



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
January 14, 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: Ed Neiles, Tom Adams, Rob Moore, David Newman, Tom Ryan, Mark Warner, Nancy Briskie, Mike Kelly, Chuck Terry, Ray Lee, James Lee, Brian DeBraccio, Doug Bowden, Ed Gillen, Robin Nagengast, Brennan Tarrier, Wade Stockman, Anny Stockman, Sara Brenner, Josh Merlis, John Kinnicutt, Barbara Sorrell, Barbara Light

Call to Order (M. Kelly): 7:30 pm

1. Reading and approval of minutes (B. Light): Chuck Terry made motion to approve minutes. Second by Ray Lee. Motion passed.
2. Reports of Officers
 - 2.1 President (M. Kelly): The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club Banquet is on February 7th, 2009 at the Desmond. The reduced price on tickets will last until January 24th, 2009. We will be honoring Martha DeGrazia & Jim Tierney. Date changes for March & May meetings-dates will be announced. Mike reached out to two accounting firms to look at the club's books and move forward on handling money internally. We don't need an audit but an annual review. Mike will get quote on services they would provide. Representative from Corning Tower stair climb contacted Mike and asked if we would have interest in sponsoring Cystic Fibrosis Health & Fitness Expo. Cost is \$50 and the time is between 3-6PM. Rob Moore volunteered to attend the expo and hand out information for the club.
 - 2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): Mark Warner gave Jim Tierney the ad for the Distinguished Service Race for the pacesetter and Ed Neiles has put information about the race on the website. The cut off for nominations is March 1st and we will accept nominations at the March meeting and the selection will be made at the April meeting. Put an ad in the Pacesetter for the Bill Schrader Sr. Scholarship. Mark will get an application form to Ed Neiles to place on the website. Cutoff for applications is the end of March. The committee needs to make final selection by May 1st. Mark will send applications to local coaches to give out to their runners at area schools.
 - 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): No Report
 - 2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No Report
 - 2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): emailed report to officers-profit of \$28000-John will now start doing reports from first of the month to the end of the month for the previous month.

3. Reports of Committees
 - 3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): We had 100 renewals and 42 new members sign up. All Winter Series races have new membership tables and our email list has 700 people.
 - 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): No Report
 - 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Sent out notices to papers for Winter Series 4.
 - 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): The second and third Winter Series of the season were held since the last meeting. Winter Series 2 directed by Cheryl and Brian DeBraccio on January 1st had a total of 276 participants that ran these two races in 9 degree weather. 141 ran the Hangover Half and 135 ran the Bill Hogan 3.5 mile race. Brian reported that a new feature that has started with the Winter Series races is the Kids Krafts Corner started by Eileen Coombs which enables runners to leave their kids with supervision to go out and run and participate in the run knowing their kids are enjoying arts and crafts. People really seem to enjoy this idea. It is nice to see members give back to the club by volunteering new ideas and helping out with the concept. A new feature for refreshments has been homemade soup which has been highly enjoyed and a new pizza vendor Bella Ponzio has been working out great, too. Winter Series 3 race directed by Will Dixon and Ed Gillen was held on Sunday January 11th with a temperature of 19 degrees and had a total of 147 participants. 35 ran the 3 miler, 66 ran the 10K and 46 ran the 25K. Thank you to all these race directors for doing yet another tremendous job in the extreme cold. Josh Merlis will be once again directing our 4th Winter Series race on Sunday January 25th which includes a 3 miler, 15K, and a 30K. Our 5th Winter Series race is scheduled for Sunday February 8th and is directed by Scott Ginsburg and Lori Sciortino. This race includes a 4 miler, 10 miler (grand prix event) and a 20 miler. These race directors can be contacted at their email addresses which are listed on the website if you can make time to volunteer.
 - 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): See attached report. Mike will follow up with Race Director for outstanding reports. Vince reported on the Stockadeathon: they have paid for all expenses and will now wait to get reimbursed by the Gazette on what they agreed to pay. They are to pay \$7088 once Vince gets the check he will show a profit of \$2497. He will also get money from Brightroom for a percentage of sales of pictures. The expo held the day before helped get more runners to race.
 - 3.6. Pace Setter (R. Nagengast/M. Adams): No report
 - 3.7. Website (E. Neiles): Ed reported that we have re-launched the apparel page on the website. He has put the January Pacesetter on the website. He has received no feedback yet on how people feel about it. Vince reported it is a nice feature to click on and view. Ed Gillen reported that people were wondering if it was going to continue some said they would rather get that than the paper one. We will need to have future discussions on how we handle this. Ed needs to discuss with server provider how many issues we can have on website as it takes up a lot of space.
 - 3.8. Conflicts Committee (C. Terry): Chuck reported that the conflicts committee met earlier this evening on the Father's Day race hiring AREEP to provide finish line services, chip timing. Originally there was a thought that there was a conflict due to paying a fee to AREEP versus volunteers. The committee approved AREEP to provide the service but recommend that Dave get a second price to make sure it is a fair price
 - 4.9 Safety (V. Juliano): No Report
4. Unfinished Business:
 - 4.1 Reusable bag proposal-will discuss next meeting.
 - 4.2 HMRRRC Rental SUNY Albany Gym-early last year approved money to rent out SUNY gym. Dates and times we have been offered now are not good, we are not sure if it will be useable. Vince agreed that it is a mute point right now but worth pursuing for next year. The

schedule has to align with the basketball schedule but we don't have a choice in schedule. Idea was for 10 weeks-once a week for 2 hour time slot. Josh Merlis will volunteer to run the runs on any night except Tuesday night. Nancy will check back with SUNY to see if can get together to discuss and focus on next year. She will also check into any other facilities to use besides SUNY.

5. New Business

5.1 Chip Timing for Smaller Races- Mike discussed the issue of timing services and other items that go into directing a race. A discussion needs to be held about volunteerism vs paying for services and that the best interest of club is looked at. Letting the Race Directors have leeway to do the right thing. Sometimes it may benefit the Race Directors to have protocols set up for them to follow. Mike will set up a committee of some officers, race committee chairs and Race Director's to look at this issue and hopefully come up with a proposal to the club. John Kinnicutt questioned why this wouldn't fall under Conflicts committee-Ed Neiles stated that it was never designed to specifically spell out what their duties are. He suggested that we need to come up with specific duties. John Kinnicutt reported that the same issues come up for other issues-for example the banquet, picnic, etc.

On March 15th Adirondack USATF will be having an Indoor Track meet at SUNY. Email Chris Rush for more info.

6. Announcements:

Adjourn: Ray Lee made motion to adjourn meeting, second by John Kinnicutt. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Light
Secretary