

Minutes of the Hill Runners of Hunterdon Annual Meeting 14 January 2008

Members present: B. Marshall, D. Schmatz, B. Atkinson, H. Atkinson, J. Howard, G. Bell, S. Brookman, S. Brookman, M. Corgan, K. Haris P. Jensen, W. Knowles, D. Masi, T. McCaffrey, H. McDonald, M. McDonough, S. McKenzie, R. Reitz, C. Saville, K. Suchow

Presidents Report: Bruce Marshall welcomed the group and began the meeting at 7:20 pm. He shared some interesting data including that the current club began with 38 paid members in 2006 and currently has 81 paid members. Also, the club continues to have good attendance at club runs. 68 marathons were run by club members this year and 20 members have qualified for Boston. We had four teams participate in River to Sea and we are members of RRCA and USTAF. Thanks to Steve Brookman our web site continues to evolve and was even entered in a web design contest. Former Olympian Anne Marie Letko joined the club on 1/14/08 and will be presenting a lecture to the club on 1/18/08 @ 7pm at club member Kim Haris' home. The Board of Officers was presented and thanked for their hard work. They were also approved for another year of duty. Janet Howard was nominated and approved as Secretary. The Board of Officers for the Hill Runners of Hunterdon for the 2008 year is as follows:

President: Bruce Marshall
Vice President: Dennis Schmatz
Treasurer: Beverly Atkinson
Social Director: Hope Atkinson
Secretary: Janet Howard

The Charter and Bylaws were briefly reviewed and only changes are related to Board members and duties. The Secretary-Treasurer position has been split and therefore there are now five Board members instead of the previous four. The revised Charter and Bylaws have been posted on the website under Club Info.

Treasurers Report: Beverly Atkinson distributed copies of a **Balance Sheet** and a **Profit and Loss** report with the assembled group. There is currently \$899.11 in the HRH Account and since its inception the club has

collected \$3785.91 and spent \$2886.80. Further details can be accrued from the actual report. In addition she explained that we are a non-profit group and did get money returned to her from the bank not being clear on this. Finally she proposed and it was unanimously agreed upon that the dues were going to stay the same for the 2008 collection year. Individual membership is \$20.00 and couple or family membership is \$30.00. There is not a deadline for collection.

Social Chairs Report: Hope Atkinson reflected upon a great year of events and announced the First Annual Ground Hog Day Prediction Run on 2/2/2008 @ 9am in Califon. Further details and instructions for notifying Beverly Atkinson of your predicted finish time can be found on the website as well as through the e-mail sent. As previously mentioned, a lecture is planned for 1/18/08 at the home of Kim Haris. Trying to schedule more Yoga classes with Kimberly Borin was discussed. Hope is open to other ideas for social gatherings, so let her know your thoughts.

Proposal of Club Sponsored Run: Susan Brookman offered the idea of having a club sponsored race to benefit a social or environmental cause in Hunterdon County. Many members voiced their concerns, ideas, and suggestions including who will do the organizing work, should we help with another sanctioned race in the area first before we create our own, if we would be impacting our non-profit status, when we would have it and where it might be. It was agreed that an exploratory committee would be formed and anyone interested can look for future information on the website regarding this. Also, Dennis offered to contact John Lertola about helping him with the race this year at Bundt Park. Finally, a March 2009 date was projected.

Attracting new members: Another item discussed was attracting new members, including slower runners. Conversation included did we want to expand? By how much? What are our membership goals? Did we want to schedule Newcomer runs? A Hash Run? When and Where? Once a month? On Saturdays? On Sundays? At the Clinton Running Shop? At Columbia Trail? Graeme made a suggestion that we may want to explore a buddy system. This lead into a conversation of updating and changing the

membership form to include if indeed anyone would want to be a buddy to a new member and average pace time of members so runners can find like minded/paced runners to exercise with. This led into a discussion of creating a directory ...what kind, what information, what format, etc. No action was taken on any of the above but future discussion would occur.

Other items: The rest of the meeting covered a range of issues. They included an update on HRH clothing sales and future orders, adding the Hunterdon Learning Center to the RCAA insurance, HRH supporting causes, sponsoring a club scholarship, team events, including group representation at USTAF and Master Track events, purchasing a new banner, a club calendar for members or as a fund raiser, club car magnets and how sustainable we are as a club. Further discussion on all of the subjects is welcome and encouraged, especially using the forum feature of the HRH website.

Next Annual meeting: Tentatively planned for 12 January 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Howard