

River Region Runners (R3)
October 16, 2008

The R3 held our regular meeting at the Ala Thai (East) Restaurant in Montgomery, Alabama. Pete Preston, President, opened the meeting.

The following officers were present:

Pete Preston – President Ron Macksoud – Vice President
Barb Gill – Treasurer Patti Preston and Dave Stever – Co-Secretaries

Attendees:

Pete & Patti Preston	Dave & Barb Stever	Barb Gill
Jim Larkins	Jeffrey Vinzant	Gene Smith (New member!!)
Jerry & Pat Fossum	Kym & Jenna Klass	Chris Stever
West Marcus	Ron Macksoud	Sabrina Lee
Terry Dunbar		

At the very beginning of the meeting, we presented a special trophy to Tom Visco for his outstanding display of sportsmanship at a regional run. He stopped to assist a fellow runner even though he was under no obligation to help. When asked if he hesitated to stop and help, he replied, "No, not even for a second." Now that's sportsmanship!

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the September meeting were accepted.

Financial Report:

Opening Balance (1 Sep 08)	\$ 5,572.13
Deposits	3,233.00
Payments	<u>3,750.28</u>
Ending Balance (30 Sep 08)	\$ 5,054.85

The financial report was accepted as submitted.

Old Business

Barb Stever has made tentative arrangements with Noble's (downtown Montgomery) for our Christmas party on 18 Dec 08. Ron Macksoud stated he would like to use another location (Cool Beans) if possible since we have had our party at Noble's on various occasions. He will be responsible for checking on availability, price, and other arrangements as necessary.

(OPEN)

We still haven't been paid for our participation in the run in Tuskegee. We are following up and have filed the appropriate papers in court. **(OPEN)**

We still need input on a new club logo. Make it fun and exciting. **(OPEN)**

Newsletter:

PLEASE submit articles, photos, and race results to Kym Klass for the newsletter. It will only be as good as you help make it. Kym is a professional (as evidenced by the last newsletter – it was great!), but she cannot be everywhere, at every race. So, help out!

Website:

Likewise, Jeffrey Vinzant, Webmaster, wants the race results. The sooner you send them in the better it will be. We can only be as current as you help us to be.

Future Races:

Use the website to find out about upcoming events. The next club run is 11/22/08, which is the Turkey Burner on the weekend before Thanksgiving. This gives runners the opportunity to run prior to leaving the area on vacation.

New Business:

Ron Macksoud, in his duties as the RRCA state chairman, asked for nominations for races that could be state or regional championships. He stated he doesn't like to repeat races two years in a row and is looking for more input from the running community. **(OPEN)**

Pat Fossum recently completed the Santa Rosa Triathlon and was a part of over 750 people in that competition.

Pete Preston completed the Destin Crab Trap Triathlon in Destin, Florida. His first (but I'm sure it won't be his last)!!!

Barb Gill mentioned a run on Maxwell on Tuesdays at 0500 and Thursdays at 0515. On Tuesday's run is on the perimeter and then by the river. It's a 5-mile route. On Thursday, it's shorter (4 miles). She also mentioned that there is still a group that meets on Saturday morning, 7:00 am, at the Shakespeare Park with varying running paces. The events are open to all runners.

It was suggested that we have a "Halloweenie" run on October 30 for all of us overage children. West Marcus volunteered to have it at his house. Dress up in your favorite costume and enjoy a mild, 5-Kish run through the neighborhood. Remember: Don't scare the children!!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is November 20, 2008 at a place that will be determined at a later time.