

Greater Lowell Road Runners February 2007 Annual Club Meeting Notes

Glenn Stewart

[Since I also ran the meeting, these notes are mostly bullets – but if you have anything to add – just let me know.

These notes will also be on the web site [www.glrr.net](http://www.glrr.net)

Let me know if you have any amendments to these notes – glenn]

## **GLRR February Club Meeting**

**Wed Feb 28, 7:30 PM**

**Mambo Grill**

**129 Merrimack Street, Lowell**

**(directions link at [www.glrr.net](http://www.glrr.net))**

**This was the GLRR Club Annual Meeting.**

**Before I get to the notes – I started the meeting off with a mistake!!  
I meant to publicly thank fine GLRR volunteers who helped out at the  
Nationals track meeting in Boston this past weekend. So let me correct  
that first!**

**Thanks go to:**

**Ed Pancoast**

**Danielle Pancoast**

**Keith O'Brien**

**Tom Doody**

**Joe Vail**

**Phil Archambault**

**Brad Harkins (from Tyngsboro**

**now runs for Fitchburg State college)**

**Meghan Bowden (also from Tyngsboro**

**now runs for UConn)**

**Sarah Kay (a friend of Danielle's who runs too)**

**Lauren Lesniak**

**And extra thanks to Liane Pancoast who has been organizing this for a  
few years.**

**These folks do this on their own, with no expectation of recognition. I  
found out by accident on Sunday. My thanks and the thanks of the club  
for you efforts.**

**I should also mention that because of these folks, GLRR was prominently thanked in the official event program.**

**Well done folks – and my apologies for failing to mention it at the meeting.**

**OK on to the meeting...**

**The agenda is**

- Review of the budget**
- Review of Grand Prix Races**
- Club Calendar**
- Club Elections (candidates below)**
- Glenn’s appeal for help for the new officers**

**Budget Review**

**John Morrison reviewed the budget for the club members. There was little controversy except for Mr. Paglia who was feeling a bit Scroogerly.**

**The budget was unanimously approved.**

**The budget can be viewed here:**

**<http://www.glrr.net/GLRR%20Budget%20for%202007.pdf>**

**Grand Prix Races**

**Glenn reviewed the Grand Prix entry deadlines. The deadlines are set based on when the races stop offering the early discounts. If we can get our entries in early we save the club money. The dates are now in the club calendar (on the web site [www.glrr.net](http://www.glrr.net)) and listed here:**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Sign-Up By</b>	<b>Race Date</b>
New Bedford Half Marathon	23-Feb	18-Mar
Groton 10K	20-Apr	29-Apr
Westford 5k	23-Apr	6-May
Bedford Rotary 12K	7-May	19-May
The Ollie 5 Mile Road Race	24-Aug	8-Sep
Apple Harvest Ramble, Harvard	10-Sep	23-Sep
Cape Cod Marathon	15-Sep	28-Oct

**Glenn also reviewed the rules – runners should go to the race web sites (reachable from the club calendar), print and fill out the application and return it by the dates above. Also we ask that all runners taking**

advantage of this benefit, give back to the club by volunteering for club events.

### **Club Calendar and Irish Feet Are Running**

Glenn reviewed the calendar. The most near term events are Irish Feet and Awards Night.

**Irish Feet Is ON** for March 25. It will be at the Elks. You can get race details here: <http://www.glrr.net/races/IrishFeet/index.html>

There will be over \$1,000 in prizes – so tell your friends and neighbors! And if you don't volunteer – RUN.

Yes we need volunteers – send mail to Glenn ([gmstewart@comcast.net](mailto:gmstewart@comcast.net)).

The Awards night will be Friday April 13 – so mark you calendars.

### **Elections**

Lastly the main event of the night – officer elections.

All positions were unanimously elected.

Before the vote Pat Sheridan deferred to Jeff Hass for Membership. Pat would like to contribute to a youth program and following the meeting Pat, Mark and Glenn had encouraging discussions in that direction. So thank you Pat for your offer and hopefully we can pick up on that.

On the position of Race Team Coordinator, John Barbour expressed the hope that over the next year we can make progress on improving race team transparency. It was noted that up until now that Mark has had quite a lot of GLRR balls to juggle – and as we all know its hard to plan and organize when the knives are always falling. Hopefully with the new organization changes we've helped relieve some of the burdens, although it was noted that Race Team and Baystate Director is still a lot of work. In any case we hope that over the next year things will get better organized.

And so here are the new club officers:

### **Position**

<b>President</b>	<b>Glenn Stewart</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Mark Coddair</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mark Blaisdell</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Nancy Stronach</b>
<b>Business Director</b>	<b>John Morrison</b>
<b>Communications Director</b>	<b>Mike Sheehan</b>
<b>Membership Director</b>	<b>Jeff Haas</b>
<b>Social Director</b>	<b>Gerard Ottaviano</b>
<b>Youth Development Director</b>	<b>open</b>
<b>Racing Team Coordinator</b>	<b>Mark Coddair</b>

**[Since I wrote the notes – I guess I get to give these closing remarks –**

**First of all a big thank you to Mark for leading this group for 6 or 7 years (I'm not sure any of us remember exactly how long it's been). There is no one more dedicated or loyal to GLRR than Mark. It's hard to imagine GLRR without Mark – but fear not – he is not going anywhere. I will be depending on Mark to help me find my way.**

**Mark and I have different strengths – so it will be interesting to see where things head in the next couple of years. Mark's strength is passion and competitive fire. My strength (I think) is planning and determination. So, accordingly I will try to improve the club planning. By doing so I hope to make easier for more people to contribute, and at the same time improve the benefits we can deliver.**

**I'm new at this – so I'll need help from everyone. So please do not hesitate to offer your suggestions and/or critiques.**

**Keep Runnin'**

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