

HARRC Board Meeting Minutes 21 September 2011

The September Board Meeting was held at Brad Colwell's home and was called to order by President Brad Colwell at 7:06 PM. Board Officers present were President Brad Colwell, VP Jim Collins, Treasurer Gary Grobman, Secretary Nikki Bell, and Board Members Walt Greene, Jim Vorhauer, and J.R. Bishop and HARRC member Frank Crupi.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the 10 August 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 \$12,641.18. Grobman noted that HARRC made money from the HARRC After Dark 7K and that there are no major expenses coming up. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Greene, seconded by Collins and approved.

Membership Report:

Walt Greene reported that the current household membership is 171, with 212 individual members. HARRC membership continues to increase through online, mail-in, and newsletter applications.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walt Greene stated that St. Stephen's Great Pumpkin Chase 5K Race that will take place on October 22, 2011 is a USA Track and Field certified course. Park Barner measured the course. The only other race in the area that was actually certified was the Capital 5000, which no longer takes place.

Jim Collins noted that he is helping with the Healthy Kids Running Series that is a program for kids from Pre-K to 8th Grade. It takes place on Sundays at 5:30 at Cumberland Valley High School and will go on for the next 4 weeks. Collins said he is timing the events to represent HARRC's support of running.

Jim Collins mentioned that due to the flooding, the Special Olympics were cancelled this year. Since the Special Olympics always take place on the third weekend in September, there was no opportunity to reschedule the event.

OLD BUSINESS

HARRC Apparel:

J.R. Bishop reported that he received 5 orders already for HARRC shirts. He has also had other members show interest and expects to receive more orders at the HARRC Picnic. Bishop gave Walt Greene 5 checks totaling \$140.00 for the orders so far and is keeping copies of the order forms to use for distribution.

Harrisburg Marathon Book:

Hap Miller's offer to HARRC to produce and make profits from the sales of the book stands. Brad Colwell is attempting to get copyright waivers from the Patriot News and the YMCA for pictures in the book. Colwell will continue to try to get the waivers.

Newsletter:

J.R. Bishop stated that the Winter 2011 edition of the newsletter will cover December, January, and February. Deadlines for articles and advertisements will be October 30th and it will be printed and mailed in mid-November. Bishop will be including an additional page in the newsletter to make room for more content.

Publicity:

Brad Colwell reported that we still have a vacancy for the Publicity Director position.

OLD BUSINESS (cont.'d)

HARRC After Dark 7K:

The HARRC after Dark 7K took place at 7PM on Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Riverfront in Harrisburg. Colwell reported that we had over 100 race participants and that HARRC's Tadd Morris won the race. Colwell said that he received mostly positive feedback and that the race made over \$400 for the club. There are still 8 trophies that are waiting for their owners.

Trail Run at Gifford Pinchot State Park:

Frank Crupi and Tadd Morris volunteered to co-direct the HARRC in the Park 15K trail race at Gifford Pinchot State Park on October 2, 2011. Crupi said that there are 27 runners already signed up for the race and we need 50 participants to break even. Members First, Appalachian Running Company, and Giant are the main sponsors. Crupi is still looking for a few volunteers at the finish line and for set up and clean up services.

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. This is a race from Tower City to Dauphin. HARRC still needs a volunteer to set a budget and direct this race.

Fall Picnic:

Brad Colwell reported that the Fall Picnic will be held on September 25, 2011 at 1 PM Adams Ricci Park in the Commonwealth Pavilion (next to the tennis courts). Steve Whittle volunteered to bring soda, hot dogs, and hamburgers. All HARRC members who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish. Frank Crupi will be directing a 5K race that day at 1 PM at Adams Ricci Park. Participation and AGCS awards will be presented at the picnic.

Runner of the Year Formula:

Jerod Girton has used the 15 fastest HARRC runs and the 5 fastest non-club runs to

calculate points according to an age-graded scale. The results are up on the HARRC website. At this time, the HARRC members who want to be included in the Runner of the Year program should go to the website and email Girton their fastest race times they want used in the calculations. Parks is working with Girton to automate the process so HARRC members can view real-time standings and details on the HARRC website.

NEW BUSINESS

HARRC Website:

J.R. Bishop is seeking a volunteer to assist with the website content. Specifically, he is looking for someone to handle the Local Races and the Sunday Runs. Limited training will be provided. Please contact Bishop if you are interested in working with the HARRC website.

HARRC Race Proposals:

J. R. Bishop proposed a race idea for a 12-hour endurance race at Wildwood Park. Bishop suggested a minimalist set up to keep the costs down. Runners would bring their own food and drinks and the person who completes the most laps by the end of the 12 hours wins.

J.R. Bishop also brought up a possible time change for the Sunday Runs. Bishop suggested an earlier time in the warm months and a later time in the cooler months. This discussion will be continued and any feedback can be sent to club officers or board members.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vorhauer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on 9 November 2011 at Brad Colwell's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolette Bell,
Secretary