

# MID-FLORIDA MILERS WALKING CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 18, 2024

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Mid-Florida Milers annual membership meeting was held at the Celebration Town Tavern in Celebration FL, following the Year Round #2 Celebration walk. The meeting was officially called to order by President Cathy Metherell at 12:15 pm. A quorum was established with fifteen memberships attending and eight proxies previously received. The luncheon/meeting at the Town Tavern was attended by 18 members, welcomed by President Cathy Metherell.

## MINUTES

Minutes from the May 20, 2023 annual meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Since Dan Barnett, our Treasurer was out of town, his report was provided by Tom Carter.

- Checking Account: \$4198.46
- Total Assets (Checking, Savings, CDs, petty cash): \$11,093.31
- Net Income so far this year: \$292.04

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chair, David Piatt, presented the following updates.

- As of May 20 2024: Memberships 53, Members 82  
Compares to last year at this time: Memberships 54, Members 83.
- Dave also mentioned that the MFM annual membership drive will run from June 1 through July 31 for Memberships from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Single memberships are \$15 and couple or family memberships are \$25.

## ROUTES AND TRAILS REPORT

Cathy Metherell reviewed the scheduled events for the rest of year:

- June: Maitland YRE, Disney Springs YRE, and a Casselberry TE (Traditional Event)
- July: Orlando North YRE and Orlando Downtown YRE
- August: Celebration #1 YRE, an Altamonte Springs TE, and Orlando South YRE
- September: Maitland YRE and Lake Sumter YRE
- October: A Lake Nona TE & MFM 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Celebration #1 YRE
- November: WAF 33 in Palm Coast, Spanish Spring YRE, and Winter Park YRE on Friday after Thanksgiving
- December: Disney Springs YRE, and a Kissimmee TE

## NEWSLETTER REPORT

Covering for Dan Barnett, Tom Carter read the Newsletter Editor's Report:

- The next Newsletter is scheduled for July 1. Dan requests that walkers take pictures when they are out walking any walks and sent them to [dnlcssb@aol.com](mailto:dnlcssb@aol.com) or text to 808.342.8584. Also request any walkers who are traveling and walk any AVA walks to please consider writing an article for the Newsletter about the walks on their trip.

## **VOLUNTEER REPORT**

Sharon Axelrod, Volunteer Coordinator, thanked all the MFM members who give their time in volunteer positions which provides the administration needed to keep this AVA Club active.

- Routes and Trails Leader is the one position that we have been unable to fill since our Trailmaster, Mike Lanpher, moved out of state several years ago. We never expected to find another “Trailmaster” but we are still hoping to have someone come forward to take the lead and manage Traditional Events (TEs). In the past few years, we have been able to provide several TEs with the assistance of our Board members and several other members of our MFM family. We have gone back into our Archives and reviewed past Traditional Events, identifying if they would still be viable with any necessary changes and permissions needed. That is what we would like to have a Routes and Trails leader do, along with requesting assistance from other members.
- The Traditional Events for 2024:
  - In February we walked the Orlando Wetlands in Christmas, followed by a bring- your-own picnic lunch and last month we walked in St. Cloud, followed by lunch at Crabby Bill’s restaurant.
  - Coming up are four more Traditional Events that we hope to have and will be asking for volunteer assistance
    - June 29: We have rented a pavilion at the Casselberry Recreation Center and will be doing 5K and 10K walks around nearby neighborhoods. Since we do have the pavilion to start from and finish, we will be encouraging walkers to bring their own picnic lunch and stay to eat and visit with MFM fellow walkers and friends.
    - August 19: We are dusting-off a previous walk that was done years ago in Altamonte Springs, starting at Starbucks next to the Altamonte Mall, and meandering around Cranes Roost Park, some neighborhoods and thru the mall. There are a number of restaurants in this area and we may be able to plan a luncheon to follow the walk.
    - October 5: We are looking at Lake Nona for a TE walk on the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club.
    - December 21: We are looking at Kissimmee area where we have done a couple walks in the past.

## **VENDOR REPORT**

JoAnne Cross, Vendor Coordinator, had brought available products being offered to members. We still have several blue T-Shirts available for a reduced purchase price of \$15.00. Also available for a small donation to The Club are several different patches and pins that JoAnne will have on display at upcoming walks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Elections of Officers:

Vice President, Paul Erickson, was stranded in Houston and unable to be at the meeting today. Thank you to David Piatt for standing in for him and presiding over this year’s elections.

  - The position of President is up for re-election for the next two years. Dave asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Dave said current President Cathy Metherell is willing to continue as President for the 2024-2026 term. Dave asked for all those in favor to raise their hands. Cathy was unanimously approved.
  - The position of Secretary is also up for re-election for the next two-years. Dave asked for any nominations from the floor. Howard Daughtery said I nominate Sharon Axelrod, the current secretary. Dave said, well, Sharon also has agreed to continue as Secretary

for the 2024-2026 term. Dave asked for all those in favor to raise their hand. Sharon was unanimously approved.

- WAF33 Update:  
Cathy Metherell gave a brief overview of the plans for the WAF33 Event to be held Nov. 1-3 in Palm Coast, Florida. The Happy Wanderers are the host Club this year and in conjunction with the Suncoast Sandpipers and the Mid-Florida Milers planning is underway. There will be four walks: Flagler (modified) YRE, Palm Coast (modified) YRE, Princess Place Preserve, and Palm Coast Town Center; Bike: Lehigh Trail (maybe one guided and one on your own available), and a Swim at hotel pool and also availability at the local Aquatic Center. Brochure and Registration information will be provided shortly.
- WAF34 in 2025  
Cathy Metherell confirmed that the host club for next year's WAF will be hosted by The Mid-Florida Milers. She indicated that some discussion has begun and as decisions are made The Board will keep members informed.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

- Certificates of Appreciation:  
Cathy Metherell apologized that due to a problem with her computer she was unable to print the Certificates of Appreciation to hand out today. She will be handing them out at upcoming walks.
- Cathy handed out the following Mid-Florida Milers Awards:
  - The President's Award was presented to Jenny Thomas thanking her for all she does as Year-Round Event Coordinator and in addition all her assistance in planning Traditional Events.
  - The Volkssporter of the Year Award was presented to Sharon Axelrod, thanking her for supporting the club throughout her own life challenges.
  - The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to JoAnne Cross, thanking her for all her efforts as Vendor Coordinator handling all product sales, such as Tee-shirts, Name tags, Patches, Pins and other merchandise.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Cathy Metherell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Sharon Axelrod  
Secretary, Mid-Florida Milers Walking Club