

Hill Runners of Hunterdon - Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Present and signed in: Mark Cawley, John Weidner, Alysia Puma, Michelle Livres, Dan Minzer, Tom McCaffrey, Valerie Matthews, Louan Minzer, Frank Batiste, Celia Arthur, Michael Redlich, Sr., Chris Franklin, Colin Saville, Frederick Slapa, Kathy Ballance, Joe Galimoto, Becca Mazzolla, Amy Laspada, Tom Churylo, Peggy Romeo, Al Romeo (sp?), Dave Brown, Ed Leydon, Dennis Schmatz, Beverly Atkinson, Greg Sumner, Lindsay Eisenhart and Mike Eisenhart

Dan Minzer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

1. President's Review of 2013

- Club is growing and picking up runners
- Be proud of what we have accomplished – racing and otherwise
- Rallied during NYC and Boston crises

2. Report on Membership from the Secretary

- Alysia reported that there are 31 family memberships (up 6 from 2012), 50 individual memberships (up 5 from 2012), and 9 honorary (down 4 from 2012)
- Ed suggested we take off “members” whom we have carried for several years – idea was supported by members in attendance

3. Report of the Treasurer

- Ed disseminated copies of the budget and concluded that the club is “in good financial shape”
- Started year with \$3,368 and ended with \$2,603
- Received \$1,410 in dues
- Annual Income = \$1,530
- Annual Expenses = \$2,295
- No extra income from race support this year, we had no R2C volunteers
- Gave \$500 to Boston Marathon One Fund
- Did not have Christmas Fun Run this year
- No donation to NYNJ Training Team this year
- No donation to Camp Carr, but we did donate human power and time to a “clean up”
- Membership dues checks were misplaced, so we lost some income
- What we do with the dues depends upon discussion of BC31
- Annual expenses seem to be average \$2300
- Need to have somewhere around \$750 to help with annual HRH funds in the future
- We could spend more than we take in and that would be okay – there has been a surplus – But that all depends upon what we want to do with BC31

4. Planned Long Runs

- After discussion, group concluded that those interested in longer training runs should initiate posts on forum and organize accordingly, extending already existing weekly Saturday and/or Sunday runs – starting earlier or ending later, using BC31 as a “pit stop” at 8 AM

5. Planned Track Workouts

- Wednesdays weekly - 6:45 PM at North Hunterdon High School – ask Steve Brookman to post on website – consider a specific email communication which includes those interested – summer track workouts are up for discussion

6. Race Director Position

- Dan suggested John Weidner as our club's race director and route master.
- Recognizing the full-time nature of the position, the members concluded after discussion that the Pie Run is satisfactory for fall/winter
- Ed suggested "Geezer Pleaser" for late in May – consider a modest entry fee – cap at 50 people – send out invite to other running clubs – think about a trail or the tow path
- BaseCamp will co-sponsor the Clinton 15K

7. Schedule of Reorder of HRH clothing at Sneakers Plus

- Ed will set up and give us a plethora of choices
- Gave donated several "dated" men's and women's singlets to those in attendance

8. NYRR Council

- Beverly Atkinson reported that she has been deemed (by NYRR) the de facto HRH Team Council Representative
- Frederick Slapa nominated Beverly's as HRH's rep and members present voted to accept
- Beverly requests company and reimbursement when she attends monthly meetings in the city; she will post this info to the forum

9. Affiliation with BC-31

- Dan explained that the board members have been in discussion for a period of time
- General consensus among board is that the affiliation is a "win/win" – warm home on Saturday (or any other day), with bathroom and running water, place to socialize, promotes us, wide reach in physical fitness, has helped HRH accumulate new members, offers access to other groups, provides volunteer ship
- Questions from membership about annual donation of \$50 per person – Mike Eisenhart explained that BC31 is nonprofit, it's a suggested donation
- History of BC31 was offered by Mike Eisenhart
- Members in attendance agreed the decision shouldn't be made lightly and suggested that tonight may not be the night to make this decision.
- Tom McCaffrey advised the club to vet this more formally with a written proposal delineating the details of the affiliation, allowing HRH membership access to all the information, opportunities to ask questions, and a forum for discussion
- John Weidner offered the idea of establishing a FAQ, including what our dues will cover (either for HRH or BC31)
- Becca Mazzolla made the suggestion that we see a year of "flux," but Mike articulated the need to proceed more efficiently because of BC31's desire to elevate running locally within the next year – this new identification of a timeline created discussion
- Send follow-up or additional questions via email to Dan in next month
- Plan to vote on a summary proposal on 4 March 2014 at 7 PM at BC31

10. New Business

- Sprintin Clinton 5K in July – looking to build up runners and create a council – Ed may start a discussion on the forum
- Dennis Schmatz asked about business cards for HRH – Ed will order more for the club

11. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2014

- Decision was made to postpone the election of officers until we have voted on the summary proposal with BC31 on March 4
- Alysia Puma is no longer interested in serving on the board
- The current board is seeking “nominations from the floor”
 - The following members have been nominated to serve as club officers
 - President, Frank Batiste
 - Vice President, Becca Mazzolla
 - Secretary,
 - Treasurer, Ed Leydon
 - Social Director, Celia Arthur
 - Board Member at Large, Dan Minzer

Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.