

**MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2024**

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 and Jenny Thomas, YRE Coordinator.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 19, 2023 Quarterly Meeting and November 9, 2023 BOD meeting were approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dan Barnett presented the following.

- Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023:
 - Checking Account \$4,327.13
 - Total all Assets \$11,144.44
 - Net Income YTD \$105.44
- The two Fairwinds CD have been renewed for 13 months at an interest rate of 5%.
- The WAF32 funds distributed to each of the three hosting Clubs are reflected at \$485.71 which includes the reduction reimbursed for printing costs. We will see a reduction next quarter for reimbursement to Cathy for the MFM Basket expense.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dave Piatt, Membership Chair, provided the following:

- As of 1/11/2024 we have 49 memberships and 74 members. This compares to 53 memberships and 82 members as of 1/09/2023.
- Our last new member was on 8/19/2023.

VOLUNTEER REPORT

Sharon Axelrod, Volunteer Coordinator, provided a list of items that must be followed when a Traditional Event is created from an Archived MFM TE.

- We have a number of TEs proposed on the Walk schedule for 2024. Sharon asked the team to review the items & ensure the list is complete. Once we have finalized the 2024 walk schedule we will know what resources & timing will be needed for creating these events.

YRE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Jenny Thomas, Year-Round Event Coordinator had no specific updates.

- Treasurer, Dan Barnett, did mention that the YRE quarterly participation reports are being submitted to him by the YRE Monitors, for submission to AVA by the end of January.

ROUTES and TRAILS

Dan Barnett reviewed the upcoming events through the coming first quarterly.

- January 20: Orlando South YRE
- February 3: International Drive
- February 17: Traditional Event at Orlando Wetlands in Christmas
 - Jenny Thomas modified this current version of the Wetlands TE from the last archived walk we did there.
 - Dan pre-walked the 10K and had some minor changes to be made. He said the new boardwalk is really nice and will accommodate both the long and short walks. There will be one Checkpoint at the Oyler Overlook which will serve both walks.
 - Cathy will reach out to her contact to confirm we can drive out to the Checkpoint to bring the needed supplies.
 - Cathy and Sharon A. will pre-walk the 5k prior to the date of the event.

VENDOR COORDIANTOR / YRE MONITOR UPDATE

JoAnne Cross, YRE Monitor for the Orlando Downtown walk has requested a name change for the walk.

- Currently the walk instructions indicate the walk as the Arnett Memorial Walk. In 1992 the downtown Orlando walk was dedicated to Henry Arnett who walked it 3 or 4 times a week, contributing to the 800 plus walkers in 1991 and 1992. He will always be remembered in the history of the Mid-Florida Milers. The instructions will now be changed to Orlando Downtown as it is referred to on the MFM and AVA web sites.

PUBLICITY COORDINATOR UPDATE

Veronica Palacios, Publicity Coordinator had no updates.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2024 Event Schedule
 - The draft of the 2024 walk schedule for the month of March was reviewed. The following changes were made.
 - March 2: No MFM walk this Saturday.
Note: The Happy Wanderers are hosting a Traditional walk in Palatka at the town's Azelea Festival. MFM members have indicated an interest in attending.
 - March 16: Will be Orlando South (Casselberry TE rescheduled for a later date due to timeline for sanctioning.)
 - March 30: Winter Park
 - Cathy will be reviewing the rest of the schedule. Some recommendations were discussed.
 - April 20: St. Cloud TE
Note: Sanctioning will need to be done by Feb. 19th so need a volunteer to start the review of the archived event as soon as possible.
 - May 18: Cathy proposed this date for our Annual Membership Meeting (elections must be held before the end of May). Also proposed a one-time TE from Beardall Senior Center.
 - June 29: Casselberry TE?

- September 21: Proposed Windermere TE changed to a YRE (issues with Windermere town permissions may be a problem)
 - October 5: Lake Nona TE, celebrate the 35th anniversary of MFM (10-5-1989) with a newly revived archived walk.
 - October 19: Orlando North
 - December 7: Spanish Springs instead of Lake Sumter?
- Wetlands Walk on Feb 17th pot luck?
 - Cathy has rented the Pavilion.
 - It was decided to advertise for a lunch meet-up following the walk with everyone bringing their own picnic lunch.
 - Also decided to hold a raffle. Prize: 5 Free Walker coupons, signed by Cathy. Tickets for \$1.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS

- Membership Meeting May 18th: Cathy will check with Beardall Senior Center about a meeting room for Annual Membership Meeting.
- MFM 35th Anniversary: It was decided to have it on October 5 (actual 35 years) and to keep it to a short celebration with cake and some MFM history.
- WAF34: 2025 Mid-Florida Milers will host
 - Cathy is thinking about Osceola County
 - Lake Nona, St. Cloud, Kissimmee
 - Cowboys/Cowgirls theme? Osceola does host an annual weekend Rodeo.
 - It was mentioned we could name it “Florida Crackers”

A meeting to finalize the 2024 Walk Event Schedule is scheduled for Thursday February 15th at 5:30 pm

The next Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Sharon Axelrod, Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club