



**Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club
General Meeting**

Point-of-Woods Community Center

July 14, 2004

7:30 PM

I. Attendance: Jim Moore, Elaine Humphrey, Jim Gilmer, Harry Hennessy, Robert Moore, Tim McGuire, Nancy Briskie, Debbie Beach, Ray Lee, Don Wilken, Michael Hannah, Gregg Hammond, Doug Bowden, Josh Merlis, Ken Orner and Jim Tierney.

II. Call to Order (J. Gilmer): 7:31 PM

III. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach/J. Spatz): Defer to August. Debbie will send out June and July minutes together.

IV. Reports of Officers

- a. President (J. Gilmer): Jim introduced Caitlin E. McTague, who is one of the 2004 Schrader Scholarship winners, and her family.
- b. Executive Vice President (B. Irwin): Absent
- c. Executive Vice President – Finance (J. Thomas): Absent
- d. Secretary (D. Beach/J. Spatz): See above.
- e. Treasurer (M. Hannah): Mike distributed a report that is current through 7/14/04. There is a deficit for about \$5000.00, which is the advance to the GHI. Our financial status is similar to last year. Overall, the financial status of the club is good. Mike included a list of accounts and what is in them. There are three certificates of deposit as of May 31st. Jim reported that when requesting reimbursement from Mike, he should be given a photocopy of each receipt and if there are multiple items, then send an itemized list.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Membership (N. Briskie): Nancy brought the new membership brochures she has made and some suggestions/corrections were made. The display she made worked very well at Vale Park and she would like to do at other big area events. Nancy has bought a portable table for the display. Jim complimented Nancy for her work and enthusiasm. Nancy sends out letters to all new members and a thank you to those who send a donation.
- b. Volunteers (vacant): Julie Byrne had to resign as she has moved out of the state and Tim McGuire has offered to assume the role. Debbie will e-mail Tim's e-mail to Ed for the website and Pace Setter
- c. Public Relations (P. Murray): Absent
- d. Race Committee (D. Bowden): Doug reported the insurance is paid through the Bethlehem series and he has applied for insurance for the races up to the Voorheesville 7 mile race. Inventoried club equipment and will send to insurance. Do need to replace flags, cones and vests, which will be ordered. Jim reported on a meeting with Jim Armenia on the SEFCU Labor Day 5K. The course will be at their headquarters but it is still under discussion. He will submit for certification of the course and can run a race with certification pending if needed. Jim reported that he and other members of the ILTR team are "retiring." Thacher Park administration and the race sponsors are still interested in maintaining the event. Elaine needs some coordinators for the marathon this year.

Refreshment coordinator (who mainly oversees the volunteers) and a volunteer coordinator. After some discussion, Tim McGuire, agreed to assist in the coordination of the volunteers.

- e. Race Committee Treasurer (S. Bacon): Debbie provided Susie's report. The starting balance was \$6222.88 and the ending balance was \$6932.47. The Distinguished Service race reported a loss of \$180.41 versus \$36.00 in 2003. Outstanding reports are from the Winter Marathon, Delmar Dash, Mother's Day Race and GHI Corporate Challenge.
- f. Safety Committee (H. Hennessy): Harry received an e-mail from Ed Neiles, who suggested providing safety brochures to the incoming freshman at the University of Albany. Josh offered to take some more brochures. .
- g. Pace Setter (D. Wilken/E. Neiles): Don requested that people let him know if they want to write an article, although he does seek out writers and photographers. His and Ed Neiles' involvement in the Pace Setter was suppose to be temporary and suggested that Jim and Bob set up a committee at least by early fall to search for a new editor. They will train one or two people to manage the magazine.

VI. Reports of Special Committees

- a. Grand Prix Subcommittee (B. Irwin/J. Moore): No report.
- b. Hall of Fame (C. Kelly): An ad seeking nominations was in the July Pace Setter. Don reported that the Hall of Fame committee is becoming more formalized. Documentation supporting the nomination should be submitted with the candidate's name. A screening committee will narrow the field of candidates.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. 2004/05 Officer Slating Committee: Jim Tierney reported the ballot would be in the August issue for candidates. Vice President position is currently open. Mike Hannah will be on the ballot for a 2-year term, Bob Irwin for President with Debbie Beach and Barb Hammond for co-secretaries. Nominations must be submitted by August meeting. Vote will take place in September. Don suggested that a more formal nominating committee be developed which represents a cross section of the club next year instead of the responsibility falling on just a few people. Jim requested that any suggestions for Vice President be given to himself or Jim Tierney.
- b. Legal Review of Scholarship Procedure (B. Irwin): Jim reported that Bob Irwin's legal firm for his business has agreed to review the procedures.
- c. Safety Campaign Report (J. Merlis): Jim reported that a product for the PSA would be available by August
- d. Pace Setter Editor Search Committee (J. Gilmer): See Pace Setter report.
- e. Strategic Planning Committee (J. Gilmer): Ed and Ray are reviewing the website and how to make it more effective. Doug suggested that the hot line might be out dated because of the web site and e-mail. Jim is looking for a chairperson for the committee, which will focus on communications, the Pace Setter, membership and how we communicate with the public. Mike Hannah has offered to serve on the committee.

VIII. New Business

- a. Volunteer Coordinator Search: Tim McGuire is filling the position.
- b. Member-initiated Business: Josh reported that the Trail Run Series sponsored by the ARE are at 6:30 every Thursday. Venues change and are posted on the ARE website, which is www.AlbanyRunningExchange.org.

IX. Announcements

- a. Refreshments for August: Susie Bacon

X. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM - Motion Harry and seconded by Ken Orner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie Beach
