

Secretary's Notes

March 28, 2004 Meeting

Compiled by Betty Rose

President Donna Smyers called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, 2004, at the home of John and Dot Martin. Thirteen club members attended the meeting.

Election of Officers for 2004: All current club officers have indicated that they are willing to retain their positions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the existing slate as follows:

	President	Donna Smyers
	Vice President	Michael Chernick
	Secretary	Betty Rose
	Treasurer	Laura Medalie
Appointees:	Newsletter editor	Beth Eliason
	Webmaster	Dave Kissner
	Publicity Chair	Dot Helling

2004 CVR Meeting Schedule:

June 7th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Darragh Ellerson
August 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Michael Chernick
September 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Colvin
November 15th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Rose

Expenditures

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and the following expenditures were discussed:

Clock: Tim reported that the clock was ordered and paid for immediately following the last meeting in November but it has not yet arrived. He will contact the company and try to get the clock to use at the Mutt Strutt on April 25th.

Tent: Norm will purchase the tent as soon as they are available at Costco. In the meantime, one can be borrowed from Onion River Sports.

Database Program: President Donna has a new computer and needs a new database for the CVR membership list. With an educational discount, the price is \$179. It was moved, seconded and passed to allocate a maximum of \$200 for purchase of database software to be owned by CVR for use on Donna's computer.

Girls On the Run Scholarships: Rowley Brucken distributed brochures and spoke about this program for 3rd to 5th grade girls in Northfield. The program, which promotes self-respect and healthy living, is in need of partial or full (\$60) scholarships and CVR was

asked to fund two scholarships. A motion was made, seconded and passed to fund up to four scholarships as needed. In conjunction with this discussion, it was determined that an agenda item will be added for a future meeting to discuss what else CVR can do to promote youth track.

CVR Singlets: It has been a number of years since CVR Singlets have been ordered and many newer members do not have them. Sandy Colvin offered to spearhead the effort to look into designs and prices. The Club will probably purchase a supply to sell to members over time. It is good advertising to have members wear them at races.

Aaron Griggs Request for Scholarship: The Griggs' have a family membership and their son, Aaron, wrote a letter to the Club describing his running history. He is a high school senior and will participate in track at college. He is asking CVR for a scholarship. After discussing past scholarship procedures, a motion was made, seconded and passed to give Aaron a \$250.00 scholarship.

Special Olympics: John Martin requested that the Club purchase 24 mugs for \$120 to benefit Special Olympics. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$240 for 48 glass mugs, which will be used for race prizes.

Race Schedule

Publicity and Permits: Dot Helling sent a message indicating that the race schedule has been sent to all the Vermont clubs, VST, New England Runner and Coolrunning.com. Dot has the applications for permits for the Capital City, the Ten Miler and Berlin Pond races.

Reports from Race Directors: Tim Noonan handed out the list of the Weekday Evening Race Series. One new race has been added this year; the East Montpelier Center Chase Race on August 26th. Proceeds from this race will go to social service projects of the Old Meeting House.

Mutt Strutt: Donna Smyers reported that the announcements are out for this April 25th race. Proceeds will go to the Humane Society (no extra funds as was mistakenly given last year).

Capital City Stampede: Sam Davis has been working on this June 12th race.

Kids' Track Meet: Tim Noonan reported that the tentative date is May 22nd.

Leaf Peepers: Race Director Sandy Colvin reported that last year's race was a big success and the Committee will stay the same except that Curtis will not be available to do the on-line registration. Sandy has contacted coolrunning.com. More volunteers are needed especially for registration. A discussion was held regarding the problems with last year's registration and it was suggested that an announcement would state that registration closes ½ hour before the race. We would still take registrations after that time but hopefully runners will arrive earlier. Darragh Ellerson reported that the New England Runners calendar has incorrect information about Leaf Peepers but will put the correct information in ads.

First Night: \$2,000.00 went to the Onion River Arts Council – a very good year!

Mailing Date for Race Apps: Minuteman Press should receive race applications from race directors of the Capital City Stampede, Paul Mailman 10 Miler and the Thursday night races so that the mailing can be done no later than May 1st. The applications will also be put on the CVR website. There is no pre-registration for weekday races.

July 4th Race: Discussion was held regarding a race as part of the Onion River Arts Council July 4th Celebration in Montpelier. Someone would need to come forward to volunteer to be the race director.

Fasttrackonline.com Free T-shirt Contest: 200 custom t-shirts are given out each month to race directors who apply. It is national contest.

Onion River Sports Series Rules

Coordinator: President Donna indicated that a coordinator is needed to work with ORS on the series and the awards. Beth Eliason volunteered. Michael Chernick will assist.

Changes in Age Groups: It was moved, seconded and passed to add age categories to the ORS Series as high as the ages of the participants (in 10 year increments).

Change for Fun Run Participation: It was suggested that a list of runners be prepared in advance so that runners can sign in before the race. (Secretary Betty Rose has prepared this list). A motion was made, seconded and passed to award qualified runners five points per Fun Run (with a maximum of 50 points) towards the ORS Series.

Special Events – 25th Anniversary

A coordinator is needed to organize any events that will be held in celebration of the CVR 25th Anniversary this year. This item will be placed on the agenda of the June meeting.

Participation Benefits

Race Director and Officer Incentives: A motion was made, seconded and passed to give club officers, race directors, and newsletter editor free CVR membership.

Race Entry Fee Discounts: After discussing the extra work for race directors, it was determined that no entry fee discounts will be given to Club members.

Team Events Paid by CVR: It was proposed that the Club pay entry fees for members who get together to compete in team events such as the Winnepesaukee Relay, Reach the Beach and USATF championship events. After discussion of the high fees for some of the events, a motion was made, seconded and passed that CVR pay entry fees for the Winnepesaukee Relay only if all team members are CVR members and with a limit of 2 teams. Other team races can be submitted to the Club for approval.

Sponsorship: The Sportshoe Center has been unresponsive to requests for a discount.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next potluck and meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 7th at the home of Darragh Ellerson.