

Macon Tracks Running Club General Membership Meeting

Minutes for January 21, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Kerry Oedel.

Board of Directors Present: Andrew Strickland, Steve Corkery, Jim Baldwin, F.M. Barron, Neel Dickey, Deborah Botkin

Board of Directors Absent: None

Officers Present: Kerry Oedel-President, Sam Martinez-Vice President, Kathy Stege-Secretary, Gwen Wilkes-Treasurer

Attendance: 73 people, including members and nonmembers

Refreshments: The club provided pizza, soft drinks, and beer.

New Business

Minutes: No minutes were available.

President's Report: Kerry Oedel introduced Brian Ross, Dr. Peed, & Dr. Onderko of Piedmont Sports Medicine, who have generously agreed to sponsor the new race series. She gave an overview of the latest club news, and details on progress made during the past year on various projects. 8 newsletters were provided to over 300 households. The website was overhauled; there were about 250,000 hits in 12-07 alone. On-line registration through Paypal has been arranged for <\$1 each. There was a 17% increase in Labor Day Race finishers, and 160 ran in the Iraq sister race. There were 3 socials: New Year's Day, Spring, and Fall. 40 attended the Christmas Eve morning run. The Sunday morning runs are increasing. The Tuesday track has increased to 23 last week. Membership has tripled to 138.

Elections: Kerry Oedel introduced the 6 new board members and held the elections for the four officers (names listed above). No nominations were offered from the floor, and there was no discussion. The officers were elected by acclamation. There were no nays.

Treasurer's Report: Finance committee member and vice-president, ~~Sam Martinez~~ Dave Oedel, standing in for Gwen Wilkes (who was present but did not want to speak in front of the group), gave the attached financial report.

\$10,111.21 current balance

The Labor Day Road Race finances were summarized and are attached.

The club is registered nonprofit. Excess funds will be donated to the community to support running associated with good causes, such as the Children's Industrial Home.

Comment [KS1]: Jim Baldwin 1-25-08 email

Comment [KS2]: K. Oedel email 1-24-08

Comment [KS3]: Kerri Oedel

Sam Martinez discussed the need for a dues increase. The dues pay for insurance, newsletters, website, socials, refreshments at group runs, and races. Dave Oedel motioned that the dues be changed effective immediately to \$15 student / \$20 individual / \$25 family. Andrew Strickland seconded the motion. After discussion, Kerry Oedel called for a vote. The motion carried by an overwhelming show of hands. Sam talked about increasing our revenue through newsletter advertising, and the progress that's been made on having MTRC apparel available to members. Macon Tent and Awning was thanked for donating a large club banner.

Membership Renewal: Kerry Oedel encouraged members to renew at the meeting or online.

Macon Tracks All Star Race Series: Kerry Oedel explained this series and handed out flyers. Participants get \$1 off entry for series races. There are 13 races in the series so far. Points can also be awarded for volunteer work with the club and races.

Club Promotion: F.M. Barron and Neel Dickey talked about our mission of promoting and encouraging running, especially to newcomers. FM has designed a flyer promoting the club. The club will have a table at races with membership applications, shirts, information flyers, and the banner. Members will be given club business cards to hand out to prospective members. If members wear club shirts at races and cheer each other on, others will be attracted to the club.

Challenge of the Miles 2007: Kerry Oedel stood in for Elizabeth Jones to hand out \$25 gift certificates to Run Fit that they donated for those who met their goal in 2007. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for 2008. Sign up sheets were available.

Run & See Georgia: Andrew Strickland handed out the Run & See Georgia awards that Melissa Cowart was so nice to pick up for us.

Labor Day Race 2008: Kerry Oedel made a plea for people to sign up as lead volunteers for the Labor Day Road Race, and handed out a tabulation of all the different tasks. Dave Oedel gave information about recruiting Labor Day sponsors. A table showing the recognition awarded per donation amount was agreed to be needed.

Club Marathon: Andrew Strickland and Deborah Botkin spoke about their idea to have a small summer night marathon.

Al Toll Race: [Deborah Botkin asked for volunteers to help with this race.](#)

Macon Triathlon: Mort Haddix stated that the Macon Triathlon would be run again this Memorial Day. It's been held since 1987 to benefit the Hephzibah Home, which is no longer involved. The distances will be pared down, there'll be more teams. Mort can help arrange swimmers for teams. A race director is being hired. The race will benefit the Georgia Industrial Children's Home. **A**

Comment [KS4]: D. Botkin email comment 1-25-08

~~representative of~~ [Marisa Welsh from](#) the Home spoke about their mission, and how donations were needed.

Adjournment: 7:40 pm

Kathy Stege, Secretary

Comment [KS5]: F.M. Barron email comment 1-25-08