

BARC MEETING 11-27-06

Present: Linda Flues, Ann Gasta, Rick Houghtaling, Mitch Miller, Mike Klosowski, Bill Thompson, Peg and Elliot Deyo, Gary Scott, Tom Rushford, Ted Davenport, John Metevia, and David Cable

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Gene Meyer recently passed away. A condolence card has been sent out.

Rick Houghtaling gave updates on the Reese Winter Series. He mentioned the race for this coming Saturday has the volunteers set and should run smoothly.

Linda mentioned that the 2007 race schedule is almost completed. This will be submitted for insurance purposes.

Ted asked who has a list of all the present members of the BARC. Linda mentioned that she has the list. Ted requested this for insurance purposes; it is a new thing they are now looking for.

Ideas were brought up on how to attract new members to the club. The idea of making new flyers was mentioned and will be worked on. The flyers need to emphasize the benefits of being a member such as discounts off some races, receiving the Footprints newsletter by mail, and a discount off purchases at the Runners store.

An update on the supply of equipment was discussed. The supply of cones is still in good shape. More awards may be needed. Prices will be looked into for getting some new banners and signs.

Ted mentioned that race directors have the leeway in incidental situations to get what is needed if an unexpected expense comes up at the last minute. So far this has not been a problem and the directors have been reimbursed by the club efficiently.

It was mentioned that the RRCA logo should be on all BARC forms and all shirts. This shows that the club is insured.

Gary mentioned the possibility of the club donating money to the Chippewa Nature Trail in Midland. This will be discussed at future meetings as Gary will supply a donations form from the Chippewa Nature Center for the trail.

It was decided that a \$100 Meijer gift card will be put inside a get well card that will be given to Charlie Keene; he recently suffered a knee injury. A speedy recovery is in our thoughts.

The St. Pats race for 2007 will need more volunteers than usual. This is due to cuts from the city.

A motion was made to advertise the St. Pats race in the Michigan Runner. Advertising with Michigan Runner will give the club a full page color ad in the Jan-Feb issue, video footage on the Michigan Runner website, and two dvd's. The total cost is \$1,525 because of a deal Michigan Runner has right now. Bill Thompson from the Runners store will cover half the cost. The motion was carried.

Mitch mentioned he will be putting up a link to the Runners store on the BARC website along with links to minutes of recent meetings.

Ann is still working on the 2007 St. Pats race registration form. The sponsorships are still in the process of being worked out. The fitness expo will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17th. The registration for the St. Pats race on Sunday, March 18th will start at 9:00 a.m.; this is a change from the 9:45 a.m. start from last year. It still hasn't been decided what kind of shirt will be given out for the St. Pats race. John and Ann will get quotes to discuss at the December meeting. The 5k run and walk will start at the same time, at 11:40 a.m. The run and walk will start on separate streets respectively and will merge shortly after the start of the race. The 8k run will start at 12:00 noon. The age groups for awards will remain the same as last year. The timing chips will be in the envelopes when the race packet is picked up by the runners and walkers. REACT will be at the race again this year to help out.

The next BARC meeting, which is the annual business meeting, will be held on Saturday, December 16th at the Bay County Community Center after the Christmas run. The Christmas run starts at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Mike Klosowski