

NOTC General Membership & Grand Prix Awards 2/2/07

Board Members present – Chuck George, Aaron Boudreaux, Betsy Boudreaux, Mary Stadler, Martha George, Judy Lasseigne, Jerry Renz, George Waguespack, Bob Lasseigne, Della Donner, Ken Vicknair, Geoff Rose, Pam Congemi, Charlene Brinkman, Steve Attaya, Duke Wolverton, Ed Decossas

Absent – Tina Abbott, Kenny Mire, Carl Perkins, Tom Sawyer, Tony Stolz,

Meeting called to order @ 7:09 p.m.

Geoff asked everyone to put their cell phones on silent.

Aaron led the pledge of allegiance.

June 2006 general membership meeting minutes were approved. These minutes were distributed at July 2006 board meeting.

President's report – Geoff stated we are on road to recovery after Hurricane Katrina. List to volunteer at any upcoming race is in back of room. Please consider volunteering!

Vice President's report – Aaron asked if there are questions regarding membership & to contact track club for updates & renewals. If anyone knows of a runner/walker that is not a member, please explain the benefits of being a member to that person. Please consider volunteering for at least 1 race per year.

Treasurer's report – With the passing of Earl Allebone we have a replacement (Tony Stolz). Bob prepared brief report that Geoff spoke of.

Chuck's report – Thanked everyone for support this year. Recognized a few people that don't normally get recognition (Bob Lasseigne, Lynn Wilderman, Bob Lanteigne, Don Brinkman). We are experiencing near record turnout at our races especially last 6 months; Race for Cure, Jackson Day, etc... Pre-K membership/2250, post K/1800, current/1940

- Upcoming events – Elmwood Classic this weekend, MGM, United Way Bridge Run (double prize money), Greek Festival (1 mile Metro Area Championship w/ prize money). Look at NOTC website for details & other events.

Committee reports –

- Footprints – Pam & Judy introduced big change on-line. This will cut costs of publishing. There should be new issue w/in 2 weeks. Question came from floor regarding getting copy of printed issue for those w/out computers. Also questions arose regarding resolution of pictures. Geoff reiterated cost of publishing & mailing (appx. \$3000 per issue) It has been discussed at every board meeting how to keep costs in line.

- Merchandise – Mary mentioned all of our merchandise is online. She will have all merchandise at Elmwood Classic.
- Competitive Teams – Charlene announced last team went to Corporate Cup & placed 2nd. Next event will be Azalea Trail.
- Results – Kenny was absent so no report.
- Registration – Tina was absent but Charlene asked for any & all volunteers.
- Finish line – Ken also asked for volunteers for any race especially MGM.
- T-shirts – Della needs lots of volunteers! Chuck displayed Elmwood Classic shirt for this weekend's race.
- Photographs – George is now using digital camera.
- Course – Steve & Louis & Aaron set-up race courses & always need help!
- Race site/safety – Duke handles all areas including garbage details.
- Volunteers – Martha asked for volunteers to relieve some of the ones who work each & every race.
- Racewalkers & Grand Prix – Jerry congratulated all participants & explained changes to Grand Prix rules for 2007.

Grand Prix awards were distributed and jackets were presented to winners of each division. There was a special jacket presented to Gordon Gaille who is the oldest active member of NOTC. King of Legends!!

Meeting adjourned @ 8:24 p.m.