

River Region Runners (R3) **January 15, 2009**

The R3 held our regular meeting at the Mellow Mushroom Restaurant in Prattville, Alabama. Pete Preston, President, opened the meeting.

The following officers were present:

Pete Preston – President	Ron Macksoud – Vice President
Barb Gill – Treasurer	Patti Preston and Dave Stever – Co-Secretaries

Attendees:

Pete & Patti Preston	Dave, Barb & Chris Stever	Howard & Barb Gill
Jim Larkins	Ron Macksoud	Sarah & Sam Gill
Gene Smith	Cindy Cobb	West Marcus
Kym Klass	Pete & Patti Preston	Mike & Mabel Novak
Drew & Hannah Trachy	Anna Marie Koerner	

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the November meeting were accepted. There was no meeting in December.

Financial Report:

Opening Balance (1 Dec 08)	\$ 5,286.72
Deposits	685.00
Payments	<u>3,842.23</u>
Ending Balance (30 Sep 08)	\$ 2,129.49

The financial report was accepted as submitted. Barb Gill presented a proposed 2009 budget for our consideration. We are assuming no significant increase in income or expenses. We will vote on the budget at the next meeting. **(OPEN)**

Old Business

We still haven't been paid for our participation in the run in Tuskegee. We are following up and have filed the appropriate papers in court. **(OPEN)**

We still need input on a new club logo. Make it fun and exciting. **(OPEN)**

The Jingle Bell Run was a huge success. Thank you to all participants and workers!! **(CLOSED)**

Newsletter:

PLEASE submit articles, photos, and race results to Kym Klass for the newsletter. She will be using a new e-mail address (kymklass@gmail.com) for R3 information. Please make the change!

Website:

Remember to submit the race results and photos to our Webmaster Wizard.

Future Races:

The next "club" race will be the "West Marcus Memorial" Capitol Hill Run (House Leadership Run) on January 31. After that is the Polar Bear Run on Feb 14 in Prattville. We will ask Jim to modify the calendar to indicate with an asterisk which races are "club" races so we can plan accordingly.

New Business:

Ron Macksoud, in his duties as the RRCA state chairman, explained about the upcoming races that will be either regional or national RRCA races. The Woodstock 5k will be a national championship. The Grand Prix series will be held in different regions of the state to maximize the publicity about the benefits of running. USATF is pushing membership and the benefits of carrying one of their cards.

(CLOSED)

We will be switching to www.RRR.com vs. www.Montgomeryrunners.org in the near future. We will have a system to redirect inquiries to the new address.

Kym Klass made an appeal to us to donate our trophies, medals, ribbons, etc., to "Kids Win." It is an organization that promotes healthy living. Not only that, but volunteers distribute these trophies and ribbons to kids who have just gone through surgery, after blood work (Ouch!), and for those who have extended stays in the hospital. She will let us know about a drop-off location for these items. **(OPEN)**

We are encouraging everyone who travels to an out-of-town race to let the club know so that travel and lodging expenses might be shared. **(OPEN)**

Dave Stever made a motion (which was seconded and passed) that all future agreements and contracts for our club to work races include some type of discount for R3 members. In times past, there was always a provision in the race brochures for club members who signed up early to get some discount on the races. He suggested this as a way to both promote the club and to encourage others to join. **(CLOSED)**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2009 at Ala Thai Restaurant on Atlanta Highway in Montgomery. (Thanks, Ron!)

(Thank you, Barb Gill, for finding the Mellow Mushroom and making the arrangements!)