

## **River Region Runners (R3) Meeting February 19, 2015**

The February R3 meeting was held at Pasta Pizzeria and Grill in Prattville. President Beth Johnson preceded over the meeting at 6:35 pm. The following officers were present;  
Kevin Banning, Treasurer  
Barb Stever, Secretary

### Attendees:

Neil Rice	Chris Stever	Barb Stever
Lillian & Pete Preston	Marty & Janet Arant	Howard & Barb Gill
Sarah Gill	John & Beth Johnson	Brianna Oberg
Jim Larkins	Jeffrey Vinzant	Kevin Banning
David Flack		

### Meeting Minutes

Barb Stever passed around copies of the minutes from the January meeting for review. There were no additions or deletions, but one correction by Pete Preston. He said the orange boxes we use for timing at the races are called Chronotrac and not Chronomix. So noted and changed. Pete Preston motioned to approve the minutes and Jim Larkins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

### Financial Report

Kevin Banning passed around a copy of the current financial report. The total income from 1/16/2015 to 2/19/2015 was \$4,744.61 from race income. Expenses were for races and RRCA, which came to \$1,126.78. Barb stated she had talked to Don Causey about our non-payment from the Harvest Run and he told her he thought they had sent out the check but would check with his wife and get back to us. Kevin stated he would follow up again with her. Kevin stated we received checks from Cruising the Creek Run and the Mardi Gras Run.

Beginning Balance	\$5,591.39
Income	380.00
Expenses	<u>1,126.78</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,744.61

### Future Races

Jim passed around a new race schedule and we reviewed upcoming races on the calendar. He gave a report on the Cruising the Creek race we did on January 17th and stated that they had some problems with the way the course was marked for the 10K portion as people got lost and had to run extra to make up their portion of the race. He stated we had no races scheduled in March. We would have the CCAP 5K on the 21st of February and Jeff would be

hosting that race. We have 2 races in April, the Enlisted Heritage Run on the base and the Rattlesnake Rodeo in Opp. They are on the same day and he said he would make sure all the clocks were working as we will be driving in opposite directions to do these races. Pete Preston said he would help Jim with the Enlisted Heritage Run and Dave and Barb will be going to Opp to do the Rattlesnake Rodeo 5K. Avery Ainsworth added a race on the 2nd of May called the Girls on the Run 5K. Avery will get back to us on what we are doing with this race according to Beth.

### Old Business

Jenny Smith had mentioned about sending out a survey to all of our members and ask them what they would be willing to do at our races and Beth stated they had discussed this but nothing else so far. Beth said she would get together with Jenny and figure out when to send out this survey. Jeff Vinzant said they could e-mail the members and see what they wanted to do to help out and send a list of questions asking how we could improve on what we do.

Avery has been talking with Beth about getting to know how to help operate the Chronotrac system. Beth stated that is an ongoing conversation with him in finding the time to do this.

The Race Director on our computer was updated.

Beth stated she needs to get in touch with Kathy Bond about having a fun run out at their property off of highway 331.

Dave will head up the LDR committee and Lillie Preston stated she would help as long as she is not in charge of anything! She said just tell her what she needs to help with.

John Johnson asked Pete Preston if he had checked in updating the computer software for Carmen. Pete said he would check on it and see what we needed to update our software.

### New Business

John Johnson is looking into purchasing a sound system for the club to be used at our runs. He said he found one that is not very expensive and will work with the speakers we already have in the storage shed if we need them. He said it is a basic sound system with a box, 2 speakers, a wireless microphone and a tripod. John stated it would cost between \$500 to \$799, depending on how many speakers we buy and whether we go wireless or not. John stated the system was very portable and easy to set up and wants to buy the system ASAP so we will have it up and running at our future races. Jeff Vinzant motioned for John to go ahead and purchase this system and Howard Gill seconded the motion. All present voted and were in favor of John going ahead and purchasing this sound system. John said he thought the portable system would cost about \$532.00. Jim Larkins was just concerned about who is going to transport this stuff as we are already responsible for so much stuff to transport to the races and John said he would be responsible for the transport of the sound system.

Pete Preston wants to buy a reflector for the Chronotrac system as he feels with a reflector our timing system will pick up the timing chips better at the finish line. He has seen this reflector at other races and has been told it works great and thinks it would benefit our race timing better. Pete said the reflector will cost between \$200 and \$300 to purchase. A motion

was made by John Johnson to go ahead and purchase the reflector and Jeffrey Vinzant seconded the motion.

Barb Stever brought up a race that Matt at the Alabama Wildlife Center wanted to do on the 13th of June. It would be called the Lanark Firefly 5K. Matt wants to do it towards the evening and stated around 6:30 pm or so. It would be run at the trails at the Alabama Wildlife Federation in Millbrook. We decided we could do this race and would tell Matt to have it start about 6:30 pm. Barb would contact Matt and tell him we would do this race.

Beth Johnson stated she had picked up the Peach Run in Clanton again. Lori wants to do a 5K and a 10K but wants to stagger the start times. Pete Preston stated that he would rather she start the 5K and 10K at the same time as we could stagger them but he preferred not to do this. Someone will have to drive to Clanton and be responsible for this race as Pete stated he has done it a few times and Dave and Barb once or twice with him. We had decided not to do this race at one time as it is so far for us and not too many attended. We had dropped it a year ago. Beth said she would get with Lori for more details on the run.

Kevin Banning stated he and his wife will host a Fun Run at his house on Wednesday, April 22nd, starting at 6 pm. He said he would give out more details closer to the date of the run. He said " Maybe margaritas?!" Beth suggested we give him some money to host this as we have done so in the past for others.

Beth Johnson stated that the Rehab Assoc of Montgomery is partnering with RRCA and offering a running coach training course. It will be sometime in August and wanted to know if we would be a partner with them in this just for support. There are 35 seats available in the class and they will open the class to R3 members first. It is \$350 to be certified as a running coach. Holly and Beth will be attending for sure. It is a 2 day course on a weekend and they will feed you lunch. Beth will get back to us with more details as the date gets closer.

Pete Preston stated if everyone was in agreement he would go out and purchase a new laptop for the club as Carmen has been cutting out and losing power on occasion. Barb had taken the computer to Computer Renaissance and they told her it would cost more to fix it than to buy a new one. Beth told him to go ahead and purchase a new one with the clubs approval and spend up to \$500 for one. It was brought to a motion and Jeff Vinzant motioned to approve the new computer and David Flack seconded the motion. All were in favor of this decision.

#### **Motion to Adjourn at 7:35 pm**

Pete Preston motioned to adjourn the meeting and John Johnson seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.