



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting
Point of Woods Community Center
April 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): 7:30pm

1. Reading and approval of minutes (B. Light): Motion to approve March 19th minutes made by Chuck Terry, seconded by Marcia Adams. Motion approved.

2. Reports of Officers

- 2.1 President (M. Kelly):

- Reminder of Date Change of the May meeting to Wednesday, May 6.
 - Hiring of Accountant – Chuck Terry & Mike Kelly had their first meeting with Alex Cruden and they discussed some initial recommendations. Mike and Chuck will try and meet with other officers in the next couple of weeks to set up new procedures internally on how to keep track of monies across the club to try and streamline and make more efficient.
 - Free Schwag from Ragnar Relay – Woodstock to NY – 175 mile; 12 person relay; May 15-16; www.ragnar.com for more info
 - HMRRC Tent at GHI – Ed Gillen will be in charge of the tent and he needs anybody who is able to volunteer and help out to please contact him.
- Congratulations go out to Marcia & Tom Adams on a successful and record breaking Delmar Dash race on April 5th.

- 2.2 Executive Vice President (M. Warner): We have received 33 Schrader scholarship applications this year which is up from 7 from last year. The Scholarship committee will meet on the 19th to go over the applicants and will make final decision.

- 2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Terry): Met with Alex Cruden- Mr. Cruden will start with filing the 2008 annual tax return form 990. He has sent Chuck a list of information he needs. For 2009 he will continue to do the Form 990 but will have to do a review of financial statement. He made some recommendations to institute and we will try to follow some of them. With the race report records we will try to pull together and come up with a system that all information is in one central location at the end of the year so they can be transmitted easily to the accountant.

- 2.4 Secretary (B. Light): No report

- 2.5 Treasurer (J. Kinnicutt): Emailed financial report with the disclaimer of problems consolidating financial with everything coming into account through Pay Pal. He is trying to figure out which account things are for. When you look at statements he has some large

amounts in categories until he figures out where they are to go. He will have to look further into the use of Pay Pal.

3. Reports of Committees
 - 3.1. Membership (E. Gillen): 36 new members since last meeting-17 joining from Delmar Dash, and 69 renewals, May membership notices 140 sent out still averaging a little over 50% renewals. Hope to identify on application forms of GHI how many join HMRRC from GHI.
 - 3.2. Volunteers (M. Adams): Huge thank you to all volunteers at Delmar Dash. We need volunteers for Masters Race on April 25th-anyone available please contact Marcia Adams.
 - 3.3. Public Relations (R. Moore): Adirondack Sport and Fitness expo April 4th & 5th-thank you to all that volunteered and helping out. Good turnout.
 - 3.4. Race Committee (N. Briskie): Ed has new online application for Father's Day race on website and working on getting one ready for Mother's Day race. At next Race Director meeting they will discuss the Wild Apricot system and see how many Race Director's will use it for online applications. Ed will gladly teach someone how to set up and run the system for the online applications. Josh Merlis and John Kinnicutt will go over what they learned at the running conference they attended. The Delmar Dash held on April 5th had 633 record finishers. Next race is Bill Robinsons Masters Race on April 25th. Contact Jim Tierney for more information.
 - 3.5. Race Committee Treasurer (P. Zentko): See attached reports. Outstanding reports from Winter Series #5 and Stockade-athon. Mike emailed Vince.
 - 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: Rob questioned if he could sell the new HMRRC bags-discussion continued and a decision not to charge for the bags was reached. Booth at Freihofer's Race- Cathy contracted \$300 for booth-did ask for extra space for the shoe collection. Cathy will submit form for the booth. Cathy will put it up on website for volunteers needed for the Freihofer expo. She will need volunteers for Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 11AM-3PM. The Expo runs May 29-30, 2009.
5. New Business: Lee Pollock & Mike are working on insurance issues with USATF. Their intent is to provide the club and Race Director's a policy that is easy to understand as to what is covered and not covered. All races insured by USATF has liability coverage for the race. You have to be USATF member and sign a waiver to have accidental coverage. No accidental coverage if you are not a member and it is currently not in the works. Josh will get information from RRC on the insurance they have for Lee to look at.
 - 5.1 Selection of 2009 Distinguished Service Award Winner(s) – Election for Distinguished Service award-nominees Nancy Briskie and Tom & Marcia Adams. 2009 Distinguished Service Award awarded to Nancy Briskie. Distinguished Service Race will be held Sunday, May 31st at SUNY.
 - 5.2 Report from John Kinnicutt and Josh Merlis on the HMRRC Sponsored Trip to San Diego running Conference. This was a three day conference with industry professionals-Race Director's from the biggest races in the world along with timing and production companies. Main objective is to keep races fun and be up on latest technology. Encourage residents in neighborhoods that your race runs through to get involved. Grow the sport and everyone benefits.

5.3 HMRRC Adopt a Road/Trail Clean up Day- A chance to offer members to come out and clean up for half a day at a particular location. Mike will try to develop more and bring it up at next meeting. There will be a clean up day at Thatcher Park on Saturday April 25th.

5.4 Club Policy on member discounts through vendors- Mike asked Past Presidents about a member benefit page-sponsors who offer discounts for members-similar to the Capital District YMCA offering members a reduced fee for joining. Mike Kelly will look into products that may be a benefit to runners to see what can be started. He will put information on the website. Any suggestions let Mike know.

6. Announcements: May refreshments – Marcia and Tom.
Sunday April 19th Dodge the Deer race.

Adjourn: Motion made by Marcia Adams to adjourn Seconded by Ray Lee. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Light
Secretary