

## **BARC MEETING: September 24, 2007**

Present: Dan Dobberstein, Mike Klosowski (Secretary), Mallory McCracken, Ann Gasta (Vice President), Peg and Elliot Deyo, Linda Flues, Greg Rankin (Vice President), Ted Davenport (President), Gary Scott, and Marty Schultz.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the June 25, 2007 and August 27, 2007 meetings. Motion carried.

Ted gave a thank you from the club to everyone that helped at the recent races such as the Tom Rushford Memorial Rustic Rhodes, Delta Invitational, and Labor Day Race.

Gary discussed the breakdown of income and expenses from the Labor Day Race. He passed around a detailed sheet that showed the final profit of the race was \$2,439.70. This was split giving \$1,220 to the Chippewa Nature Center in Midland and \$1,219.70 going to BARC. For the awards (plaques), old unused wood backs were used that were in the shed so that saved on cost. Some of the sponsors doubled their amount of donation. Fewer shirts were ordered this year which worked out good. There were 238 participants in the race. The Chippewa Nature Center hasn't gotten their check yet, but Gary will be talking with Bridget Looby to make sure that gets taken care of. Gary remeasured the course due to some concerns from some participants and his remeasuring was accurate.

Linda mentioned that the Tom Rushford Memorial Rustic Rhodes Race made roughly \$500. An income/expense report will be made up in time for the next meeting.

St. Pat's update: Ann mentioned that letters have gone out to sponsors already. The expo again will be at the Community Center in Bay City. TV25 has again committed to some coverage. A sample registration form was shown as an idea of how the new race registration form can look like. The sample registration form was passed around so ideas could be discussed. 40 letters will be going out to possible vendors for the expo. Marty mentioned he would like a table for his Cheesetown Challenge race in Pinconning. The Championship Chips for the races on Sunday will be available to be picked up at the expo on Saturday. The changing of the race course is still being worked on. The State Theatre in Bay City will be where race day late registration will be held. The late registration time cutoff will be listed as 10 to 20 minutes earlier than last year on the registration form. A volunteer station list was passed around that Ann made up. It will be filled in as people are assigned for certain duties for St. Pat's weekend. There will be no awards ceremony, but the awards can be picked up at 1:30. Gault Race Management will charge \$2.85 per participant plus \$.25 per participant that pre registers for input. Gault may use a higher fee as this was the fee from the past. A motion was made to use Gault Race Management for the scoring. Motion carried. The race times will be kept the same as last year. A motion was made to keep the entry fees the same as last year. Motion carried. On the day of the races, at some point the lines for registration may be split into a 5k line and 8k line. Parking issues for downtown were discussed and there is plenty of parking available. A

parking map may be made up to be available at the expo for people to know where parking is available on race day. Ann will check with city officials on some parking lots. Ann mentioned that someone needs to talk to Leonard Block about the awards. Ted and Ann will call Leonard and ask him to bring a sample design to present at the next meeting. 30 volunteers from the Red Cross have been confirmed. At the finish line, we will be trying to eliminate cups. Hopefully bottled water and bottled Powerade from donations can be used. Cups will be used only on the course at aid stations. Ted mentioned that he will look into prices of fold up tables that can be used, especially for St. Pat's to eliminate the need to borrow.

Mentioned was that new this year, anyone that finishes all three BARC winter road races (Christmas run, Freeze your fanny, and Spirit of Winter) will receive a special design medal.

Peg mentioned that races that are BARC assisted need to pay the \$25.00 fee for using our insurance.

Greg mentioned that he will be putting on Run by the Bay next year on Saturday, May 17th.

Linda mentioned that any race that is under our insurance needs to get in touch with her to let her know the day of the race for insurance purposes. Linda would like this information by Monday, October 8th.

Gary talked about an idea that is the opposite of what Leonard Block has been recently proposing. Gary's idea is that the runner's and walker's need to appreciate BARC. Without BARC, many avenues to race at would not be available. Gary did mention the club needs to continue to attract more members. More races need to offer discounts to BARC members that pre register. The membership form needs to be changed to show what the benefits are to being a BARC member. A motion was made to rearrange and change the BARC membership form. Motion carried.

The next BARC meeting will be held on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Y in Bay City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Mike Klosowski, Secretary