

HARRC Board Meeting Minutes 22 June 2011

The June Board Meeting was held at Brad Colwell's home and was called to order by President Brad Colwell at 7:04 PM. Board Officers present were President Brad Colwell, VP Jim Collins, Treasurer Gary Grobman, Secretary Nikki Bell, and Board Members Walt Greene, Jim Vorhauer, Steve Whittle, Tadd Morris and J.R. Bishop and HARRC member Frank Crupi.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the 11 May Board Meeting were posted on HARRC's new web site. There being no changes, the minutes were accepted on a motion by Collins, seconded by Bishop and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Grobman reported the bank balance is currently \$11,171.56. Grobman said he would check into a \$6 service charge that showed up in the account and switch to a free service if it is needed. Grobman also said that he would separate the HARRC race income from the timing income to have a detailed accounting of all of the HARRC income. The bank balance hardly changed since May, but it is down \$4,800 since the beginning of 2011. This is due in large part to the purchase of a new race clock, insurance expenses, and charitable contributions. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Collins, seconded by Crupi and approved.

Membership Report:

Walt Greene reported that the current household membership is 157, with 194 individual members. We have 21 new members and 15 new households since May. Greene observed that some of the renewals are made going back to 2009, so sending the newsletter to expired members seems to be working. The new website is also drawing people in.

The Membership Report was accepted on a motion by Collins, seconded by Vorhauer and approved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

J.R. Bishop has been adding news and updates to the website. Bishop indicated that HARRC members should email the webmaster if they have news they want to share or comment on a race event.

Gary Grobman and J.R. Bishop noted that the Pizza in the Park Prediction Run held on June 14, 2011 did a good job promoting HARRC to local runners. Dave and Marge Lebo directed the run and bought the pizza, with small donations from the runners. Grobman motioned that Dave and Marge Lebo be reimbursed for the cost of the pizza that was not covered by the runners' donations, seconded by Collins and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Harrisburg Marathon Book:

Hap Miller printed 20 copies of his Harrisburg Marathon book and provided two copies to Brad Colwell. The offer to HARRC to produce and make profits from the sales of the book stands. Colwell loaned a copy of the book to Chad Krebs at the Harrisburg Y to see if there were any copyrighting problems with the marathon pictures.

Awards:

Brad Colwell reported that he had delivered the website award to Rob Botti and expressed his appreciation for Rob's service to the club.

Newsletter:

J.R. Bishop has produced and distributed the Summer edition of Footprints. HARRC members have continued to respond favorably. Bishop was pleased with the response and would like everything for the Fall edition to be submitted to him by August 1, so he can print and mail the newsletter by August 10.

OLD BUSINESS (cont.'d)

Publicity:

Brad Colwell reported that Renee Bailey has resigned as the Publicity Coordinator for HARRC. The officers and the board will search for a replacement. Sunday runs and other HARRC events need to be reported to the Patriot News in 'For the Participant' and HARRC applications need to be distributed.

HARRC applications were delivered to the Harrisburg Y to be included in the Harrisburg Mile race packets because most of the participants are local runners.

HARRC After Dark 7K

The HARRC after Dark 7K will take place at 7PM on Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Riverfront in Harrisburg. Colwell reported that we are still looking for volunteers to take over the publicity of the race, to write an article about the race, to make signs for registration, to help with race day registration, course monitoring, finish line services, and manning the water tables at Maclay St. Colwell will be sending out an email to everyone on the HARRC mailing list to ask for volunteers.

Trail Run at Pinchot Lake

Frank Crupi and Tadd Morris volunteered to co-direct a 15K trail race at Pinchot Lake in October 2011. Crupi and Morris proposed October 2 and October 23 as possible race dates in a meeting with Pinchot Park manager Ryan Rader. Crupi and Morris will work with Rader to select the race date and notify the HARRC officers and board. Greene noted that he needs a permit from the officials at Pinchot Park to get an insurance certificate from the RRCA. Bishop motioned that HARRC supports the trail race in October 2011, seconded by Bell, and the motion was passed with one nay and two abstains.

Stony Creek Run

Brad Colwell reminded the HARRC officers and board that the race planning committee suggested having a 17.5 mile trail

run at Stony Creek in Spring 2012. No one has yet offered to direct the race.

Track Workouts:

Brad Colwell reported that Alan Wrobel is still searching for a location to hold the track workouts. Cedar Cliff wanted to charge \$500 for each use of the track and this is not feasible for HARRC.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Picnic

Brad Colwell reported that the Fall Picnic is scheduled to be held on September 25, 2011 from 12 to 5 PM at Adams Ricci Park in the Commonwealth Pavilion (next to the tennis courts). Steve Whittle volunteered to be the coordinator of the HARRC picnic. Frank Crupi will be directing a 5K race that day at 1 PM at Adams Ricci Park.

Participation Points

Nikki Bell has created a spreadsheet to track the HARRC Participation points. HARRC members receive points for volunteering at club functions, such as HARRC After Dark, and participating in Sunday Runs. Bell will make certificates and purchase prizes for HARRC members who accumulate more than 20 points. The prizes will be presented at the Fall Picnic.

Runner of the Year Formula

Jerod Girton has volunteered to be the Runner of the Year statistician. Girton will use the 15 fastest HARRC runs and the 5 fastest non-club runs to calculate points according to an age-graded scale. Grobman suggested that a HARRC member should only be allowed to win Runner of the Year once every 5 years, and the rest of the officers and board agreed.

Sunday Run Coordinator

Mike Smith has resigned from his position of the Sunday Run Coordinator. The HARRC officers and board thank him for his time and service. Mark Ondo has

NEW BUSINESS (cont.'d)

enthusiastically accepted the position as the new Sunday Run Coordinator. Thanks, Mark! The AGCS Sunday Runs will continue to be the third Sunday of each month.

Website Resource Tab

J.R. Bishop proposed to add a Resource tab to the HARRC website. The tab will include links to local running resources, such as other local running groups, local parks and permit offices (e.g. Wildwood, Harrisburg Greenbelt), and a historical calendar of local races.

HARRC Volunteers Needed

Brad Colwell reiterated that he will be sending out a mass email to the HARRC mailing list to ask for volunteers. He is specifically looking for a publicity coordinator, a web content backup, and Kids run helpers.

HARRC Apparel

J.R. Bishop noted that he will be getting estimates for HARRC shirts and hats. Bishop suggested that we advertise the availability of the shirts and hats on the website and collect and submit orders once a year. At the moment, Tek shirts are the popular choice for the HARRC officers and board. More information will be available at the next board meeting.

Area M Special Olympics Fall Classic

Jim Collins needs volunteers for the Area M Special Olympics Fall Classic at the Hershey Middle School on September 18, 2011. The volunteers will be there from 8:30 AM until 1 PM. One volunteer would be needed until 2 PM to finish preparing the results. Colwell said that he will ask for volunteers in his email to the mailing list since the Special Olympics organization is supported by HARRC.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Crupi. The meeting was

adjourned at 9:12 PM. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on 10 August 2011 at Brad Colwell's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolette Bell,
Secretary