

MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB GENERAL MEETING

August 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The annual membership meeting was called to order by President Rosemary Barna during the luncheon at Pour House Bar & Grill, following a traditional walk in Metrowest. Approximately 45 members and guests were in attendance.

WELCOME

Vice President, Pete Fournier welcomed everyone to the luncheon and meeting, noting the great turnout. In addition to himself, Pete introduced the current officers: Rosemary Barna, president, Sharon Predham, treasurer, and Sharon Axelrod, secretary. Pete then read the list of new memberships for 2013.

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 18, 2012 General Meeting were distributed for member review and approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Predham discussed the annual financial report.

The assets balance as of June 30, 2013 was \$9,888.45, with a net income for the year of -\$563.96. However, that was prior to the reimbursements from AVA for the 2013 Convention.

The assets balance as of July 31, 2013 was \$10,941.72, with a net income for the year of \$1063.27. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Letty Zook presented an update on our membership. MFM currently has 68 memberships (family, individual), with a total individual membership of 108 members. This is down from last year when our membership was 84 members (family, individual) with a total individual membership of 142 members.

While Letty handles all the administrative details of the MFM membership, she discussed the need for an additional membership volunteer to assist with following up with new and current members; providing ideas on how we can ensure that our members are enjoying their experience with MFM and will continue to renew their membership from year to year.

Three gift cards were presented to members renewing their membership before July 31. Names were drawn at random.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Rosemary Barna welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued support of Mid-Florida Milers walking events.

She then proceeded with the election of the offices of Vice-President and Secretary, which were up for re-election this year. Rosemary explained that Pete Fournier had agreed to continue for another term as Vice-President. Further nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-President were asked for; none were heard. Motion was made and seconded for Pete Fournier as Mid-Florida Milers Vice-President. Rosemary explained that Sharon Axelrod had agreed to continue for another term as

Secretary. Further nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary were asked for; none were heard. Motion was made and seconded for Sharon Axelrod as Mid-Florida Milers Secretary.

REMOTE REGISTRATION WALKS UPDATE

Gail Brooks provided an update on the Mid-Florida Milers remote walks in South Florida. We had 203 walkers participate in these walks during the last year. Key West was the most popular, with Ft. Lauderdale coming in second. Lake Worth, at 15, had the least walkers during the past year. Rosemary and Gail discussed their experience with the walks during a trip they made over a long weekend. The walks (except for Key West) are convenient to each other which allowed them to do two 5K walks a day (am and pm), as well as visit a number of museums and parks in each area.

Rosemary mentioned that we are one of only a few clubs in the country that manage remote walks; and noted that these walks do provide a much needed resource for AVA, which, as we all know, is currently experiencing some financial hard times.

TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

Trailmaster, Mike Lanpher provided a hand-out identifying the Mid-Florida Milers walks from now until the end of the year. Mike highlighted several points of interest for a number of the walks. In addition, Mike pointed out that we will have a group remote walk on September 7th in Ybor City at Centennial Park, followed by a luncheon at the "original" Columbia Restaurant. This year's Walk Around Florida will be held November 1-3, 2013 at the Lake Tarpon Resort in Palm Harbor, Florida. A hand-out identifying the walks and events was provided.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rosemary Barna asked members to think of recommendations for some "fun/group" walks. For example, as the weather becomes cooler we might want to think about evening walks on Wednesdays or Thursdays, preceded by or followed by dinner.

Rosemary thanked Mike Lanpher for all he did to make the 2013 AVA Convention here in Florida such a success; and thanks to the over 150 volunteers that participated in that success.

Rosemary and Mike presented a number of awards to individuals for their participation, hard work and time dedicated to the convention.

Kathy Bargar was presented with a framed display of the patches she had designed for each of the AVA walks.

The Mid-Florida Milers took home three ribbons.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Sharon Axelrod
MFM Secretary