



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club

Board Meeting

Point of Woods Community Center

December 14, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom and Marcia Adams, Frank Broderick, Maureen Cox, Ray Newkirk, Brian Northan, Chris Nowak, Jon Rocco, Cathy Sliwinski, Jim Tierney.

Call to Order (Ray Newkirk):

1. Approval of November 9, 2016, minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Maureen Cox. Motion passed.

2. Reports of Officers

2.1 President (R. Newkirk):

Ray advised that HMRRRC was well represented at Ed Thomas' memorial and that a banner for the Winter Series has been obtained. The survivor awards will be handled by Jon Rocco and Marcia Adams. Plans for a more formal presentation to Harriet are underway.

Ray met with Mark Warner, Barbara Sorrell, Maureen Cox and Ed Neiles to discuss the duties and responsibilities of an Administrative Assistant. A job description is pretty well defined and will be phased in over the year, once funding is approved. A candidate has been identified and Ray is in discussion with her regarding duties and hours. Funding for the position is included in the 2017 budget.

Ray had contacted Susan Nealon and then Jennifer Gish regarding STEM. STEM is a 501(3)(c) organization. They were advised that continued funding should not be expected from HMRRRC and that Ray would contact them, once budget discussions have been completed.

2.2 Executive Vice President (F. Broderick):

Advertising for the scholarship program and grants are on the website. There had been a slight glitch but it has been resolved.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (C. Nowak): See attached report

The 2017 budget was presented. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Chris Nowak to accept the budget as submitted. The motion passed.

2.4 Vice President for Running Events (J. Rocco):

The 2017 Membership brochure is now available. The only change is the date of the Running of the Green. It is published as March 4, as originally set with Schalmont School; but there was a conflict so it is now changed back to March 11. The gymnasium will not be available for the race.

The 2017 changes to the Grand Prix has been presented to the membership by email blast. In addition, it has been placed on Facebook and requests have been made to various local running clubs to add the changes to their website. Final scoring for the 2016 Grand Prix has been completed and also eblasted. To date, there have been no changes or problems.

Final three races were held. The 41st Stockadeathon was held on November 13. The weather was ideal and the race was won by Louis Serifini and Hannah Davidson. Hannah has won the last 3 out of 4 Stockade-athons. Other noteworthy news is that Ed Whitlock, 85, ran the race in 1:15:10, setting a new 85-year old record for 15K distance. The Turkey Raffle Run, held on November 20, did not fare so well, weatherwise. The snow and cold resulted in only 57 participants, although those who were there seemed to enjoy despite the conditions. Winter Series #1 was held on December 4 and had a total participation of 324. The new SUNYA liason is Leslie Moore. No issues arose at the race.

Jon presented a chart ranking the races by participation. 21 of 29 events had a decreased participation last year and overall, participation in events was down by about 5%.

Jon also advised of the death of John Parisella's twin brother in a construction accident. A memorial ceremony will be held for him at the Ancient Order of Hiberians in Schenectady on Thursday at 4 p.m.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Golden): See attached report. Total of general accounts: \$426,002.35

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (C. Sliwinski): See attached report.

Outstanding reports are Indian Ladder, SEFCU, Stockade-athon, Turkey Raffle Run and WS #1.

2.7 Secretary (M. Adams): No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden): (Not present; report e-mailed) See attached report.

Total membership: 2868

Change in membership: +54

New memberships: 74

Facebook followers: 2721, an increase of 24

Twitter followers: 265, an increase of 8

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): Working on compiling volunteer worksheet for recognition. The banquet has been finalized with the Desmond for 2017. The banquet will be in the Grand Ballroom this year.

3.3 Public Relations (R. Moore): No report.

3.4 Website (E. Neiles):

Ed and Ray met with developers of website and had minor fixes handled. They also discussed possibly working on our own membership database vs Wild Apricot. This is just a proposal at this time to see the cost estimate based on specifications given.

3.5 Conflicts Committee (C. Nowak): No report.

3.6 Safety Committee (VACANT): No report.

3.7 Grants Committee (F. Broderick):

Advertisement is being run on the website. A new member to the Grants Committee is Chris Varley. Existing members are Ed Neiles and Frank Broderick.

3.8 Long Range Planning Committee (E. Neiles): No report.

3.9 Just Run Program (K. Skinner): No report.

4. Old Business:

Document Retention and Storage: Have received approval for Google for Non-Profits. Frank and Chris are working on the structure of G Suite and using that as the repository for HMRRRC documents. Specific rights will be given for updating, while read rights can be given to everyone. There are no charge to the Club for use of G Suite. Frank and Chris has been asked to prepare a detailed report, outlining what G Suite is and what is proposed for its use.

5. New Business

Jon Rocco advised that the Long Distance Committee for USATF is in the process of preparing a bid process for participation in their Grand Prix program. Ray restated the HMRRRC policy is for race directors to include any such fees as part of their race budget.

Announcements: Ray will not be at the January meeting.

Refreshments: Frank Broderick

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Chris Nowak.