

BARC MEETING: August 27, 2007

Present: Leonard Block (Director), Gary Scott, Ted Davenport (President), Mike Klosowski (Secretary), Mallory McCracken, Dan Deyo, David Cable (Director), Elliot Deyo, Mitch Miller, Greg Rankin (Vice President), Tony Tusinski, Bridget Looby (Treasurer), Ken Andrews, Ann Gasta (Vice President), Marty Schultz, and Linda Flues.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Mitch and Greg discussed the updates on the Rushford's Rustic Rhodes Race to be held Sunday, September 16th. With the recent passing of Tom Rushford, this race will be held in his honor. The course has been cleaned up and will be well marked in time for the race. The piper will likely be secured to start the race again this year. Greg will talk to Jacks Bicycle Shop about getting a bike for the giveaway, but the end result may be purchasing a bike from a local store to use for the giveaway. 235 medals have been purchased and 72 shirts will be ordered. Tom's widow and others are helping to take care of everything else in time for the race date.

Ken Andrews of Midland discussed ChiRunning. Ken is a certified instructor in ChiWalking and ChiRunning and holds classes to teach these methods. This technique is different and works a lot with body alignment among other things. Ken gave a few demonstrations and handed out some information.

Treasurers Report: Bridget has profit and loss statements made up. Currently a 3 month certificate of deposit has been opened as of July 20th with a 4% rate. \$20,000 was put into this CD. Also, almost \$4,000 is available that is currently in the checking account and prime daily shares.

Ted discussed some items about the Bay County Cross Country Championship meet to be held at Delta College on Thursday August 30th. At 6:30 p.m. there will be an open 5k race held for anyone for \$5.00. High school boys and girls along with junior high students from participating schools will be racing at earlier times. A time has not been determined for the awards ceremony. Many students will be leaving shortly after their race to attend varsity football games.

The topic of race insurance coverage was brought up. From the way it sounds, BARC needs to be a primary sponsor to have the race on the insurance. If a race is listed with RRCA, then the race is fine. Linda and Ted will go over more detail on this to make sure the races that need to be covered are and the ones that don't and/or shouldn't be covered are not.

Leonard brought up his proposal of his runner's appreciation race. His proposal of ideas is to have an existing race become the appreciation race. The ideas Leonard presented would be to have the race cost \$5.00 to the participants. Shirts are given to all registers and all finishers would get a medal. BARC would make up the cost difference from the regular registration fee and the \$5.00 charged. The race to be designated to be a runner's

appreciation race has yet to be determined. After everyone at the meeting discussed some ideas, Leonard said he would talk to John Metivia about getting one of the races he directs to be designated the appreciation race. At the next BARC meeting, Leonard will bring a written proposal to present on this matter.

Thoughts about the new Footprints newsletter were discussed. Everyone seems to like the new format and receiving it by e-mail has been very much welcomed. To get more existing BARC members to start receiving the electronic copy of the Footprints newsletter, on race forms there may be a section asking if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail and a spot to put their e-mail down so they can start receiving the newsletter that way.

The elections for members of the BARC board of directors are coming up in December. In the October Footprints newsletter there will be information on how to run for a position and the time and place of the annual December meeting. Ted mentioned that at the December meeting a ballot will be used for voting. Any club member age 18 or over can vote at the meeting. The bylaws state a nominating committee needs to be set up to get candidates for the election. Marty and Mallory agreed to be on the nominating committee. Ann said she would talk to Jack Luna about also being on the nominating committee. A motion was made to have Marty Schultz, Mallory McCracken, and pending his approval, Jack Luna, be appointed to the nominating committee. Motion carried.

St. Pat's update: Ann mentioned that the new director of the Red Cross was aware of our \$1,000 donation and said there will be 30 volunteers available for the race next year. Ann said she will have a sheet that will have lists of duties for the whole St. Pat's weekend so that everything will be covered with who will be doing what and when. The registration form for next year may have some color depending on prices. Many people at the race earlier this year mentioned how they would prefer the start and finish to be in the same or close to it location. Ann has discussed ideas with city officials about possible courses and what would need to be done if the course was changed. One of the big issues has to do with where to hold race day registration/packet pick up, and where to have parking if the race did change locations. The expo on Saturday had a very nice response and that will remain at the Community Center for next year.

Linda brought up if we should have someone trained in CPR at all races. A few members on the BARC board are certified and/or do know how to perform it. This will be looked into further. Also to be looked into will be having ambulances on standby if needed at races.

Mitch asked that a \$250 donation be made to the Craig Finkbeiner family due to some recent health issues he has gone through. A motion was made to make a \$250 donation to the Craig Finkbeiner family. Motion carried.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Y in Bay City.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Mike Klosowski, Secretary