

RIVER REGION RUNNERS MEETING

August 18, 2016

The R3 meeting was held at Cuco's Mexican Restaurant in Montgomery. Treasurer Irene Tyner conducted the meeting for our President Beth Johnson at 6:30 pm.

The following officers were present:

Irene Tyner, Treasurer

Barb Stever, Secretary

Attendees

Lillie Preston

Pete Preston

Jim Larkins

Dave Stever

Barb Stever

Chris Stever

Christina Flack

David Flack

Kathy Bond

Kim Bond

Irene Tyner

Ron Macksoud

Sabrina Macksoud

Julie Debardelaben

Donald Heude

Walter White

Meeting Minutes

Barb Stever passed around a copy of the July minutes for review. There was one discrepancy noted as Jim Larkins said the wrong date was typed in for the Moonlite Dash. It is on the 27th of August, not the 20th. The change was so noted and the minutes were passed, with Kathy Bond making the motion and seconded by Ron Macksoud.

Financial Report

Irene Tyner passed around a copy of the financial report. She stated we had income coming in from the ARGO registrations and we finally got paid for the Peach Run. We had some expenses from ordering b-tags for our ARGO bibs and paid Alabama Printers for the registration forms for our run.

Ron Macksoud asked her if she had paid Graphic Designs for the work they did on the t-shirts and if not to please do so. Irene said she would check on it and get it done.

A motion was passed to accept the financial report and Pete Preston made the first motion with it being seconded by Christina Flack.

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$8,230.77
Income	774.00
Expenses	458.84
Ending Balance	<hr/> \$8,545.93

Race Director

Jim Larkins passed out a copy of the current race schedule. He said we have 2 races in September, our ARGO 8K run on the 3rd of Sept, and the Family Guidance Center of Ala Run on the 10th. He said the Moonlight Dash had been changed from the 20th of Aug to the 27th, but didn't remember getting a notice they had wanted to change dates. We have 5 races left after that, with the Jingle Bell run the last one on December 3rd.

Pete Preston said he may take our clock to Luverne for them to borrow for the Peanut Festival. He's not sure yet if they want it or not. The Peanut Festival is on the 27th of Sept and he said he volunteered to take it to them if they decide to use it.

Old Business

David Flack is still wanting to do a fun run at Lagoon Park. He wants us to figure out a date that he can work with and make plans to do one. He said he will provide the hot dogs and buns if we have the run. He asked if we would be interested in doing one around Veterans Day, the 11th of November. He stated maybe on the 12th of November and making it a club fun run.

New Business

Irene Tyner stated that our President Beth Johnson had asked us to make a decision regarding what to do with our equipment and what races we were still going to do after the first of the year because we have some bowing out of the race business. She has asked we come up with a date in Sept sometime for the committee members and past Presidents to meet to discuss this as we need to let the people know what races we will be still responsible for after the first of the year.

David Flack asked that we post the date of our meeting on our website to let others know what is going on with our club.

Christine asked if she could give her race number to the ARGO 8K to someone else that is running the race as she won't be able to attend. Pete told her that would be no problem and we would just change it in the registration.

Guest Speaker

We had a guest speaker, Dr. Walter White, from the Family Guidance Center, come and speak to us at our meeting. We will be doing his race, the Family Guidance Center of Ala Run on the 10th of Sept. He brought us some entry forms for his race to hand out and we took quite a few to distribute around the town. He said we can register online for the 5K & 10K runs or send in a registration to the address on the form. He said he was going to promise us great weather! Walter said a lot of the merchants at EastChase has given him lots of support on giving him freebies to hand out and a lot of discount cards. He said there will be free food for all and

many, many great prizes. Walter stated the most sought after prize will be an I Pod mini!

Walter also stated this is the 28th year for the Family of the Year Award and anyone wanting to nominate a family for this year has until the 15th of Sept to do so. You can send in the nomination to the Family Guidance Center or call them to give them the info. He said they honored over 135 families last November all through central and south Alabama. Their purpose is to strengthen and support families in need of assistance with odds that seem against them. He stated this will be the 8th year for R3 to do his run and he is really grateful for all the support and patience we have given him! Walter said the run is always well done and put together nicely and that is a big help to him, making his job with the race easier. He stated he wants to volunteer to help for our race in Sept if his wife is going to be here!

Pete Preston stated that the Family Guidance Center race was a pure joy to work for and he has had the AUM basketball team out to help support Walter's race on occasions!

ARGO 8K/2 Mile info

Dave Stever did a report on what we had gotten done so far in getting our race going and set up. He stated we got the bibs for the run, but they put the wrong info on the bibs and Barb Stever asked that they be redone as the bib had LDR run on it instead of the ARGO 8K. Andy from RRCA told her they would change the bibs and get them back to her before the 27th of Aug. Their mistake, not ours, he said. We are using Run Sign Up instead of Active, com this year and Pete said it was a lot easier and he could find things better than he could on Active.

Dave asked that those coming out to help that were in the club to please bring 1 or 2 coolers with ice in them to ice down the water bottles so the water would be nice and cold when the runners came back. Ron has made arrangements for the water with Fresh Market as they are going to give us quite a few cases. Dave will pick them up the Friday before our race.

So far on the volunteer list we have Kevin Banning getting the hot dogs and buns, Eugenia Pyrluk said she would come early and help with cutting fruit, etc, and Dave and Barb will bring the grill, get a case of bananas and oranges, trays for the hot dogs, condiments and the snacks from Costco. Kim and Kathy Bond said they would be there early to do whatever needs to be done.

Dave and Pete have contacted the First Sgts Academy to see if they want to help us and/or run. Also they have contacted the Air War College and OTS to see if they can pull a few people from their squadrons to either help out or run. Pete said that Kyle Robinette has been checking on this for us already as he is on the base. Dave said they had to do a community service while they are in school and this would qualify as one and would be a great cause also. Dave said to talk up our race to friends and co-workers to get them to come out and make sure we tell them that we do

this race to raise money to donate to the many charities we give to throughout the year. Dave stated so far we have donated over \$15, 000 to the charities we give to.

Avery is going to let us use his business, Fleet Feet, for our package pickup on the 2nd of Sept. Ron said it would be from 4 pm until 6:30 pm. Ron said we need to have everything ready to go when we enter Fleet Feet so we are not in the way of Avery's business. That way we can hand out the packets right when people walk in and won't have anyone waiting. Barb is going to have Patti and some others come to her house on the 2nd in the morning and they will put the packets together so there will be no waiting at the store.

Ron said since our caps were 'borrowed' last year at the race, there will be no caps this year! He has collected lots of prizes to be given out this year already; 4 \$50 cards from Fleet Feet, 20 \$50 certificates from Cucos, 2 \$50 gift cards from Blackfinn. He stated we have RRCA medals to give out for overall winners of the run and Alex Morrow of RRCA will be there to give out 2 championship awards. The prizes will go to the age group winners and there will be no drawings this year because some complained last year we were taking up too much time in the prizes. There will be gift cards for the 2 mile also, and all cards will be between \$25 and \$35. Pete has been on WAKA twice to promote our run and he and Dave will be on WSFA on the 23rd of Aug.

Ron said he has our t-shirts and has pulled about a dozen already to hand out to the sponsors that wanted a shirt. He will give these to Dave and also give him the handouts that will go in the goodie bags as soon as he gets all of them.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm

Kathy Bond motioned to adjourn the meeting and Pete Preston seconded, and the motion was passed with a voice vote to adjourn.