

## **BARC MEETING: June 23, 2008**

Present: Mallory McCracken, Ed Deyo, Peg Deyo, Marlene Sundburg, Aja Deyo, Dan Deyo, John Metevia, Gary Scott (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Vice-President), Marty Schultz, Ted Davenport (President), Ann Gasta (Vice-President), Linda Flues (Director), Nancy Miller, Mitch Miller, David Cable (Director), Rick Houghtaling, Leonard Block, Jenny Neering from the Mid Michigan Wellness Foundation, and Cathy Washabaugh from the Bay Area Community Foundation.

Meeting opened at 7:03 p.m.

There was a motion by Greg to accept the last meeting's minutes. John seconded. Motion carried.

Ted commented that the attendance at summer races is up. Marty mentioned that he had 672 runners finish the Cheesetown Challenge races, which is a significant increase from last year.

Cathy made a presentation about the Bay Area Community Foundation and its projects. Currently, the foundation is working on putting sidewalks into place at area schools and is intending to purchase land to increase the length of the current Rail Trail. This land will go from Putz's Hardware to Crow Island, which is approximately 6.2 miles long. It will be in both Saginaw and Bay Counties. The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy committee is working on this project. They need to have an appraisal done to apply for a grant to purchase this land. The appraisal will cost approximately \$6500 but the appraiser is donating \$1000 so the end cost is \$5500. They are asking for a club donation. Donations should be earmarked to the Riverwalk Rail Trail Project Fund. A mile of trail can be purchased for \$30,000. Letters of support as well as ideas will be brought up at the next meeting.

Linda mentioned that shirt sales are going well. They are being sold for \$12.50, come in small, medium, large, and extra-large, and are blue. Linda has already sold 24 red shirts, 24 black shirts, and 39 blue shirts. She has 57 blue shirts left and any additional shirt orders will be placed by her if necessary.

Dan described a program that he heard about during his time in South Dakota. Free club membership was given to children ages 3 to 18. Membership forms were sent to every school district in the state. If children participated in the kids' races put on by the club, they were able to run for free and get a goodie bag if they were in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or younger. All other participants could run for \$5 and also get a shirt for an additional \$5. They had 200 kids participate in one race alone. Dan suggested that BARC should try to implement the same type of program. Other club members suggested that he contact the track coaches at the various schools as well as look at the race calendar to determine which races could have a kids' race added to them. More ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ted mentioned that he received a price quote from Priem for 10 right-arrow, 10 left-arrow, and 5 U-turn signs for our races. The signs will have "Bay Area Runner's Club" on the bottom and our club logo in the top corner. The quote was for \$25 per sign which totals \$620. David made a motion to purchase the signs. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Ted gave a short update on the club bylaw revisions. Chuck Hewitt was unable to be at the meeting but plans on coming at a later date.

Ted presented four goals that he thinks our club should have. They are: figuring out where we are in regards to our club purpose, the need to invest in ourselves as a club, deciding where we want to go as a club, and the need to work together. Discussion followed and it was decided that the club is fulfilling its purpose quite well. The ideas of better equipment and shirts for race directors and volunteers were brought up in regards to investing in ourselves as a club. Since we are fulfilling our purpose, it was decided that we are where we want to go as a club. Lastly, more trust needs to be put in fellow club members and fellow club members need to be a part of the race process as well. It was suggested that investment ideas should be brought to the next meeting.

The 2008 St. Pat's race was discussed. Ann will bring the 2009 volunteer list along with dates that the items need to be completed by and the number of people needed to the next meeting. It was suggested that the club needs to meet more often in the months leading up to the St. Pat's race. A St. Pat's sub-committee was also suggested. John, Linda, David, and Dan volunteered to proof the flyer for the 2009 St. Pat's race so that it can be sent to the printer in time for the Crim. It was noted that the form should include the fact that only cash or checks will be accepted as payment for the race.

Jenny made a brief presentation on the Mid Michigan Wellness Foundations' Get Fit program. She gave Ted a binder full of information and passed out a list of the Board of Directors for the foundation.

Rick asked Mitch, Peg, Ed, and Linda if they would all help again at the next Reese Winter Road Race Series. They all agreed.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Monday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Y in Bay City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by: Mallory McCracken