

**River Region Runners (R3) Meeting
March 18, 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
Barbara Gill
John Porter – Co-secretary

Attendees:

Pete & Patti Preston	Mary Belle Scott	Sabrina Lee	Jean Forbus
John Porter	Pat & Jerry Fossum	Jeffrey Vinzant	
Drew Trachy	Jerry Beckman	Amanda and Tim McQueen	
Jim Larkins	Neil Rice	Mike Hill	
Kathy & Kim Bond	Barb and Howard Gill	David Flack	
Irene Tyner	Ron Macksoud	Chris Zenker	

Meeting Minutes:

President Pete Preston called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and read the minutes from the February meeting. After Drew Trachy moved to accept and Mary Belle Scott seconded, the minutes for the February meeting were accepted.

Future Races:

Jim Larkins mentioned the immediately upcoming races, including:

April 3 rd	Oasis Run in Millbrook
April 10 th	Centerpoint Challenge (R3 is working) Huntingdon Founders Day Vaughn Forest Spring to Life (which asked for our assistance)
April 17 th	Walk for Life
April 24 th	Wright Flyers Heritage Run (equipment rental)
May 1 st	Prattville Cityfest (moved from Friday evening to Saturday morning)
May 22 nd	Jubilee Cityfest
June 1 st (?)	5k Run for Bolivia (Run for Africa last year – will be off Carmichael Road this year)
Sept. 11 th	Big Brothers

Preston got a call from Nate Rucker, the cross country coach at Huntingdon, who is raising money for the race program in September. Preston was told that the Red Cross runs will not be held this year. Sally Pitts wants to put on a race at the zoo.

Financial Report

Opening Balance (1 Feb 09)	\$7,923.01
Deposits	
Payments	<u>704.00</u>
Ending Balance (31 Mar 09)	\$ 7,219.01

Treasurer Barb Gill gave the financial report, stating that our RRCA membership fees have been paid. After transferring \$5,000 from our general account to our chip timing account, we have \$1,656 in our general account and \$6,856.50 in our chip timing account.

Old Business

We have two active committees:

1. Club Apparel
2. Electronic Timing Device - Jerry Beckman brought research and information he had obtained. It was determined that the committee needed to hold a group meeting to look at the material.

Drew Trachy discussed his plan regarding establishing R3 Online Club Membership Accounts. There are two alternatives – setting up a temporary account on Active.com which would involve a \$3.25 transaction fee and we would still accept paper registration. Active.com would send a check every two weeks to Barb Gill and we would set up an extra page on our website with a link to Active.. Barb Gill moved to accept this plan, Patti Preston seconded, and the motion passed.

Pete Preston met with Jubilee Cityfest officials. Jubilee Cityfest will now be held over two weekends. We will hold our race on May 22nd, with the same route and support from the city. We will have a DJ, use of Alabama Town, and tents, but no cash awards except maybe for club members. Packet Pickup will be on Friday at Old Alabama Town and on Wednesday and Thursday at another location to be decided. Irene Tyner suggested that we get our chip timing device before Jubilee. Jerry Beckman stated that we might want to test it on a smaller race first.

Drew Trachy stated that the language updating the constitution with the club's new name is on the website and will remain for another month for members to review.

New Business:

Irene Tyner discussed the Arthritis Walk at the Zoo to be held on Friday evening May 7th at 6:15. Registration is at 5:30. It will be fun for the whole family with children's activities, a DJ playing 60s and 70s music, Jim & Nick's BBQ, and some of the animals will be out of their cages. Irene asked for a R3 team captain. There is no fee for the walk but voluntary contributions are accepted. Pat Fossum stated that the Walk for Life Run on April 17th will need volunteers. There is a volunteers meeting in one week. She indicated that any volunteers should let her know their T-shirt size as well as whether they will attend the meeting.

Mary Belle Scott stated that there will be a dinner for Carmen Sowers who is deploying to Iraq in May. It will be held on April 21st at 6:00 at Carrabba's Italian Grill. She also stated that there will be an informal get together after the Azalea Trail Run.

Surprise Birthday Cake was brought to President Pete Preston.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is April 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at a place to be determined in Wetumpka.