

Secretary's Notes

August 23, 2004 Meeting

Compiled by Betty Rose

President Donna Smyers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2004, at the home of Michael Chernick. Fifteen club members attended the meeting.

Letter from Governor: President Donna Smyers read a letter that she received from Governor Jim Douglas congratulating CVR on its 25th anniversary. The letter also commended the Club for its many community projects. Donna credited Dot Helling for the excellent job of getting publicity on Club activities in many local papers and Dot shared the credit with Phyllis Arsenault-Berry.

25th Anniversary: The 25th Anniversary picnic and sub-ultimate runner competition went well. The results and pictures have been posted on the website.

Mailing List and Equipment: Donna reported that she has been sharing the CVR mailing list with some Race Directors who want to send out applications but she does not share it with commercial ventures. She asked if this was acceptable to the Club. Those members present agreed that the distribution of the mailing list would be at the President's discretion. There was also some discussion about the use of the new timing clock at upcoming events and the need to procure sturdy signs so race directors don't have to create new signs for each race.

Weekday Evening Races: Race Director Tim Noonan reported that one more volunteer is needed for the upcoming *East Montpelier Center Chase Race* on Thursday, August 26th. Bob Bisson volunteered. Tim also advised that we should not repeat the *Statehouse Stage Run* at Hubbard Park in the future as the logistics were too difficult. Unfortunately some runners went off the marked route partly due to the pouring rain. It was suggested that this race may be done as a fun run instead of an advertised race.

Leaf Peepers: Race Director Sandy Colvin said plans for this October 3rd race are going well as the same committees as last year are in place. The race committee is looking to have more vendors. Suggestions offered include Loco Shoes, Cabot Socks and Yogurt. More volunteers are needed especially at the finish line. The registration will be handled differently this year with numbers and t-shirts pre-packaged for distribution. Extra t-shirts will be ordered for people to purchase. Members present expressed the opinion that the t-shirts be of a desirable color even if they cost more so that people will want to purchase them. It is hoped that entertainment can be provided on the race course (i.e. musicians) and it was suggested that the Harwood music department be contacted.

Northfield 5K: A discussion was held about the future of CVR's relationship with the *Northfield Savings Bank 5K Foot Race and Children's 1-Mile Race* which is held every

Labor Day weekend. Race Directors Tim Noonan and Norm Robinson will not run this race in the future. Tim reported that the form of the Bank and changed and it is not fun to deal with any longer. This year the applications were sent out very late (and in duplicate mailings) in spite of Tim's numerous efforts to have them mailed at least 4 weeks in advance. The present personnel at the Bank do not follow through on race preparations. As no CVR member has expressed interest in taking over the race director responsibilities, the Bank will be given the opportunity to come to a CVR meeting to seek a new Club representative if they wish to continue the relationship with CVR. Tim needs more volunteers for this year's race.

Morse Farms ORS/CVR Wednesday Night Races: Onion River Sports has suggested that CVR put on low key Wednesday nights races at Morse Farms after the summer bike races end. The proposal is for 5K races starting at 5:00 or 5:30 during the month of October. The course is in the woods and it gets dark early so there is concern about the dangers of a rough course in the darkness. Donna will arrange for a trial run to see how it will go.

CVR Time Trials: Tim proposed that runs be held Saturday mornings at 9:00 am on November 6, 13 and 20 at Montpelier High School on the bike path. This idea was well received by the members present.

Future of Berlin Pond Run Around: On the evening of the August 12th Berlin Pond Race, someone posted a sign at the Pond stating that the race had been canceled due to disrespect to local residents. Fifty-six runners participated in spite of the sign and the weather conditions (pouring rain). Unfortunately the timing clocks did not work due to the rain. Not having runners' times is problematic in determining points for the ORS Series. It was moved, seconded and passed to award 100 points to the winner of each category and 98 points to all other CVR runners that completed the race. Discussion was held regarding the possible discontinuance of this race due to the attitude of some residents. A possible ORS Series substitute could be the *Sodom Pond Run*. It has been very difficult for Race Director Michael Chernick to put on this race as he does not have a car. Dot Helling volunteered to take over as race director for at least one year and she will work on the relationship with the residents. It was suggested that the registration be moved to the Town Clerk's office.

Berlin Meeting: After an August 17th meeting with representatives of the Town of Berlin, Dot Helling drafted a proposed *Resolution of Concerns re Running Events*. This proposal was discussed and suggestions were made which will be added. It was moved, seconded and passed to authorized Dot to amend and submit the proposal to the Town. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Berlin Community Celebration Fun Run: The Town of Berlin has approached Dot Helling to request that CVR put on a low key one-mile out and back fun run on Saturday, September 25th as part of a community festival. They want to discourage fast runners so prizes will be given for unusual categories such as first Berlin resident. Dot has agreed to be race director in an effort to improve relations with the Town. It was moved, seconded

and passed to authorize CVR's involvement in setting up the race which will be put on by the Town of Berlin. Darragh Ellerson, Phyllis Arsenault-Berry and Betty Rose volunteered to assist Dot.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next potluck and meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 15th at the home of Betty Rose.