

**River Region Runners (R3) Meeting
January 21, 2010**

The R3 held our meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. Pete Preston, President, opened the meeting.

The following officers were present:

Pete Preston – President Drew Trachy – Vice President
Dave Stever – Secretary
John Porter – Co-secretary

Attendees:

Pete & Patti Preston Dave & Barb Stever Mary Belle Scott
John Porter Pat & Jerry Fossum Jeffrey Vinzant
Drew Trachy Mike & Mabel Novak Jerry Beckman
Jim Larkins James Littlejohn
West Marcus Kathy & Kim Bond
Irene Tyner Ron Macksoud

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the July meeting were accepted.

Jeffrey Vinzant extended appreciation to Ron Macksoud for setting up the Christmas party.

Future Races:

Jim Larkins mentioned the immediately upcoming races, including Cruising the Creekwalk (which we are working finish line), Hogwild in Dothan (now a 15k, for which there will a caravan from the Starbucks in Montgomery leaving at 11:00)), the Leadership Run for Diabetes, and the Young Life Run for Life. He discussed the Footprints to the Finishline Run, which is planning a 10K even though the police did not like the Ray Thorington part of the race. A new race director is running the Resurrection Run, which is the only race we are working in March, and will need a lot of help. There will be four races in April, although we are not working the Spring to Life and Walk of Life Runs. After a "church shakeup" a race director for Centerpointe Church wants to have a race around April 10th. West Marcus stated that Sally Pitts from WSFA wants to put on a children's run at the zoo this year.

Financial Report

Opening Balance (1 Nov 09)	\$7603.95
Deposits	469.00
Payments	<u>110.00</u>
Ending Balance (31 Mar 09)	\$ 7,962.95

Dave Stever gave the financial report for Treasurer Barb Gill, stating that it was "what we normally see." Items such as the Post Office fee needs to be paid every year. The RRCA research was not on the report. No deposits were made in December while a few payments went out. There were \$1,532 deposits during January. One third to one fourth of deposits will go toward the goal of the chip timing system. We might want to put an extra \$1,000 in the fund in the middle of June. West Marcus stated that some of the Christmas run money goes to the chip fund and some to the dog pound. A RRCA fund will be conducted online. After West Marcus moved to accept the financial report and Drew Trachy seconded, the financial report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business

West Marcus was concerned that R3 has no elected Board of Directors. President Pete Preston stated that the Officers plus the ex-President constitute the Board. The website is being fixed. (The link to the City of Montgomery half marathon was broken.) When Preston stated that we have never gotten any advertising historically, Jeffrey Vinzant asked if we are promoting running in the area. Vice President Drew Trachy is working on online registration for club membership. Irene Tyner stated that our team raised \$1550 for the Jingle Bell Race and we had great costumes (West Marcus won the costume contest) and 39 members. Our team finished 5th out of 80 teams. The Turkey Burner money has been paid.

Newsletter:

PLEASE submit articles, photos, and race results to Kym Klass for the newsletter (kymklass@gmail.com).

Website:

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

New Business:

A discussion was held on how to set aside money for the chip timer. Drew Trachy suggested that, instead of throwing an arbitrary number out at this time, we allow Treasurer Barb Gill to look at the budget to decide how much to set aside as we need emergency funds. Pete Preston agreed that we should not contribute to charities as we have in the past to allow us to go ahead and fund the chip timer. West Marcus moved to amend the way we set aside money for the chip timer, but tabled his motion when Jeffrey Vinzant moved that we table the issue until we get an exact number from Barb Gill. After Drew Trachy seconded, Vinzant's motion was accepted unanimously. West Marcus announced that he was planning a Couples Run at Vaughn Road Park for the Sunday before Valentine's Day. The run will be a 5k with alternating laps between participants and there will be a charge to compete that will go to the chip fund. West also asked for someone to prepare chips and buns. A discussion was held on the best time for the race – because people would be attending church in the morning, a consensus was reached for 2:00 p.m. After the motion was seconded, it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at a place to be determined in Millbrook.