

***River Region Runners (R3) Meeting
November 20, 2014***

The July R3 meeting was held at Ranchito Morin Mexican Restaurant in Wetumpka, AL. Vice President Beth Johnson opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

The following officers were present:

Beth Johnson, Vice President
Kevin Banning, Treasurer
Janet Arant, Co-Secretary

Attendees:

Beth & John Johnson	Jeffrey Vinzant, Ann Vinzant & Zac Cosby	Howard Gill
Kevin Banning	Kathy & Kim Bond	Jenny Smith
Janet & Marty Arant	Kathi & Malcolm Byrd	Jennifer Wilson
Jim Larkins	Pete & Patti Preston	Chris Green
Barb & Chris Stever		

Meeting Minutes

Janet Arant passed around copies of the minutes from the September meeting for review. There were no additions, deletions, or corrections. Barb Stever motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Kathy Bond seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Kevin Banning passed around a copy of the current financial report. The total income from 10/17/2014 to 11/20/2014 was \$1,235.00 from sponsorship, race income and membership. Expenses for equipment, races, party and the PO Box came to a total of \$1,217.43. The only outstanding item is from the Harvest 5K (Glynwood) on November 15th, 2014. The cost of candles and decorations for the upcoming Christmas party will be reported at the party on the 11th. Jenny Smith motioned to approve the financial report, John Johnson seconded the motion, and the financial report was approved.

Beginning Balance:	\$11,354.20
Income:	1,235.00
Expenses:	<u>1,552.19</u>
Ending Balance:	\$11,037.01

Future Races

Jim Larkins passed around and reviewed the upcoming race schedule. The Jingle Bells Run for Arthritis will be on December 6th. All are encouraged to sign up for the R3 team.

Old Business:

Christmas Party (OPEN) The Christmas party will take place on December 11th at Lagoon Park Pete Peterson Lodge, 2635 Gunter Park Drive East, Montgomery, AL 36109. It will be catered by Smokehouse BBQ with choices such as barbecued pork, ribs, etc. The caterer will provide everything, we are only required to set up the tables and provide table coverings, all other decorations we would like to have, and ice. The cost is \$12.95 per person but the club is picking up part of the cost so there will be only a \$10 charge per person. Anyone can bring their own

alcoholic beverages as long as they remain inside of the lodge or outside on the concrete patio area. We have access to the lodge between 3:00 PM and 9:00 PM, and the food will be there at around 6:30 PM with the party beginning at 7:00 PM. After some discussion Barb volunteered to look into the possibility of extending the time beyond 9:00 PM. There is an extra charge of \$50 per hour. Barb will also tell the caterers to bring the food at 6:00 pm. Please contact Barb to volunteer to help set up and break down the facility before and after the event.

Update – November Meeting: Barb Stever reported that her contact at Pete Peterson's Lodge said that the facility will already be decorated and asks for volunteers to bring items that are still needed. Volunteers are as follows: Pete Preston - ice; Kathy Bond -10 poinsettias; Martin Arant - wood; table runners - Beth Johnson. Tea and water are supplied by the lodge.

Chip Timing (OPEN)

Dr. Michael Gross is hosting an all High School Invitational on Oct 23, 2014 at 2:30-3:00 and asked if the club would be interested in doing the chip timing. It will be a 5k with two waves, men and women. John Johnson, Pete Preston, and Jeffrey Vinzant will be helping with this event.

Sound Equipment (OPEN)

John Johnson looked into pricing for the possible purchase of new sound equipment for our larger races, such as the Labor Day Run. He located a Yamaha mixer that has two 300 Watt output channels for \$500 brand new. He found similar equipment that was less expensive but pointed out that it may not last as long. John also looked at two PA speakers with tall stands (up to 8 feet) at good prices. A discussion took place regarding speaker requirements. The total cost for new speakers, mixers and stands would be approximately \$1,000. John stated that he already has the amplifier and will also look at the current equipment in the shed to swap out.

Update – November meeting: John reviewed the current situation with possible sound equipment purchases.

Charitable Committee (OPEN)

Irene Tyner and Kevin Banning are co-chairs of the Charitable Committee. Irene asked for new committee members to determine how much money to donate and to which charitable organizations. West Marcus and Jeffrey Vinzant volunteered to be on the committee, which will meet at Irene's house sometime in November.

Update – November meeting: Pete Preston asked about the amount of money that will be donated to charitable organizations stating that in the past we have donated to local humane societies and to various other charitable organizations in the communities. Pete estimated end of year expenses for the shed rental, RRCA memberships, supplies and PO box rental, to total approximately \$5,000, This would leave approximately \$6,000 in the account that could be used for charitable donations. Jeffrey Vincent stated that this amount should be sufficient and motioned to approve the financial report including the designation of \$6,000 for end of year charitable contributions. Kevin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jingle Bell Run (OPEN)

Irene Tyner created a team for R3 members who want to participate in the Jingle Bell Run on December 6th. Registration is \$35 for chip times and \$30 without the chip. Last year we raised

over \$1,000 so were able to have a tent, and every \$1,000 raised sends one child to camp. We need lots of people to register, and be sure to register through the R3 team on the website. Dave pointed out that this will be Lisa Hemphill's last year in charge of the Jingle Bells Run.

New Business:

R3 Labor Day Run

Beth Johnson announced that there is a new name designation for Roadrunner Club of America, (RRCA). Barb Stever stated that the RRCA Labor Day Run will be RRCA sanctioned under Regional and State. Pete Preston stated that Debbie Stonaker from Sport Clips is the first sponsor for the upcoming Labor Day Run.

Equipment Issues

Beth Johnson asked about issues with race equipment not performing properly. Pete Preston discussed Go Pro computer application that is not too expensive and can be set up in the computer to reconstruct a finish line when the computer fails. Pete further explained that a person would need to invest time to install and test the system. Although we are not a timing company that is one way to raise revenue if someone could dedicate time and effort to doing it behind the scenes in order to make it work on race day. Jeffrey Vinzant pointed out that some race companies do timing for a living; however, R3 is all voluntary.

Brantwood Children's Home Race

Brantwood Children's Home would like R3 to do a race but they have proposed the same day as another run done by Montgomery Multisport which would draw away from the Brantwood race. Jim Larkins suggested the possibility of Brantwood choosing a date in March which is wide open.

Fleet Feet

Beth Johnson announced that Avery Ainsworth at Fleet Feet would like to help us out as much as possible, and that people contact him about timing races. Brantwood Children's Home is one of the organizations that contacted him. John Johnson stated that if Avery can get tentative dates first we could then see if those dates would fit into our schedule. Barb Stever added that only two people can operate the computer and that people volunteer to learn but never show up to learn. John is working on learning the computer and Jenny Smith has also volunteered to learn. Barb states that she knows how to do computer input but not race results. Jenny and Pete will make arrangements to meet and go over the key components involved which takes time and commitment. John pointed out that it takes at least three races to learn the computer aspect.

Upcoming Races

There was group discussion about upcoming races. Jim Larkins pointed out that there were twenty plus races with less than 100 finishers. These races are a waste of time considering that the same key volunteers conduct all of the races. More volunteers must know how to operate the computer and equipment for races. Beth Johnson asked the group about the idea of having one more R3 race in addition to the Labor Day Run while bypassing some of the smaller runs. Kathy Bond pointed out that we don't know in advance how big the race turnout will be, adding that the Veterans Day run was great and had sponsors galore. So, if we build a reputation the race may

grow. Barb Stever pointed out that Peggy McLendon's July 4th race did not take place last year because Peggy could not get support from the golf course. John suggested that we set the standard for taking on races with less than 100 finishers. Jeffrey Vinzant suggested dropping some of the races and limiting the number of timings per month unless we want become a timing company to reduce some of the burden on the key volunteers. Jeffrey does three races per year but still wants to get out and run. Jeffrey suggests getting younger people involved in the club rather than taking on more runs. There was future discussion about other runs in the area that are operated by other organizations. Beth suggested growing the club in other ways, for example promoting Thursday night runs and pulling in younger runners from Fleet Feet. Jim Larkins stated that he is ready to let go of equipment responsibilities. Jenny Smith pointed out that other clubs log running miles for members. Jeffrey pointed out that due to privacy issues some runners may not want others to know how many miles they run. Beth stated that Avery has identified great opportunities for R3 membership. Beth states that she will meet with Jeff McIntyre, the new president of Team MMS who has reached out to collaborate with R3.

Newsletter

Johnny Johnson requested that members send him articles for the online newsletter.

New Officers

Jeffrey Vinzant sent personal e-mails to all new officers and will change by the end of the year. Emails received from "rrr@gmail" indicates that the e-mail is from Jeffrey. The new officers are:

- President – Beth Johnson
- Vice President - Jenny Smith
- Treasurer - Kevin Banning
- Co - Secretary - Barb Stever
- Co - Secretary - Jennifer Wilson

Motion to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

John Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Bond seconded, and the motion passed.