open to all" criteria for the grants-Ray reported that each request has to be looked at individually. Grant money doesn't have to be used to benefit HMRRC members just the running community in general. It is not the committee's job to promote events, just the grant program.

Mike Kelly thanked Ed Gillen for helping to set up the registration for Indian Ladder race. Mike would suggest that other Race Directors use this program to help with registrations with their races. Mike noted that elections are coming up. Mike will be putting together an election committee consisting Marcia Adams, Ray Lee, Dana Peterson. Dave Newman made motion to approve, Cathy Sliwinski seconded. Motion approved. If you have any nominations for positions please send email to committee with nomination and resume.

2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): Update on Schrader Scholarship-scholarships have been presented to two of the candidates-the athletic director will present to the third recipient, and Ken Skinner is presenting to the Queensbury recipient tonight. Mark will follow up with the last recipient. Mark will write up procedures for next person to follow for the scholarships.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): In May received Form 5500 from accounting firm of Alex Kruden and that was filed on May 15th. Chuck can email copy if you would like one.

2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No report.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): In the process of transferring funds from Key Bank to SEFCU. All 3 certificate of deposits come due in June one has expired and all are coming due and we are not renewing and will deposit in bank.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): Since the last business meeting we now have 1968 active members. We have 43 new members since the last meeting and 76 renewals. 9 new members were youth members submitted by a track coach. Ed staffed the GHI booth with Roxanne and Rob and gave out many brochures. Ed color coded the applications to see if he could track applications we get from GHI. He noted that we need to get some more HMRRC brochures made up. They are nice to show people and new members. Ray Newkirk will look into how much it will cost to make up more brochures and will let us know. Marcia noted that we will only need brochures up to the Stockade-athon. Ed also reported that Wild Apricot did a major upgrade and has made things difficult for Ed –he is still working on it –he is hoping they will go back to old way.

3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Sent out an email blast for Father's Day Race-will be working on future races.

3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Worked GHI and Friehofer's Run for Women booths everything went well. Sent out press releases for track series this week will call news stations for Father's Day race.

3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Since our last meeting we have had four races-Mother's Day race had 124 finishers. The Race Director report has been turned into Pam. Jim Tierney and I kept the race fees the same as last year, \$10, \$12, and \$15 day of race. We did receive donations but we were at a loss in the amount of \$220.27. Next year if we increase the fees, this loss will hopefully be eliminated as long as we are still able to receive the same donations and the building rental remains the same. GHI race-May 21-Pete Newkirk did yet another outstanding job. Well over 7700 runners this year-a new record. Mark and Angela Warner did a great job with their race the Distinguished Service Race which was held May 31 with 111 runners. The construction was just finished around the lake loop so Mark was able to open that up for the race but due to so many events at SUNY, the start was moved and we were not able to use the RACC facility. Mark would have liked more volunteers but was able to make it work. John Haley and Megan Leitzinger held the Valley Cats 5K on June 6th and had 253 runners finish the race. All runners and volunteers received 4 tickets to future Valley Cat games. Upcoming on the calendar is the Father's Day race on June 21st and the

Colonie Mile, which is a Grand Prix, on July 7th at the Colonie track. The 2 person relay scheduled for July 15th at the Guilderland High School track. No report to date from Winter Series #5. Cathy Sliwinski reported on the Friehofer T-shirt and shoe recycle- we had 250 sneakers and 500 shirts donated. Schenectady City Mission picked up sneakers and some were sent to Nike and to Dick Adler and the St. Joseph Orphanage in South Dakota and some to city mission.

- 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): Loss of \$ 220 in Mother's Day Race. WS #5, GHI Dist Service, Valley Cat is outstanding. Mike Kelly is still following up with Winter Series # 5 race director.
 - 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): No report
 - 3.7. Website (E. Neiles): No report.
 - 3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): No report
 - 3.9. Safety (V. Juliano): No report
4. Unfinished Business: Marcia counted the bags that are left and there is 1300. We will have some for Indian Ladder, if other races are needing them please let Marcia know and also if you need some for public relations, etc.
 - 4.1 If anyone is going to Boilermaker please let Mike Kelly know if they want to use the HMRRC tent.
5. New Business: No new business.
6. Announcements: July refreshments will be provided by Tom & Marcia Adams.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Adams seconded by Dave Newman. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Light
Secretary