

# MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

August 15, 2015

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The annual membership meeting was officially called to order by President Rosemary Barna at 12:50 pm at 310 Lakeside Restaurant in downtown Orlando. The meeting followed a traditional walk through picturesque Colonial Town and a delicious brunch/luncheon at the restaurant. Rosemary welcomed the thirty members who attended the luncheon and thanked them for their participation and continued support of the Mid-Florida Milers.

## MINUTES

Minutes from the August 16, 2014 General Meeting and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration were distributed at the luncheon for members' review and were approved and accepted as written.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Predham presented the annual financial report.

The assets balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$9,674.46 with a net income for the year of -\$476.16.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sharon Axelrod, temporary Membership Coordinator, presented an update on the MFM membership. As of 8/15/2015, for the 7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016 fiscal year, the Mid-Florida Milers have 52 memberships (individuals, couples, or families), with a total individual membership of 81 members. This is down from 6/30/2015 year end total individual membership of 128 members.

*Note: By the end of the meeting MFM had 5 more memberships (total 57) which included 7 more individual members (total 88).*

## OPEN POSITIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Sharon Axelrod announced outgoing MFM Vice President, Pete Fournier, had volunteered to fill the open position for Membership Coordinator.
- Sharon then spoke about the volunteer opportunities at our once a month traditional walks for Registration Table, Checkpoint, and Finish Table. Since the same members continuously volunteer for these positions, Sharon asked other members to support the club and volunteer even just once or twice a year.
- The club then recognized and thanked those who had volunteered during the past year: Gail Brooks, Betty Brown, John Hunter, Marcia and Mike Kepper, Joan Lanpher, Laurie McKee, Cathy Metherell, Bill Paugh, Dave Piatt, Brenda Powers, Mary and Scott Ross, Jenny Thomas and Jackie Walchuck.
- Mike Lanpher explained the open position for Publicity Coordinator and the necessity to have a volunteer fill this position.
- Mike directed everyone's attention to the complete list of club Volunteer Opportunities which he had included in the meeting handout.
- He also mentioned President Rosemary Barna was currently handling all the postings to the MFM Facebook page and a volunteer to take over that task would be much appreciated.
- Rosemary Barna spoke to the club's need to have one or two more individuals as certified trailmasters and asked members to think about learning this position.

## TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

- Trailmaster Mike Lanpher addressed the upcoming Walk Around Florida (WAF) scheduled for October 23-24, encouraging members to make their hotel arrangements and to submit the WAF Registration and Waiver Form.
- Other upcoming events include September 5 Winter Park YRE, September 19 in Davenport, October 3 Orlando Lakes YRE and October 17 in Belle Isle.
- The Happy Wanderers are sponsoring a "sunset / moon rise" evening event on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in New Smyrna Beach.
- Year Round Event route changes are being worked on for Winter Park and Celebration #2. They will be walked as Traditional events at the end of 2015 and then sanctioned as YRE as of 2016.
- Mike encouraged everyone to walk the Lake Buena Vista YRE to see all the changes and progress Disney has made in its process of changing Downtown Disney to what will be known as Disney Springs.
- Mid-Florida Milers are planning a night walk (Xmas walk) in December at Sweetwater Oaks.
- MFM needs suggestions for 2016 walks. There is a form included with the meeting handout for members to complete with suggestions and recommendations, to be returned to Sharon Axelrod.

Jan Van Vlack, a member who has walked all over the country, thanked Trailmaster Mike Lanpher for providing excellent directions for all the MFM events. Jan said it is easy to get lost on many walks she has done because of the poor directions. However Mike's instructions are clear and easy to understand. All members agreed.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Upcoming Walking Opportunity:

- MFM member Neil Paulson was introduced and spoke to the club about the Orlando Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K to be held November 15<sup>th</sup> at Baldwin Park. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual run/walk sponsored by HelpTheVets.Org and the City of Orlando Families Park and Recreation Dept. Neil is the Race Director and said they are expecting 800-1000 participants.
- The website for information is [www.OMarathon.com](http://www.OMarathon.com).
- Entry fee for the Half Marathon if registered prior to 10/31 is \$40. Neil offered MFM members a discount of \$10 if members mailed in the signed waiver form with their fee of \$30 prior to 10/31. (Mail in only; on-line submissions cannot be considered for the discount).
- Rosemary Barna said MFM had been thinking about sponsoring a Half Marathon walk and this would be the perfect opportunity since there is a 7 ½ hour window for walkers.
- Mike Lanpher explained this would be two separate events for Mid-Florida Milers members who want to get AVA credit for the event. They would have to register at the event with Neil and also register at the MFM registration table.

YRE Mall Walk:

- Rosemary addressed the possibility of sanctioning a YRE at one of the Orlando area malls to be available as a seasonal walk for those hot summer days and those rainy summer afternoons.
- A vote was taken and a Seasonal Mall YRE was unanimously approved. The Board of Directors will decide where and determine details.

WAF in Gainesville:

- Rosemary reviewed the events to be held which includes 4 walks, Swamp theme party, Saturday barbecue lunch, Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday sub lunch.

- This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Walk Around Florida. Walkers may sign up on the Registration Form to earn an award for walking 25K from the Friday night event through the two events on Saturday.
- The WAF Volunteer Sign Up sheet, identifying all the volunteer opportunities (walks and events), was passed around during the meeting. Rosemary told the meeting attendees anyone who signs up to volunteer today will receive a free Frequent Walker Coupon.

#### AVA Update:

- At the convention AVA changed the bylaws to include a new position of Deputy Regional Director (DRD). Southeast RD David Bonewitz nominated John McClellan, from the Happy Wanderers, to be the Southeast DRD. The nomination was approved by the SE clubs' BODs. As SEDRD John McClellan will now be assisting SERD David Bonewitz.
- AVA has created a Strategic Planning Committee to develop a road map for the future of AVA. A representative from each region will be selected to be on the committee.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The AVA Convention awards for Years of Service for Mid-Florida Milers were published in our last Newsletter. Rosemary Barna and Mike Lanpher presented the awards to the recipients who were at this meeting:

3-5 Years of Service: Sharon Axelrod

5-10 Years of Service: Rosemary Barna, Pete Fournier, Sharon Predham

10-15 Years of Service; Gail Brooks, Jackie Walchuck

15-20 Years of Service: Ladd Duncan, Joan Lanpher, Letty Zook

Pete Fournier presented the AVA Meritorious Service award to our president Rosemary Barna.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice-President Pete Fournier presided over this year's Board of Director elections. The two positions up for re-election this year were Vice President and Secretary. Pete thanked everyone for their support during his terms as VP. However, due the success of his pen business and the time commitment involved, Pete has decided not to re-run for the Vice President position.

Pete asked for nominations from the floor for VP. Bob Zook nominated Dave Piatt. The nomination was seconded and the members unanimously approved the selection. Sharon Axelrod had agreed to re-run for secretary. A nomination from the floor was seconded, and unanimously favored.

### **RAFFLE**

The final item of business was a drawing from the names of those members who had renewed their 2015-2016 membership prior to July 1, 2015. Three \$25 gift cards were available.

Winners were: Jill Lewis, Robert McBride and Bob Zook.

President Rosemary Barna again thanked members for their participation and continued support. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Sharon Axelrod  
MFM Secretary