



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
July 8, 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): 7:32PM

1. Reading and approval of June 10, 2009 minutes (B. Light): Made name change in previous minutes from Ray Lee to Ray Newkirk that is on the nominating committee. Motion made to approve minutes by Mark Warner seconded by Chuck Terry-motion approved.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 2.1 President (M. Kelly):

Mike worked with the elections committee on the election procedures. Cathy Sliwinski and Mike Kelly met with Charlie Woodruff on a new program that is still being put together with Fleet Feet, HMRRC, and tied in with the Freihofer Run for kids and USATF. At some point in the future he may be looking for financial assistance and volunteer assistance to help with the program. Marcia added that HMRRC has races that include kid's races, too. Ray Newkirk and Cathy Sliwinski have been discussing this type of program in the long term planning committee. They are exploring other options to consider and possibly add to the grant they started last year with the Youth Running. Marcia suggested Charlie Woodruff contact the director for the Grandma Marathon.

Winter Series #4. No number listed for Scott Ginsburg. Pam and Mike have not been able to reach Scott Ginsburg to get the race report. Mike will send a certified letter to Scott requesting the race report. Mark asked how to account for the race if we are not able to reach him. Doug noted that financially it is OK because most Winter Series races lose money. The race committee can appoint someone else to a race if the club feels it is warranted. It was noted that Ed Thomas should be included with anything that deals with the Winter Series Races. Mike will contact Ed Thomas about this situation.

Indian Ladder – still in need of volunteers-please contact Mike Kelly if you are able to volunteer.
 - 2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): Final Schrader scholarships were awarded and we have received thank you notes back. Mark will write an article for the Pacesetter and a procedure to follow for next year to pass on to the next Vice President.
 - 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No report.
 - 2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No Report.
 - 2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): John did not open account at SEFCU as he needs signature from Mike Kelly. All CD's closed out and can transfer to SEFCU.

3. Reports of Committees

3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): 2033 active members.

3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Race director and informational meeting on timing and finish line will be held on July 20th from 6:30-9 at Guilderland Public Library. Invitations have gone out to people who have volunteered in the past-hoping to establish teams to work on different races. May expand program to include other aspects of running a race and have standardized procedures.

3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Press releases for Indian Ladder Trail Run and Tawasentha XC series sent to the papers this week. Rob received an email from Mona at Adirondack Sport and Fitness asking us to participate in the Adirondack Expo on September 20th which is attended by 1000+ runners. Rob would like to man the booth if it is OK to have booth. Cost for the booth is \$100. Approved for Rob to go ahead and participate in the expo.

3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Pete Newkirk presented the final report on the GHI event. The event went quite well-we had over 7700 runners this year which is up from 7100 the previous year and up from 393 to 432 in teams. There were 63 CEOs who participated. In reviewing the budget, the planning committee had originally thought because of the economy that the numbers would be down so most budget items were up. We made a profit of \$87,098 and the GHI Committee will contribute \$80,000 to HMRRC and leave \$7,098 to leave them money to get started for next year. This was a very successful race and couldn't have been achieved without all the help from the volunteers. Charity of Choice sent letter from their executive director stating they were very appreciative with the results and the exposure that they received. Peter will ask Chuck Terry to review the books to make sure all in order. Date for 2010 is May 20th. Chuck Terry asked how the committee selects the Charity of Choice-Peter says they have a committee that sends out questionnaires in September and then the committee reviews the questionnaires and selects the group. Mike asked if GHI would still be on board for next year. GHI merged with HIP in NYC-Peter is not sure if they want to renew the agreement. There are two other organizations that are anxious to sponsor-Times Union and CDPHP. Peter is meeting with CDPHP to see what they can bring to the race to help promote the race. Committee feels it should be with a local health care organization. Another idea is to have their foundation contribute to the Charity of Choice. Peter will be staying on as Race Director for next year.

Dave Newman reported on the Father's day race-there were 274 runners in 2008 and 675 in 2009. Dave thanked all the volunteers that helped that day. 182 registered as No Boundaries program through Fleet Feet. 60% pre-registered or signed up online. There were 48 father/daughter teams; 43 father/son teams. \$164 donated to Community Gardens. Record set in men's and women's division. All timing chips were returned. 27 kids participated in the 50M dash, 23 in the half mile, and 18 kids in the 1 mile. The race generated \$3700 in profit. Dave reported that he won't be able to be Race Director next year due to work conflicts, but he will work with Nancy to find a replacement. Colonie Mile had 102 finishers. Upcoming races include Two Person relay on July 15h, the hour run on July 22, the Pentathlon on July 29, and the Indian Ladder Trail Run on August 2nd which in need of volunteers. The Cross Country Series starts on August 23rd. For GHI next year new radios will be purchased to use during the race.

3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): See attached report.

3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): No report.

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

3.9 Safety (V. Juliano): No report.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Election Committee Report – Marsha Adams reported that the committee met and that they have a slate of candidates that will be presented at the meeting next month. If no petitions are submitted we will be voting, if there are petitions submitted we will be doing voting by mail. Robin will reserve space for us in Pacesetter about the election. The committee does have a recommendation that they be appointed earlier in the year –no later than April 30th. There will be other Constitutional changes also. A vote on constitutional changes regarding the election committee will be held at the next meeting. Ray suggested that instead of changing constitution that we do it procedurally and that the President nominate the committee before April 30th. Club will reconsider rules for constitutional changes to allow for more time to discuss proposed changes.

5. New Business

5.1 Proposal to consider HMRRC purchasing a van for use by Race Director's. Nancy Briskie made a motion that the club spend up to \$26,000 to purchase a full size cargo van to be used by Race Directors if they desire. It will be centrally located at Newkirk Products building. This will eliminate Race Directors using their own cars and the van will be able to hold all the racing equipment. Price does not include shelving. Mark Warner questioned about insurance, gas, and how much that would be and who will be allowed to drive the van. Nancy Briskie will look into criteria for that. It is a commercial vehicle and John noted that you can name people who are allowed to drive the car on the insurance card. Ray Newkirk questioned the size of van they are looking at and if it would be able to hold all the equipment. Nancy noted that we may be able to put a rack on the van if we needed it. Doug questioned who will be in charge of the van? Tom Adams said he would be responsible and he also thinks that the van should be a little larger. Mark asked number of races that we will really need the van for? Would it be more effective to rent a truck for those events? Have we done an analysis of owning versus renting? Discussion followed on the size of the van, how many Race Director's would use it, and keeping equipment centrally located so that Race Director didn't have to go to various locations to pick up equipment Mike asked Nancy Briskie to ask the Race Director's to get a feel of who would use it. Ray suggested that we have a written proposal as to what would go into the van so that what we buy would be the right size vehicle. Discussion continued on the use of it being a storage vehicle so that when it was used for smaller races they wouldn't have to carry all the equipment around. It was suggested that possibly have a storage location to keep the equipment in that is accessible. Doug pointed out that if we have a storage area we need someone to be in charge of it. John suggested that look into a trailer to store equipment. Nancy Briskie made a motion to table the proposal, seconded by Marcia, motion approved.

6. Adjourn: Peter Newkirk made motion to adjourn; Ray Lee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Light
Secretary