

River Region Runners (R3) Meeting **July 18, 2013**

The R3 held our meeting at the Aw Shucks Oyster Bar & Grill in Wetumpka, Alabama. Beth Johnson, Vice President, opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Beth announced that Dave Stever, President, would not be able to attend the meeting due to out of town travel constraints.

The following officers were present:

Beth Johnson – Vice President
Kevin Banning – Treasurer
Janet Arant – Co-Secretary

Attendees:

Beth Johnson	David Flack	Neil Rice	Kevin Banning	Monica Allen
Robert Lee	Janet and Marty Arant		Pat and Jerry Fossum	Tony Glenboski
Barb Stever	Jim Larkins		Denise and Wayne Paisley	
John Porter	Pete and Patti Preston			
Avery and Erin Ainsworth	Jeffrey Vinzant			

Future Races:

Jim Larkins distributed copies of the updated race report and reviewed the 15 races remaining for the year, pending changes. The start times for the Green Light / Blue Light Dash will be 7:00 AM for the 1 mile and 8:00 AM for the 5K. The Greater Montgomery Homebuilders Parade of Homes (GMHBA) 5K starts and finishes at The Alley with a party on Tallapoosa Street (as opposed to Waters Street).

Financial Report

Kevin Banning gave the financial report, which covered June 21, 2013 through July 18, 2013. He reported income of \$2,004.00 was primarily from two race checks, one from the Junior League (\$966.00) Shamrock Shuffle and the other from FUMC (\$636.00) for the Pancake Run. The major expense item was \$830.11 for the hats. John Porter moved to approve the financial report, Denise Paisley seconded, and the motion passed.

Opening Balance (June 21, 2013)	\$7,107.49
Total Income (deposits)	2,004.00
Payments	<u>951.67</u>
Ending Balance (January 17, 2013)	\$8,159.82

Meeting Minutes:

John Porter passed around copies of minutes from the June meeting for review by members. David Flack moved to approve the June minutes, Jerry Fossum seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business

- Jeffrey Vinzant reported that the official club "dri-fit" mesh hats had arrived at \$12 each in one size fits all. He showed the hats to the group. The club hats and matching shirts are available for purchase.
- Pete Preston reported that the Facebook Committee still has not done anything but might become active with new members. A meeting is suggested whereby the Facebook page is evaluated.
- Pete welcomed the Ainsworth family as new members. Avery and Erin Ainsworth will be opening a new business at Westminster Plaza on Zelda Road called "Fleet Feet Sports." They will be sponsoring fun runs, beginner 5K runs, and the arthritis race.
- Patti Preston reported that there are currently 100 memberships, primarily families including the Ainsworth Family.

New Business

Labor Day Run

Beth Johnson led a discussion about plans for the Labor Day Run by informing the group about an e-mail from Dave Stever in which he stated that we should stick to cash awards (the same as last year), need a flyer, and must get started soon.

Jeffrey Vinzant moved to make it an R3 club run for members only at Fort Toulouse since it is too late to get city permits, train station reservation and other requirements in only six weeks. The same amount of work is required for 120 people as for 300. Last year we lost money, the year before we made money.

Jerry Fossum suggested having the race at Fort Toulouse and David Flack recommends appointing a committee. A discussion took place about who should be on the committee, and where and when it should take place. David Flack volunteered for the committee.

Jeffrey Vinzant made a motion that a decision is made now to have an 8K run at Fort Toulouse, members only, hot dogs and snacks provided by the club with Jeffrey grilling the hot dogs, and "BYOB" for those who wish to drink alcoholic beverages. Jerry Fossum seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jeffrey added that he will make up the flyer and suggests that Ron Macksoud could send an e-mail to members.

A suggestion was also made that non-members could attend if they become members at the race.

Christmas Party

Barb Stever announced that the annual Christmas party is scheduled to take place on the second Thursday of December which falls on December 12th. The menu will be the same as last year.

Help Needed for Upcoming Runs

Pete Preston reminded attendees that since there are multiple runs coming up, between now and the second week of December, help is needed from those members who are not running to arrive early for equipment set-up and also to help take it down.

Thanks to Barb Stever

Pete Preston extended thanks to Barb Stever who has done a wonderful job with race day computer work and is a great asset to the R3 organization. Pete also asked for volunteers with whom Barb can share that knowledge so we would have additional help at races with the computers or tasks as simple as reminding everyone that the computer operators must not be interrupted while tabulating results.

Jeffrey Vinzant moved to adjourn the meeting. David Flack seconded the motion and it was passed.

Our next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 15th, location to be announced.