

**MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB
QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The MFM Quarterly Board meeting was held virtually via Zoom. President, Cathy Metherell called the meeting to order at 9:00am. A quorum was present: Cathy Metherell, President, Dan Barnett, Vice President, Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, and Kent Allingham, Treasurer. Also in attendance were Dave Piatt, Membership Chair and Jenny Thomas, Year Round Event Coordinator.

MINUTES

Minutes from the 04/01/2022 BOD Quarterly Meeting and 4/22/2022 & 5/06/2022 BOD Meetings were approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Kent Allingham provided the following:

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022

- Checking Account \$4151.79
- Total Assets \$10,797.57
- Net Income YTD \$1,467.70

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, provided the following:

Membership Report 4-9-2022

As of 7/6/22 we have 37 memberships and 52 members. One of these is a new membership and 36 are renewals. Thus far 64% of our members have renewed. We will send two more e-mails to remind people to renew. We also have a couple of more mentions in the eNews and an article in the Newsletter.

At the end of the 2021- 2022 membership year we had 58 memberships and 91 members. This compares to 57 memberships and 87 members for the previous year. Our membership has been holding steady.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Axelrod provided the following:

- John Hunter has volunteered to be the point for MFM printing operations.
- One more Traditional Event is on the schedule for 2022, on Oct 15 at Rock Springs / Kelly Park. The July Newsletter requests a volunteer or volunteers to map out a walk; or use the previous walk we did there in 2008 to see if it is still viable. Sharon Axelrod will take a trip over to the Park sometime within the next two weeks to check out the previous walk.
- The July Newsletter also includes the volunteer positions we discussed during our Annual Meeting for members to be part of the Traditional Event committee, identifying and creating TEs for 2023. Vice President, Dan Barnett recommended that as we are doing walks with our fellow members we discuss this with them and explain our needs and intentions for this committee.

ROUTES and TRAILS

Cathy Metherell led the following discussion:

- Universal walk is scheduled for Oct 1. In the past we have, either checked in at Comfort Inn and driven to park in the lot behind Millers Ale house, or received permission from Manager Mike at Millers to hold registration in their open bar area, and ask walkers to come back to Millers for lunch. Everyone favored having the registration and lunch at the restaurant. Sharon A. offered to stop by Millers and speak to Manager Mike.
- Dan B. brought up the subject of the Orlando North walk which had their parking lot gate locked when we walked there last week. We found out that they intend to keep the gate locked on weekends, until the time they decide to re-open on Saturdays. We have a walk scheduled for Nov. 25. We have the option to park on the streets around the Senior Center or in the parking lot behind the Senior Center which serves the tenants and guests of the apartment building there. Also John Hunter (POC for Orlando North) said he would talk to the office about getting the combination code for the lock.

OLD BUSINESS

- New MFM Website update
 - Dan B. explained the site is up and running and all is good. Dan will be meeting with Dave Piatt to learn how to make changes to information on the site (adds/deletes). In the meantime anyone requesting a change should go to Dave Piatt.
 - Cathy Metherell asked the Board for approval to purchase a restaurant gift card for Jackie Walchuck, former Webmaster for MFM, who assisted and worked with Dan and Dave during the transition of the old to the new. The Board approved a \$50 gift card.
- YRE Issues
 - Sharon explained what happened on June 18th at the Disney Springs walk. Signs indicated Orange garage was closed, but access was open and we were able to drive in and set up Registration from the trunk of our cars. However we do not know how many people came and turned around believing they could not get into the garage. We advertised registration from 8:30 to 9:15. But the park was not opened until 9:00 at which time there was a long line to go through Security. Jenny would rather registration *not be* in the Orange Garage. Since we do not have Disney Springs on the schedule again this year, we will re-evaluate in 2023 depending on what Disney Springs is doing then. Time opening? Will the resort areas be re-opened to walk through? Alternative registration site possibilities?
 - Jenny Thomas said she was ready to begin the re-sanctioning of all the current Year Round Events for 2023. The Board agreed to renew all YREs.
- Storage Unit
 - Cathy checked out a couple facilities near her and the cost was around \$40 a month, which is the fee we are paying for our current unit.
 - Everyone agreed we should do an inventory. Most of what we use for our current walks is what Tom and John are carrying around in their trucks. We believe most of what is in the storage unit now is used once a year for

WAF or no longer usable or needed. Cathy will look for a Friday in August when we can meet up for the inventory. (Take photographs)

- WAF31 Update
 - Award coasters ordered and received by Alice
 - Saturday night buffet was agreed on: Haddock or Tilapia, Chicken Marsala and baked potato & green beans. Restaurant will provide side salad, dinner rolls and non-alcoholic drinks.
Cathy will email WAF committee and ask for preference on the fish dish.
 - Dan reviewed the status of the four walks:
 - Leesburg:
10K previously walked by Dave P, Sharon P & Sharon A
5K walked yesterday by Dan and Sharon A. - a few minor changes
Checkpoint confirmed as of yesterday: Magnolia Trail just after the 5k turn off of 9th St. Both 5K and 10K pass by here.
Walks ready to be pre-walked by MFM volunteers.
 - Eustis:
10K previously walked by Dave P., Dan B. & Sharon A.
5K walked yesterday by Dan and Sharon-a minor change
Checkpoint recommended by Dave: St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 600 E. Lemon Ave. The church has a couple buildings and parking lot with grassy areas perfect for a CP Table. The office was closed on Friday but Sharon will contact the church next week.
Walks will be ready to pre-walk.
 - Tavares:
10K and 5K have been walked
Checkpoint at Aesop Park for 5K and 10K
Walks ready to be pre-walked by MFM volunteers.
 - Mount Dora:
Mount Dora mapped out by Rosemary Barna. 10K walked by Dan and Sharon. Then 10K and 5K walked by Happy Wanderers.
John McClellan has made some changes to the Mount Dora 5K & 10K to incorporate Special Programs Rockin' Round the Clock and Walking with America's Veterans. John also identified a Checkpoint for the 5K & 10K at Donnelly Park. 10K will also still have a Checkpoint at Lake Sylvan Park red sign. We will have to revise both 5K & 10K maps. Walks will be ready for pre-walk.
Dan sent an email to Chris Carson (our point of contact who has our application from Ron Greene) last week; just checking in and seeing if we are all set.
 - A Point of Contact for each walk event needs to be recruited
 - This is the "go to" person for everything that has to do with the walk event. May ask for volunteers; answer all volunteer questions; ensure all volunteers have the instructions for their position and understand them. Responsible for the supplies needed at start, finish and checkpoint.
 - Dan volunteered to be the "main" Point of Contact for all walks
 - At our first meeting in Lakeland John McClellan offered to have the Happy Wanderers responsible for the Saturday afternoon walks at Eustis.

- Sharon has some ideas and will contact members who might agree to volunteer.
- It was mentioned that we do need runner(s) to get supplies to start/finish sites and to checkpoint sites (tables, chairs, water, candy)
Maybe Tom and John would volunteer?
- Friday social: Cathy confirmed that the hotel agreed to the Meet & Greet and approved of food and drinks. She will touch base with Alice who has planned this event in the past and has mentioned ideas for this year. We need to identify what each Club's responsibilities will be.
- Second TAW article is due July 25th for the September issue.
- Cathy wants to have a Zoom WAF committee meeting in August. Best for her is Thursday evenings at 6:30. She will send an email to the committee members to get their availability.

The next MFM quarterly BOD meeting scheduled for Friday, October 14.

Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club