



Hill Runners of Hunterdon

2024 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kathy Hale, Dave Brown, Valerie Mathews, Ron Pawlikowski, Becca Mazzolla, Dean, Ed Leydon, Cyrena Terricone, Kris Doty, Andy O'Hearn, Kristen C, Jennifer Sigler, Doug Sigler, Dick Hopkins

January 30, 2024 7:30PM - 9:05PM

1. Opening remarks
 - a. D. Brown thanked C. Terricone for her years of service as social director.
 - b. D. Brown remarked on the year's success and noted that this our 25th anniversary year - HRH was founded in 1999.
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. V. Mathews gave a summary of the last year's expenses, and proposed this year's costs. Budget was approved unanimously.
 - b. Due to surplus of funds, it was discussed to donate to Camp Carr (as have done in the past). The membership agreed unanimously to a \$50 donation to Camp Carr (YMCA) now, and to consider an additional donation later in the year if funds and circumstances permit.
3. Board member elections for the 2024 term: Board was elected all ayes by the membership.
 - a. The slate of nominees:
 - i. President – Dave Brown
 - ii. Vice President – Ron Pawlowski
 - iii. Secretary – Theresa Barton
 - iv. Treasurer – Valerie Mathews
 - v. Social Director – Kathy Hale
 - vi. At Large – Becca Mazzolla
4. Membership
 - a. Active member count, new members, dues status/reminder
 - b. Brief discussion on number of members:
 - i. General increase in the past few years, with last year's active members (excludes honorary members) was 57.
5. Club runs and social events
 - a. Regular club runs:
 - i. Saturdays - proposing Bundt Park as year-round location, standard 7:30 AM start time
 1. Membership voted unanimously to keep Bundt Park year round, but adjust the time as done historically (7:30am in Summer, 8am in Winter). The time change occurring at daylight savings time.
 - ii. Sundays – membership voted unanimously to keep times as has been.

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- b. Ideas for additional club-sanctioned weekly runs
 - i. Becca and a few members run at Central Track early Wednesdays. But not an official club event.
 - c. Guest runner days – dates (Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6 or 7), treats sign up
 - i. K. Hale to set up a sign up sheet to have members pitch in with the beverages/snacks
 - ii. D. Brown can continue to bring coffee in the urn (it helps keep costs down in lieu of DD coffee)
 - d. Member-hosted runs – hosts?
 - i. K. Kirkpatrick this Sunday
 - ii. E. Leydon next month - will reach out to the board to schedule
 - e. Social runs/events – Winter Warmers, Beer Runs
 - i. Been very successful
 - ii. Will plan for a Sunday run from a winery in the spring
 - f. Cross-club relations – Base Camp, New Hope, River Rats, Rose City Runners/USATF team
 - i. New Hope 5k coming up in Feb
 - ii. Board to reach out to River Rats and schedule a joint run
 - iii. K. Hale will continue organizing Rose City/HRH Team Races. Anyone interested may reach out to K. Hale. Anyone interested will need to be a member of USATF to support/score points for the team club.
 - g. Upcoming races 1H24 –
 - i. Feb: Super Saturday, Tailgate Trot,
 - ii. March: E. Murray Todd, Two Rivers Marathon, Scoogie Run at Peddlers Village
 - iii. April: Fools Run, Boston, Clinton Country Run, St. Luke's,
 - iv. May: Spring Lake, Broad Street
6. 6. Marketing
- a. Member communications –email, Facebook, newsletter
 - i. Membership discussed at length various ways to communicate and reach out to the membership. Needs for such communication included:
 - 1. notifications on a short notice regarding weather impacting runs/meet ups.
 - 2. Members communicate about earlier start times
 - 3. Members communicate race participation
 - ii. K. Hale and R. Mazzolla to look into different apps - such as Whatsapp, Remind.
 - b. Website – club run updates, results, future of the site?
 - c. Promotion – social media
 - i. Business cards were handed out - but will need to order more.
 - d. Logo gear
 - i. R. Mazzolla to schedule a store later this year (Spring?)
 - e. 25th anniversary

- i. Making this year a banner year for the club - celebrate 25 years at a picnic this summer and other events throughout the year
 - ii. Shirts or other items adding "Established in 1999" was generally receptive. R. Mazzolla to look into making special shirts for the occasion.
- 7. Volunteering events
 - a. CCR: Wait to see if Base Camp reached out
 - b. GOTR: R. Mazzolla coaching this season - will let the membership know of the 5k and how to sign up to volunteer.
- 8. Additional business
 - a. K. Hale will look into making the christmas eve glogg run in HRH territory due to HRH interest in the Rose City one.