

## **BARC MEETING: November 26, 2007**

Present: David Cable (Director), Dan Dobberstein, Peg and Elliot Deyo, Greg Rankin (Vice President), Mitch Miller, Rick Houghtaling, Linda Flues, Gary Scott, Ted Davenport (President), Mallory McCracken, Ann Gasta (Vice President), Jack Luna, Mike Bacigalupo, Leonard Block (Director), Bridget Looby (Treasurer), Kim Coonan, Alex Kohn, Bill Thompson, and Marty Schultz.

The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. at the State Theater in Bay City.

Ted mentioned that he and David are working on rewriting the club's bylaws. The originals were written in 1991 and last revised in 1997, so they are very outdated and ambiguous. The new bylaws will mirror the bylaws of the RRCA and should be completed by January. They will be able to be reviewed by all members before they are approved. Ted had David mention what the definition of the first five Articles of the bylaws are. They are as follows:

- Article I: Purpose of the Club
- Article II: Membership Qualifications
- Article III: Meetings
- Article IV: Membership Voting/Elections
- Article V: Duties of the Board of Directors

Bridget presented her treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Greg made a motion for the minutes from the November 10th meeting to be accepted. David seconded. Motion carried.

Bridget mentioned that she will still be working on the club newsletter. She will try to have it sent out at the beginning of each month. She passed out samples of what she has been working on.

Mallory passed out copies of what the nomination ballots will look like for the December 15th Annual Business Meeting elections. Gary mentioned that, according to the current bylaws, nominations can be made at the business meeting if the majority allows it.

Ted brought up the idea of supporting the construction of an asphalt track around Kolb Elementary School. The track would go around the field. He was given a folder of information about the track and about potentially forming a Girls on the Run club in Bay City. He mentioned that Girls on the Run and the construction of the track are basically critical to each other. Without one, the other will not happen. The school would like a donation from BARC for the track. There are various donation amounts. Altogether, the track will cost approximately \$40,000 to construct. Discussion followed on whether or not BARC should ask for volunteers in exchange for a donation. Donations on an individual basis are welcomed, and BARC will make a decision on this issue at a later time.

Ted brought up a letter that he received from the parade committee. They are looking for a donation from BARC, in addition to what BARC already donates to local charities after the St. Pat's race. Discussion followed about what the best way would be to approach this situation. It was decided that a committee will be formed to meet with parade officials at a later date. Those who volunteered to be on the committee were: Mallory McCracken, David Cable, Ann Gasta, and Leonard Block.

Ted gave an update on our membership totals for RRCA. As of November 26, BARC has 145 members. Peg asked for more window stickers to give to new BARC members. Mitch will give her more. Jack asked for a copy of a list of the paid and honorary members of BARC so that he will know who has a vote at the December 15th business meeting.

Linda gave a report on the Rushford's Rustic Rhodes Memorial race. The race took in \$2124 and had \$1706.36 in expenses, which gives BARC a total profit of \$417.24.

It was discussed that Leonard will handle the awards for the St. Pat's race. Rick asked to be paid at the January Reese race as he will be gone for the last two races of the series. He also requested that a case of bananas be delivered to the February and March races. Mitch will take care of that. Jack asked if the club gets multiple quotes on shirts before they purchase. Ted said that ATS is hard to beat, but to talk to John Metevia for more information.

Mitch mentioned the idea of donating money to Chuck Keene and his family for Christmas. David made a motion to donate \$250 to Chuck Keene and his family for this purpose. Greg seconded. Motion carried. Linda will send it out.

There was discussion on the Expo on the Saturday before the St. Pat's race. Ann mentioned that the pasta dinner will take place at the Expo, and all proceeds will go into a scholarship fund for athletes. They must write an essay about why they deserve the scholarship. The money will go through Ann's foundation and she will pay for the food out of her own pocket.

There was a large discussion about the course for the 2008 St. Pat's race. Concerns were brought up, and Bridget made a motion to change the course to start and finish in downtown Bay City for the 2008 St. Pat's race. David seconded. Motion carried. There will be no further discussion on the course for the race.

Mike Bocigalupo talked about how his theater could be used for the St. Pat's race. He said that he can get 1,800 people in and out of his theater in approximately 1 ½ hours. For the race, Ann said that registration for the 5K walk would be in the balcony, the registration for the 8K run would be in the lobby, and the registration for the 5K run would be in the center stage/lower portion of the theater. Mike also mentioned that he could open up the theater on the Saturday before the race. He also said that the portajons are all set, and if the club wanted to set up heated tents outside the theater, it would cost

approximately \$900 to block 4th Street to 5th Street. The American Legion tent was brought up as a possibility that will be looked into further.

Ann mentioned that she is still working on online registration for St. Pat's. There will be a check box for current BARC members as well as a check box for those who are interested in joining BARC. The money for each will go into separate funds. She will talk more about this at the December meeting.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15th following the awards ceremony of the Christmas Race at the Bay County Community Center in Bay City. It will be the Annual Business Meeting for BARC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Mallory McCracken