

Minutes of January 13, 2009 HRH meeting

Vice President, Dennis Schmatz called the meeting to order at 7:18.

Members present:

Dave Brown
Mike McDonough
Steve McKenzie
Mark Mazzatta
Chris Franklin
Doug Masi
Joe Galioto
Ron Reitz
Jim Crossin
Kim Haris
Beverly Attinson
Dan Minzner
Wes Knowles
Andy O'Hearn
Vibeke Olesen
Susan Brookman
Steve Brookman
Pete Jensen
Jim Hopta
Dennis Schmatz
Holly McDonald

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Minutes from 1/14/2008**- Dennis Schmatz read the minutes from the January 14, 2008, motion to accept by Mike McDonough, seconded by ???, voted to accept.
2. **Treasurers Report:** Beverly Attinson presented the financial report. Current assets total \$1715.86. At this time last year, assets totaled \$899.11. Details of income and expenses can be requested by HRH members by emailing the treasurer at Treasurer@HRHNJ.org. Mike McDonough motioned to accept the report. Second by Andy O'Hearn. Accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Officers:

The following nominees were voted into office unanimously:

President- Chris Franklin
Past President- Bruce Marshall
Vice President- Dennis Schmatz
Secretary- Holly McDonald
Treasurer- Beverly Attinson
Social Director- Kim Haris

2. **Club charter**- does not need to be changed with new officers.
3. **Meeting schedule**- motion to change meeting frequency to "quarterly as needed" passed.
4. **Cost of membership** to remain at \$20 per person/ \$30 per family. Beverly Attinson made a motion to extend a free lifetime membership to Bruce and Patty Marshall. Seconded by ???. Passed unanimously.
5. **Club sponsored race**- Dennis Schmatz, Chris Franklin, Joe Galioto and Susan Brookman. met last year

and discussed the possibility. Determined that it would uphold the club's mission, and our insurance would be valid.

6. **Race to benefit Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity-** Lisa Fielding contacted our club about providing technical expertise and manpower for a race in Somerset/Hunterdon county. Locations suggested were the former Haybale route or the Columbia trail. Various issues such as safety, parking, joining with another running club and the registration process were also mentioned. Kim Haris agreed to contact Lisa to get more details.

7. **Banner-** upgrade with correct club colors, also suggested that we get two large flags.

8. **Clinton Country Run-** HRH will organize water stop.

9. **R2C teams-** have had four teams for the past two years. Suggested that the teams become more competitive with one another by balancing teams by pace. This would also allow all who wanted to participate. Most were in favor but agreed not to break up "established teams". Steve Brookman will post idea to HRH members on the website.

10. **Membership-** currently 95 members. The idea of individual members hosting runs from their houses was mentioned. The club members agreed to issue a stipend to help defray the costs of the refreshments for the hosts.

11. **Donations-** Treasurer, Beverly Atkinson suggested that we use some of our money to donate to various causes that our members run races for, such as Janet Howard running the Boston Marathon for Fred's Team. Beverly motioned to set aside \$250 per year to be distributed in \$25 increments per cause per race for HRH runners only. Wes Knowles seconded the motion.

12. **New Member Application-** does not direct new applicant to the website and no letter of welcome is currently sent. Susan Brookman offered to create informational club brochures to leave at the Hunterdon Running Shop. Holly McDonald will create a letter of welcome to send via email to new members. The issue of welcoming new &/or slower members to club runs was discussed. Everyone recognized the need to run with people unfamiliar with the course and not to "leave them in the dust".

13. **Hunterdon Lions Track Club-** Youth feeder program for NHHS, VHS and HCHS for boys and girls in grades 4-8. Last year 160 members. Practice twice per week at NHHS. They have their own website: www.hunterdonlionstc.org

14. **HRH Website-** Steve Brookman will update some aspects of the website.

15. **Newspaper coverage-** The question arose if anyone had a contact with the Hunterdon County Democrat since Bill Tooker no longer writes a running column. Jim Crossin knew of a contact and offered to follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly McDonald