

**MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
July 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The MFM Quarterly Board meeting was held virtually via Zoom. President, Cathy Metherell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present: Cathy Metherell, President, Paul Erickson, Vice President, Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, and Dan Barnett, Treasurer. Also in attendance were Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, Jenny Thomas, YRE Coordinator, and Tom Carter, POC Maitland YRE, & co-Coordinator for Transportation of Event Materials.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 28, 2023 Quarterly Meeting were approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Barnett presented the following.

- Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023:
 - Checking Account \$3852.07
 - Total Assets \$10,548.29
 - Net Income YTD (\$512.39)
- Dan has been reviewing the Treasurer Records as he takes over this position and noted several items:
 - Kent Allingham was able to keep transactions and deposits up through May. Dan has now caught up through YTD.
 - YRE (non OSB) reports need to go to AVA Quarterly.
 - Traditional Event numbers need to be submitted to AVA within 10 days of the Event.
 - Annual Financial Club Reports to AVA are mid-November.
 - There are several MFM deposits with additional money unidentified as to the source. Cathy & Dan are reviewing. Could be money from incoming mail.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, provided the following:

- As of 7/25/2023 we have 42 memberships and 62 members. This compares to 39 memberships and 58 members as of 7/25/2022.
- Annual membership update for 2023-2024:
 - Three emails have been sent to members to renew, membership renewal was mentioned at the Annual Meeting in May, and also in the July eNews.
 - Currently 13 members from 2022-2023 have not responded, & Dave will send one last reminder.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

Sharon Axelrod, Volunteer Coordinator, raised the on-going need for a Traditional Events Trails Coordinator.

- Since our Trailmaster, Mike Lanpher, relocated we have not been able to recruit a volunteer to take the lead for Traditional Events Committee. Over the past several years the BOD along with several other MFM volunteer coordinators have led the creation and production of around 5 annual traditional events. Our last recruitment attempt was at the May 2023 Annual Meeting, with no one stepping forward. Our next try to reach out to the MFM membership will be around October, as we finalize our 2024 Schedule of Events.

YRE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Jenny Thomas, Year-Round Event Coordinator, presented the following.

- The review of YREs should be completed by the end of August. Since Jenny has not heard anything different from the BOD, she is planning on continuing with all of the 17 events. The Board agreed to continue with the current YREs.

VENDOR COORDINATOR UPDATE

Jo-Anne Cross, Vendor Coordinator was unable to attend the meeting but did email the following update.

- Name tags that had been ordered are in and will be brought to the Maitland walk.
- White T-Shirts that had been ordered are still on backorder.

ROUTES and TRAILS

Dan Barnett presented an update

- Upcoming walks this quarter:
 - Jul 29 Maitland
 - Aug 5 Celebration#2
 - Aug19 International Drive
 - Sep 2 Orlando South
 - Sep 16 Disney Springs
 - Sep 30 Winter Park
- Traditional Events: Two left this year during the 4th quarter
 - Oct 21 Sanford: walk event and luncheon at Hollerbach German Restaurant
 - Dan Barnett will be utilizing the MFM Archives to find one of the Traditional events we have walked in Sanford previously, and to give a heads up to Hollerbach that we will be joining them for lunch as we have done in the past.
 - Nov 18 Longwood: walk event during the Longwood Arts and Craft Festival
 - Jo-Anne Cross has created walks for this Traditional Event.
 - Paul Erickson has volunteered to do the pre-walks.

OLD BUSINESS

- Update of South Florida Bus trip/ Spring 2024
 - Cathy has checked with a couple hotels: Best Western at around \$130/night and Hyatt around \$130-\$140/night. Also checked with several bus companies but the costs seemed to be quite high. She will contact Dan Spink, Happy Wanderers. He had planned the last bus trip we all went on to Charleston.

- WAF32 Update
 - Next WAF Committee Meeting will be held in Maitland after the walk on July 29. Alice Lawrence and John McClellan will be here for that.
 - The Sandpipers will be responsible for Friday afternoon walk in NE St. Pete and Sunday morning walk at Weedon Island Preserve. The Wanderers will be responsible for Saturday morning walk at Jungle Prada. The Milers will be responsible for Saturday afternoon walk at Sawgrass Lake Park.
 - John McClellan and Dan Barnett will be going to St. Pete on Saturday August 12 to check out these walks, the hotel and the area.
- Storage Area rental fees increased
 - Our current storage facility is at Public Storage on 17/92 in Fern Park. Effective June 1, 2022 our rate was increased from \$23.43/month to \$41.54. At that time Cathy Metherell had checked with storage facilities around her and found they all were asking around the same. Effective June 1, 2023 our monthly rate has been increased to \$57.51. Cathy will go back to the places she checked out last year and compare rates. There was some talk about storing our materials at members' homes; just something to think about.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Event Schedule
 - President Cathy Metherell has started to put a schedule together. Some of her thoughts on Traditional Events:
 - WAF31 walk in Tavares
 - Wetlands in Christmas probably around February or March and, also include a pot luck lunch at the Pavilion as we have done in the past
 - Sharon Axelrod mentioned the Orlando Megacom 2024 is to be held Feb. 1-4 at the Convention Center. We should do our I-Drive YRE on Feb 3, as there are always such interesting costumes to see up and down the street.
 - One of our members, Jackie Powers, approached Dan and Dave to consider a walk/hike through Shingle Creek Regional Park area in Kissimmee. Possible Traditional Event?
 - As a side note, Cathy mentioned she has been thinking about our next WAF event which will be WAF34 in 2025. She's looking possibly at the St. Cloud/ Lake Nona /Celebration area.

The next Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 19, at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club