

BARC MEETING 04-28-08

Present: David Cable, Leonard Block, Peg and Ed Deyo, Marlene Sanburg, Dan Dobberstein, Linda Flues, Ann Gasta, Ted Davenport, Greg Rankin, Gary Scott, Mallory McCracken.

The meeting opened up at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Gary gave the Treasurer's Report. He handed out the club's financial information spreadsheets for February and March. Gary noted that the club made a \$15,653 profit from the St. Pat's race. The club donated \$5,000 to the parade. We made a \$47,538 profit on the race and had \$31,885 in expenses, so we have approximately \$10,000 left. David made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Ted mentioned that, in approximately two weeks, we will have our bylaws back from Chuck Hewitt, the lawyer who is reviewing them. Ted noted that our bylaws are not the same thing as our policies. Our policies should adhere to the bylaws. Chuck is planning on coming to a club meeting to discuss the bylaws.

Ted also mentioned that any information for the newsletter should be sent to him and he will give it to Bridget.

Greg discussed some information about his Run by the Bay race. He said that he will be meeting with the park manager about the daily park permit fee that may or may not be charged to participants on the day of the race. He also mentioned that BJ's Pizza will be advertising at the race to promote their new business.

Linda mentioned that the club made a \$342 profit from the Rustic Rhodes race. The club also made a \$373 profit from the Reese Winter Road Race Series. The club donated \$357 to the Reese Scholarship Fund.

The 2008 St. Pat's Expo was discussed. There is one outstanding payment left. Ann will continue to work on receiving this payment.

A discussion followed about fees on the day of races. David suggested looking at the financial information history or the club-sponsored races and then make a decision about it at the next meeting. He suggested possibly lowering the cost of certain races, or making a special offer such as if someone participates in 6 of our races, they could participate in the 7th one for free.

Before donations from the 2008 St. Pat's race were decided, donations from the 2007 race were reviewed, which included: \$100 to the Essexville-Hampton Art Department, \$200 to the YMCA Invest in Youth program, \$400 to the Kolb School teachers, \$1,000 to the Bay County Treasurer for use of the Bay County Community Center, \$1,000 to the Red Cross, \$1,300 to the Chippewa Nature Center, \$100 to the Bay City firefighters, \$400 to REACT, \$200 to the Bay Area Community Foundation, \$1,000 to the Bay Arenac Career Center, and \$100 to a Book program.

Ted led the discussion on deciding donations from the 2008 St. Pat's race, which were: \$150 to Garber Powerlifting, \$500 to the YMCA Invest in Youth program, \$800 to the Kolb teachers with half being earmarked for the new computer lab and half being earmarked for the new track, \$1,000 to the Bay County Community Center which will be earmarked for something for the fitness room, \$1,500 to the Red Cross, \$500 to the Chippewa Nature Center, \$300 to the Bay City firefighters, \$600 to REACT, \$500 to the American Legion because they let us use their tent, \$1,000 to the Bay Area Community Foundation for the Rail Trail and for Wood Memorial Park, \$1,500 to the Bay Arenac Career Center, and \$500 to the renovation of the State Park Visitor Center. David made a motion to approve the above donations. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Marlene suggested that the club have a set of guidelines for the donations that it gives out.

Problems from this year's St. Pat's race were discussed. Gary noted that the first and third streets were too small. At one point, the 8K runners had to be diverted to the Rail Trail. It was suggested that the walkers should be started two minutes later, and if that occurs, to put it on the race form. Linda mentioned that the lanes on the road should be divided to make runners and walkers separate. Gary also mentioned that the finish line was too close to Washington Avenue. He suggested that the police should shut down Washington for next year. He also suggested that the finish line chute be made long and skinny, as was shown in a drawing he handed out. He also handed out other informational sheets with his suggestions on them. He suggested that the refreshments should be put in a circle and there should be a separate place for chip removals. He also suggested that the finish line should go from Jefferson to Washington. Gary mentioned that because there was a long line for the refreshments this year, some people didn't go to get them at all. There were 58 boxes of water alone leftover. Gary also suggested clippers for chip removal, more fencing to separate the areas, and more non-running volunteers to set up and take down the barricades. He also suggested a shorter expo time.

Greg mentioned that no credit cards are accepted for payment on the day of the race and this should be on the race form. Leonard suggested a cone divider for the runners and walkers. Linda suggested a combined start and finish.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Y in Bay City.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Mallory McCracken