

**Hill Runners of Hunterdon – Annual Meeting Part 2**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 4, 2014**  
**Document Conversion Associates (DCA)**  
**1225 Route 31 South, Suite 324**  
**Lebanon, NJ 08833**

**Members present and signed in:** Alysia Puma, Dan Minzer, Andy O’Hearn, Eric Puma, Steve Brookman, Susan Brookman, Barry Coopersmith, Greg Sumner, John Weidner, Jim Crossin, Kathy Crossin, Frederick Slapa, Chris Franklin, Celia Arthur, Louan Minzer, Mike Redlich, Doug Leonhardt, Mark Corgan, Jim Hardin, Valerie Mathews, Michelle Livres, Beverly Atkinson, Kathy Ballance, Ron Pawlikowski, Dave Brown, Liz Seiffert, Carol Wilhelm, Becca Mazzolla, Ed Leydon

**Ed Leydon, acting President, called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.**

**1. Update from the acting President**

- Not much of a change since the last meeting
- Up-to-date with our filings: renewals of membership in the Road Runners Club of America, in USA Track and Field, and with the annual electronic filing of IRS Form 990-N for small tax exempt organizations.
- Strong turnouts, races seemed to start for members last weekend and this affects turnout

**2. Report from the Treasurer** – \$2609 balance at the moment; some dues paying members seem to be holding out for tonight’s decision before paying for 2014

- hold the budget in abeyance until decision is made
- P.O. Box was renewed for next 6 months

**3. Discussion and vote on the proposal to merge with BaseCamp-31**

The Members were asked to send their vote by email or to attend the meeting and to vote in person on the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that HRH merge with BaseCamp-31 (BC-31). Please vote YES or NO. If a majority of voting members of HRH vote YES for the merger, the incoming Board and Officers will be instructed to negotiate and implement a merger with BC-31 and to take all such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish this merger based on the Q & A sheet. If a majority of voting members of HRH vote NO against the merger, the club will continue to operate independently.

- Ed Leydon reviewed the partnership alternative which BC31 rejected.
- Floor was opened for discussion.
- Dan Minzer presented his argument in favor of the merger ; it’s about building a community.
- Ed Leydon reiterated his statement that HRH should remain independent; he believes there could be potential conflicts of interest if we joined BC31 because of their close ties to affiliated business interests and corporate preferred partners.
- Kathy Crossin asked for clarification about the two proposals, A and B.
- John Weidner expressed an interest in expanding our resources and pulling in more talent.
- Chris Franklin suggested that interested parties entertain memberships in BC31 and HRH if they want to do more than just run – rather than change the current structure and status of HRH.
- Steve Brookman presented his thought that “we’re putting the cart before the horse” with the current proposal.

-Mark Corgan delineated this merge as an opportunity to evolve as a club. He sees this as a chance for growth as an ongoing entity.

-Susan Brookman presented the argument that this as an issue of self-determination.

-Andy O' Hearn expressed his experience with three local running clubs. He sees plusses and minuses to both choices. There are many schools of thought regarding individual / personal needs.

-Kathy Crossin spoke to the value of increased membership for those running at the back of the pack.

-Doug Leonhardt said for him this is not about being an elite club but about the camaraderie.

-Wes Knowles explained his relationship with BC31. He wishes HRH could continue the discussion beyond this evening before a vote.

-The group agreed it was ready for a vote

-The results were tallied by the Secretary and the acting President and were announced at the meeting. By a vote of 17 to 39, the proposal was rejected.

#### **4. Election of Officers and Directors for 2014**

The board has nominated the following:

President - Becca Mazzolla

Vice President – Chris Franklin

Treasurer - Edward Leydon

Secretary - Valerie Mathews

Social Director - Celia Arthur

Members present at the meeting approved the nominations for officers.

The board is also recommending that Frank Batiste be replaced as Route Master for the coming year by Mike Redlich, and that John Weidner be appointed as the Race Master. No vote is required for these actions.

#### **5. New Business**

It was announced that the club would meet at Bundt Park this upcoming Saturday at 8 AM and resume meetings there the following week at 7:30 AM because of daylight savings time.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**