

# MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 6, 2016

## CALL TO ORDER

The MFM Board meeting was held at the home of Rosemary Barna, President. A quorum was present: Rosemary Barna, President, Dave Piatt, Vice President, Sharon Axelrod, Secretary and Sharon Predham, Treasurer. Also present was Mike Lanpher, MFM Trailmaster. Thank you to Rosemary for hosting and providing a delicious luncheon. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

## MINUTES

Minutes from the November 7, 2015 board meeting were approved and accepted as written.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Sharon Predham provided:

- The Fairwinds statement for January 2016
- Monthly Income Expenses for 7/1/2015 – 1/31/2016 (fiscal YTD)
- Monthly Income Expenses for 1/1/2016 – 1/31/2016
- Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2016:
  - Balance \$8728.81
  - Net Income -\$980.65

A discussion concerning the negative balance of almost \$1000 determined that this was due to pre-payment of future 2016 traditional events.

Treasurer's Report approved and accepted.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Dave Piatt, Membership Coordinator, reported that as of today we have 83 memberships (individual and family). We have had 26 new memberships since July 1, 2015.
- Dave had emailed those members that did not renew for the 2015-2016 year to obtain some feedback. Most common reason given was due to moving out of the area. No one responded with any negative comments concerning the club.

## TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 20 Bok Tower: Registration 9:00-11:00, Finish by 2:00  
Entry 8 – 11, fee is \$6
  - Set up between 8-8:45
  - One registration table with 2 volunteers for Credit walkers and a second registration with 1 volunteer for Free walkers.
  - Rosemary will bring the Canopy

- NOTE: Following the walk, a workshop will be held lead by Deb Kruep, AVA member, to discuss successful partnering with the Girl Scout in walking. Rosemary and other members of FVA who will be at this walk will attend.
- Mar 19 at Medical City, VA Medical Center
- April 16 at Winter Garden Chapin Station
  - 6/10K Walk and 27K (17 mile) Bike
  - A Start Table for walkers and a Start Table for bikers
  - A Checkpoint for walkers and a Checkpoint for bikers
  - We discussed providing a lunch for a fee (\$5?)
- April 30 at Hontoon Island (FVA YRE)
  - MFM and HW work party to replace FVA post signs
  - Bring a picnic lunch
  - FVA meeting will follow. Wilma locating a conference room in nearby hotel
- May 21 at Jay Blanchard YMCA
- June 18 at Pirates Cove on International Drive
- July 16 at Moss Park; possible picnic
- August 20 Lake Mary needs to be sanctioned by April 15
  - Need to find restaurant for annual meeting and start/finish of walk
  - Rosemary to check on area restaurants
- September 17 Mineola Walk needs to be sanctioned by May 15
  - East side of Rte 27 Trailhead
  - We could also include a Bike event, if April event is successful
- September/October Sanford during Oktoberfest. If to be a traditional event we will need to sanction by May 1.
- October 15 at Dr. Phillips YMCA needs to be sanctioned by June 15.
  - Sharon A. will visit the Y to obtain further information about their current construction and the availability of using this site.

#### YREs:

- Winter Park box moved to Lakemont YMCA.
- Downtown may need some tweaks due to safety issues
- Celebration #1 and Maitland to be updated

#### WAF 2016:

- Barrymore Hotel> Theme for this year is Havana Nights
- MFM to do 1 walk for Roser Park
- MFM to host Social (Friday Night? And Hotel?)
  - Discussed possible fundraisers towards cost:
    - luncheons provided at Moss Park or other walks at a small fee
    - raffle
    - Carnival a Moss Park

Further discussion needed on this event

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Old Business:

- Newsletter
  - Mike Lanpher is willing to edit and type-set until someone volunteers for the positions.
  - Folder will be in Drop Box for articles. Suggestions from Mike: Newsletters should include short message from President; upcoming events from Trailmaster; any pictures provided by walkers from events; membership updates if applicable; volunteer updates if applicable; and any other timely articles.
- Credit for walkers who “pre-walk” an event
  - Rosemary surveyed other clubs and found that the consensus was prewalkers may receive distance credit and event credit for a “pre-walk” whether or not they attend the walk on the actual event day.
  - The Board of Directors agreed to follow this ruling.
- Tax Exempt Renewal
  - Sharon Predham reviewed the renewal process and it is the same as original request process we had completed five years ago. Sharon will renew.

### New Business:

- Review of Bylaws
  - Mike L. requested the Board member review the Bylaws confirming:
    - Definition of Board of Directors
    - Publicity requirements
    - Any other changes needed since last review?
- Review of Fee Schedules
  - Sharon P. brought to our attention that we are losing money on each new member since we give a New Walker Package for free, which is normally \$5.00 plus includes three free walker coupons. This initiated a lengthy discussion concerning our membership fees; new walker packet fee; and “free” walkers (non-credit walkers who do not pay \$3 event fee).
  - We all need to think about
    - Membership Fees: Raise annual amounts? Change prorated amounts?
    - Walk Fees: Charge non-credit walkers a walking fee (\$2/\$3)?
    - New Walker Packet: Continue to give away for free or bring back \$5 fee even for those who become MFM club members.
  - Rosemary will ask other clubs what they are doing.
- Review of MFM expenses
  - Sharon P will update her Income Expense spreadsheet and email to BOD to review our overhead and expenses.
  - Mike would like to take a good look at our spending to assist in making any of the fee changes we discussed.

- Discontinue MFM Membership Cards at annual renewal and for new members
  - Recommended by Dave P. since the cards do not have any real purpose but are an additional expense.
  - Dave will check to see what is written in the Bylaws

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> following the Blanchard YMCA walk. Meeting to be held at Mike Lanpher's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Sharon Axelrod, MFM Secretary