

**RASC Annual Meeting
November 17th 2007**

**Quarry Hill Nature Center
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Expo: This year's meeting was preceded by a small equipment expo from Bicycle Sports and Tyrol Ski and Sport. In addition Matt Hawkins from Rochester Cycle and Fitness and Bob Gritman from Bicycle Sports were on hand during the meeting to give out some really cool door prizes.

Introduction : Michael O'Connor gave a brief introduction and welcomed everyone to this year's annual meeting.

MTB Trails: Jeff Robertson. Jeff provided an update on the status of Steeplechase. Currently the ski resort is up for sale and there is no access to the MTB trails. Unfortunately there do not appear to be any interested buyers in Steeplechase at present. Jeff and Michael O'Connor met with Tom Ryan, the new Olmsted Co. park director a few weeks ago to discuss possible ski and bike trail development in Olmsted co parks – in particular Chester Woods. We plan to work more closely with the Olmsted Co. Park in the next year to explore possibilities in this regard

QH Trails: Bruce Walk. Bruce presented an updated map of the complete trail system in Quarry Hill. Currently there are over 10 km of trail and the trail is in good condition. Bruce updated members on current grooming equipment – the club recently purchased a track setter attachment to the groomer. This will shorten the grooming time and provide better quality classical tracks.

Membership: Tony Haines. Tony gave a brief update on membership. As of today RASC has 425 members. This breaks down as 164 individual memberships, 198 people included in family memberships, 58 student memberships, and 5 honorary memberships. This compares with:

2006 - about 350 members
2005 - about 300 members
2004 - just under 250 members

Next year we hope to have electronic registration available through the web site.

Financials: Dave Greymont. The current financial report shows that we have \$16,739.22 in our checking account. Of that, there is \$3,021.02 from the fund raiser dedicated to the Quarry Hill trail and ACNST, and \$3,600.00 remaining from the original \$10,350 Rochester Area Foundation Grant that is dedicated to Quarry Hill. So, the club has \$10,118.20 for other projects and as general operating expenses. The club made a profit from all the events run in 2007 which is a phenomenal reflection on the work put into these events by many club members.

Election of Club Officers and Coordinators for the various activities

There was no change in club officers this year. Michael O'Connor stressed that the club needs more members to help run the essential activities of the club. Many of the current board members and coordinators have been doing these functions since RASC was started over 7 years ago. Also we currently do not have a club secretary and need someone to fill the vacancy created when Emily Synder resigned. Two new changes in coordinators this year are Mike Ailing who will be taking over from Martin Fahje and will run the Randonneur section, and Mark Carey who will take over running the RASC Road TT Championships from Mark Consugar. Mark will also be running the Spring TT series.

President: Michael O'Connor
Secretary: vacant
Financial officer: Dave Greymont
Membership: Sue Anderson & Tony Haines
Board Members at Large: Bruce Walk, Jeff Robertson and Henry Walker

Kayaking: Tony Haines
Mountain Biking: Charly Tri & Jeff Robertson
Nordic Skiing: Michael O'Connor & Henry Walker
Recreation Biking (ReCycle): Dave Hallaway
Randonneur Events: Mike Aeling
Triathlon/Duathlons: Henry Walker
In-line Skating: No coordinator at present

Update on club activities

RASC web site: Michael O'Connor. The RASC web site has worked reasonably well. The one aspect that has not been well used is the calendar. The current system on the web site requires that each event be entered separately. Hence recurring events must be entered individually making the system cumbersome to use. We will see if we can have the calendar function improved to make it more user-friendly.

Kayaking: Tony Haines. Tony plans to continue the kayaking group with the next outing planned for New Year's Day on Silver Lake.

RASC Road/Tri TTs: Mark Carey will be taking over the Spring time trial series. The dates of the Spring series have already been scheduled for May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Mario Minelli will be taking over the usual RASC TT Championship in August / September from Mark Consugar. Word is he may bring back the Genoa Hill climb !!!

Recyclers / Centurion: Dave Hallaway. Dave will continue running the Recycler group but would like others to step up and help out as he is not always able to make every ride over the summer. This year the Recyclers organized the Ride for the Y and the Centurion. Both events were unlucky to encounter bad weather which reduced attendance and led to the rescheduling of the Centurion. This was the last year for the Ride for the Y as next year the Y will be holding the Med-City Marathon and won't have the resources to do the Ride for the Y.

Randonneurs / PBP: Martin Fahje / Mike Aeling. Martin has managed the Randonneur group since before RASC was started and has successfully organized the long distance rides each year. Next summer, Mike will be taking over the Randonneur group from Martin. Mike and Martin gave an excellent review of this year's Paris-Breast-Paris event in which both of them took part.

MTB / Oxbow: Neither Carl nor Charly could attend. Plans for next year are to continue the Oxbow Spring Classic race and the MTB TT series.

Tri/Du - Treadman: Henry Walker. Henry gave an update of this year's Treadman event which went off very well with good attendance. This event was run in conjunction with the Rochester Track Club.

Nordic Skiing : Henry Walker. The lighted ski trail in Eastwood has been expanded with new lights added on the main fairway north of the clubhouse. These lights were removed from the trail with the construction of the new road through the golf course. The lights have already been installed for this season. It was noted that much of the east loop in the woods was in poor condition. The club will look at repair and widening of the trail for the 2007/2008 ski season. Henry, Bruce Walk and volunteers recently completed stump removal on the Quarry Hill trail. A

new map of the trail is now on the web site and is now approximately 10 km in length. This trail is in excellent condition for the upcoming ski season.

ACNST: Michael O'Connor. The ACNST will have a sign-up meeting on December 4th and it is anticipated that over 100 kids will sign up this year. We have already planned for a coaches' clinic on Dec 7th, a Toko wax clinic on Dec 19th (open to all club members), and a ski trip to Maplelag in early January.

Future Activities: Michael O'Connor finished up this year's meeting with two requests. 1) We need members to become more active and help out the existing crew of people who coordinate and run all our activities. This is critical to the long term viability of our club. In it's seven years of existence this club has had an enormous impact in helping to develop bike and ski trails in and around Rochester, and in fostering sports such as kayaking, triathlons, mountain biking, road biking, and cross-country skiing. Many of the people who started RASC are still putting a lot of time and effort into the club. For the long term health of RASC and to keep this momentum we need new volunteers to help keep this club strong. 2) The club is in a relatively strong position financially and we need to consider what future projects we should develop to further these sports in the Rochester area – if you have any suggestions, please send them to Michael at mkoconnor@mayo.edu.