

## **HARRC Board Meeting Minutes 9 February 2011**

The February Board meeting was held at Brad Colwell's house and called to order by HARRC President Brad Colwell at 7:08 PM. Board Officers present were President Brad Colwell, VP Jim Collins, Treasurer Gary Grobman, and Board Members Walt Greene, Jim Vorhauer, and Joseph R. Bishop. The Secretary post is currently vacant; meeting minutes were recorded by Joseph R. Bishop.

### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes from the 12 January Board meeting were posted on HARRC's web site. There were two corrections to be made. First, Walt Greene corrected the number of Board Members - it was listed as 10 in the January Meeting Minutes but it is only 9, as Kelly Krutz (Miller) has declined the Secretary position. Second, Brian Bianca of the *Patriot-News* did write an article on HARRC that appeared in the Sports section on February 2.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Gary Grobman reported that the bank balance is \$12,196.67 as of 02/09/11. Recent payments include the annual RRCA membership dues, the new timing clock, as well as amounts to Walt Greene and Jim Collins as compensation for their timing services for local races. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Jim Collins, seconded by Brad Colwell, and approved.

### **Membership Report:**

Walt Greene reported that current membership remains at 167, the same as last month. Current and expired memberships are listed on the website. The RRCA newsletter was discussed. As a member of the RRCA, each HARRC member should expect to receive the RRCA newsletter this year. The Membership Report was accepted on a motion by Jim Collins, seconded by Jim Vorhauer, and approved.

### **General Announcements:**

Mike Cassata has expressed interest in becoming a board member. He was unable to attend the February meeting due to prior engagements.

HARRC did have a timing clock that would not hold a charge. Walt Greene and Jim Collins had previously made efforts to find a solution without luck. However, Walt Greene did locate someone who could find the problem - water had seeped into the power cords through a small opening. The problem cords have been repaired and Walt reports that he has not detected any further problems with the device.

Walt Greene announced that the new clock which was approved at the last meeting arrived 8 February.

Walt Greene announced that our RRCA renewal for 2011 was approved.

### **Old Business:**

Walt Greene asked when we were going to send checks to the Area M Special Olympics, Harrisburg Area YMCA Annual Fund Campaign, and Domestic Violence Services (CC/PC). Gary Grobman wrote the checks and handed them to Brad Colwell for him to mail out with a letter on behalf of HARRC.

The Capital 10-Mile, organized by HARRC member Mary Lou Harris, is well underway with many HARRC members involved with everything from registration to water distribution to timing. The race is posted on Active.com, and it is generating a lot of interest.

### **New Business:**

Annual HARRC Banquet:

Brad Colwell has put out an email to many members asking for assistance organizing this year's awards banquet. Renee Bailey volunteered to organize the event and enlisted the aid of Frank and Carol Crupi. The following information has been emailed to HARRC members as well as posted on the website:

The annual HARRC Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 12, at the Mechanicsburg VFW, 4907 Carlisle Pike (Between Community Aid and Midas Muffler) at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to HARRC and mail them to Frank Crupi, 3502 Dellwood Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17050. Checks can also be given to any officer (Brad Colwell, Jim Collins, Walt Greene, or Gary Grobman). The restaurant needs a count by March 4<sup>th</sup>, so please mail your checks early.

If you would like to help with the banquet in any way, please send an email to Renee Bailey or call her at 717-620-8435. If you are bringing children under 13 years old, please let Renee know, as she is going to prepare prize packages for them.

### **Annual HARRC Banquet Awards:**

Brad Colwell has been asking for members to vote on the following award categories: Male Runner of the Year, Female Runner of the Year, Dedicated Male Runner of the Year, Dedicated Female Runner of the Year, and Member of the Year. He has sent out emails to those members he has addresses for, and has given paper nomination slips to Sunday Club Run Directors for runners to fill out at the weekly runs.

The cost and nature of the awards themselves were discussed, and several ideas were put forward, from trophies to wall plaques. Walt Greene made a motion to

authorize expenses up to \$150 to pay for this year's awards. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and approved.

#### Newsletter:

The proposed newsletter as developed by Joseph R. Bishop involved much discussion. In the interest of getting a printed newsletter back in action, Gary Grobman made the motion to authorize Joseph R. Bishop, newsletter editor, to proceed with developing and distributing a printed newsletter for March as long as the cost to the Club did not exceed \$120. The motion was seconded by Jim Vorhauer and approved.

#### Publicity:

The *Patriot-News* article on HARRC was published on Wednesday, February 2.

It was mentioned that the Sunday Club Runs have not been listed in the *Patriot-News* "For the Participant" section for some time. Mike Smith, Sunday Run Coordinator, has been contacted regarding this, and we will have them listed every week again.

Brad Colwell mentioned possibly printing off a large number of HARRC membership applications for us to place in various local race packets.

The idea of producing HARRC jackets and other apparel was briefly considered, and tabled for discussion for the next meeting. If any member has a good idea or connection regarding this, please contact Brad Colwell.

Speakers coming to club meetings was also brought up by Brad Colwell. This is another item for consideration at a future meeting.

#### Revenue

Brad Colwell made a motion to increase the charge for HARRC's full finish-line timing support from \$85 to \$100. Within the approved \$100, the equipment rental would increase from \$25 to \$30, finish line set up and boards from \$5 to \$10, and the operator fee remained at \$30, making \$100 total. This was seconded by Jim Collins and approved. Walt Greene pointed out that \$100 is still a very cheap rate when compared to other timing service providers such as Ron Horn of Pretzel City Sports and other, similar for-profit service providers.

Brad Colwell also made a motion to form a HARRC Race Committee to put on a race that would be fully backed by HARRC. This was seconded by Joseph R. Bishop and approved.

#### Next Meeting and Adjournment:

There being no further business, Jim Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Walt Greene. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on 9 March 2011 at Brad Colwell's home.