

BARC MEETING 05-21-07

Present: Ted Davenport, Mike Klosowski, Mallory McCracken, Leonard Block, Rick Houghtaling, Greg Rankin, Tom Rushford, Elliot Deyo, Gary Scott, Mitch Miller, David Cable, Ann Gasta, and Bridget Looby

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Ted mentioned that rumors will not be discussed during public portions of the meeting. If a topic needs to be discussed during a meeting that is of a rumor nature, it is required to be e-mailed, phoned in, or brought to Ted's attention to be put on the meeting agenda.

Ann and Bridget discussed more about the treasurer position. Bridget read the minutes from the last meeting and found out about the treasurer position and Gary Scott getting the interim position. Bridget was interested in the position and talked to Ann about it. Bridget is a member of BARC.

Gary Scott resigned as interim treasurer after hearing interest from Bridget on the position.

After a short introduction from Bridget about herself, her qualifications, and what she would bring to the club, a motion was made to suspend the bylaws and elect Bridget Looby as treasurer of the club. Motion carried.

BARC gives thanks to Gary for his time as interim treasurer.

Bridget discussed working on updating the tax status of the club and helping out race directors with categorizing income and expenses for races.

Ted mentioned that the Bay County Cross Country meet that is held in September was asking if the Bay Area Runner's Club was interested in taking over the meet. The club involvement isn't too much; just mainly help with registration, clock support, and the awards. BARC would not need to officiate at the meet. Approximately 35 runners compete from area schools and there may be an open 5k race as well. This meet would provide good public relations for BARC. This year the meet will be at Delta College. A motion was made for BARC to take over the meet. Motion carried.

Greg discussed the recent Run by the Bay. \$2,006 was taken in and expenses came to \$678.90 not including awards. Awards should be approximately \$700. 160 participants came out for the race. Greg further mentioned that Kim Coonan was interested in his race date and next year the Beach Wellness race and Run by the Bay will merge together. The race will still be a BARC race, or at least BARC assisted. Greg and Kim will negotiate issues on the merger at a further time.

Rick mentioned that he and Foster Findlay will keep the Reese Winter Road Race series going. The most recent series had an excellent turnout. Rick was curious because with

Linda Flues no longer on the BARC board who would help him with updating his flyer. Mitch said he has a template and would help with updating it. Rick mentioned how the scoring of the race goes since there seems to be confusion. The age group you are in for the first race of the series you compete in is the one you get scored by. In each age group, points go 5 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, 1 for 5th. A participant must do 3 out of the 4 in the series. Also, the 3 must be of the same distance (either 5k or 10k). The person with the highest score in the age group and distance gets a special award at the end of the series.

Mitch mentioned the increased cost to mail the Footprints newsletter due to the recent increase in postage rates. Proposed was the idea of offering to e-mail the newsletter to those who prefer this instead of receiving it in the mail. An option will be put on BARC membership forms to have the e-mail be sent with the newsletter instead of the paper copy.

Mitch did a follow up on the storage shed situation. The storage shed on Euclid Road in Bay City can be rented and has a 10 x 15 for \$69 a month and a 10 x 20 for \$79 a month. Shelves can be built and put in there, but no nailing anything to the walls. If the club rents a unit, a trailer can be used which will come in handy in the future, especially for races. A motion was made to rent the 10 x 20 as soon as possible when the current lease is up or close to up on the current storage shed. Motion carried.

Mentioned was the situation with donations. A motion was made to donate \$1,300 to Chippewa Nature Center, \$1,000 to Bay Community Center, and \$1,000 to the Red Cross Bay County Chapter. Motion carried. At the next meeting more donations can be discussed when a better treasurer's report is given.

Bridget talked about marketing our BARC donations better. We need to get the word out there to help create better goodwill for the club. Bridget will work on some ideas for doing this.

Rick mentioned about thinking of the average runner/walker and having a few lower entry fee races or more awards for everyone at a few races. A runners/walkers appreciation race was brought up. These suggestions will be further looked into.

Ted brought up the idea of possibly in the future mailing out the St. Pat's awards and doing away with the awards ceremony. Cost factors and the type of award to mail out were brought up. Ted asked Ann to look into this idea further.

Elliot mentioned the idea that if the awards ceremony does take place next year, Leonard should take it over again. Leonard didn't mind the idea as he has done it in the past. A motion was made to have Leonard take over the awards at St. Pat's. Motion carried.

Discussed was if Vicki Willard's Ken Willard Memorial River Trail Half Marathon was a BARC race or BARC assisted race. Her race flyer didn't have the BARC logo on it. Also questions were asked if it was on the insurance or not. This will all be researched further.

Rick asked about updating the waiver for his Reese races. It was mentioned that Reese Schools and the City of Reese needs to be on the waiver as excluded from any liability from the race.

Mitch mentioned he recently ordered some race bibs. He ordered 1,000 white ones and 500 yellow ones to be kept in the shed.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Monday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Y in Bay City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Mike Klosowski, Secretary