

**River Region Runners (R3) Meeting
April 15, 2010**

The R3 held our meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. Pete Preston, President, opened the meeting.

The following officers were present:

Pete Preston – President
John Porter – Co-secretary

Attendees:

Pete & Patti Preston Mary Belle Scott
John Porter Jeffrey Vinzant
Jerry Beckman West Marcus
Mike Hill Ron Macksoud
Howard Gill
Irene Tyner

President Pete Preston called the meeting to order at 6:40.

Financial Report

Opening Balance (1 Mar 10)	\$7,219.01
Deposits	1,439.00
Payments	<u>144.75</u>
Ending Balance (31 Mar 10)	\$ 8,513.26

Howard Gill distributed the financial report and President Pete Preston reported that the club was financially sound.

Future Races:

President Pete Preston reported on the upcoming races. Although the Walk of Life is not a club race, many R3 members will be helping individually. On May 8th we will be handling the Pancake Run. West Marcus moved to make a point of order regarding Laurie Martin of Greenville Academy who wanted to use our clock on Wednesday for a school function supporting the library. West volunteered to help and stated that we have always charged \$100. There was discussion over whether to lower or raise the price, but Jeffrey Vinzant moved to charge \$100, Ron Macksoud seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Preston stated that we need folks to help with Jubilee signup. Wednesday and Thursday we will have prerace signup at the Alley Bar, and Friday we will be in Old Alabama Town. Preston needs help with tabulation. We have not gotten the flyer out yet, but the entry form is on our website. West Marcus will be the course director. We will not be having overall awards. There was discussion over whether to have club awards, including whether to have a prediction competition among club members. It was agreed that such a plan would present too many problems for tabulation and that we might have another prediction run this summer. It was decided to have \$150 awards for overall male and female, \$100 awards for masters male and female and grandmasters male and female, and Marcus stated that he will give out an "Older Than Dirt" award. Marcus will go ahead and mark the course and practice runs will begin at 7:30 on Sundays.

Old Business

Preston announced that we will be establishing a search committee for new club officers, which will include Jim Larkins, Jerry Beckman, West Marcus, and Patti Preston. Alesa Ryals has stated that she would like to step down as membership chair. Patti Preston volunteered to take over. The new membership period begins May 31st. Jeffrey Vinzant moved that we accept Patti as membership chair, West Marcus seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion was held over whether to increase our membership fees. Irene Tyner moved that we raise single memberships to \$15 and family memberships to \$20, Beckman seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Vinzant stated that we need to look to the future about the timing of handling our important issues, including Jubilee, officer changes, and membership. Since all of these issues arise in May, we might want to think about spreading them out throughout the year.

The Club Apparel Committee met earlier tonight. Ron Macksoud announced that they were considering R3 shortsleeve polo shirts and short sleeve tech shirts, grey or white, possibly putting the website and counties we cover on the back, depending on the price. West Marcus mentioned possibly having a singlet. We will put something on the website to find out people's interest in these items and shirt sizes. Macksoud has located a few companies, including AKD in Prattville.

Jerry Beckman, representing the Chip Timing Committee, passed around material from another company, IPOCO, which had the same price range as the company he discussed at the previous meeting. It was agreed that the committee needs to hold a meeting to compare products.

Mary Belle Scott reminded everyone about the dinner at Carrabbas this coming Wednesday for Carmen Sowers who is leaving for Iraq.

Ron Macksoud reported that he will be in Lakeland, Florida for the RRCA meeting for most of next week.

Meeting Minutes:

Jeffrey Vinzant moved that we approve the minutes from last month's meeting. West Marcus seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Newsletter:

PLEASE submit articles, photos, and race results to Kym Klass for the newsletter (kymklass@gmail.com).

Website:

Remember to submit the race results and photos to our Webmaster Wizard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Cucos.