

Secretary's Notes

November 15, 2004 Meeting

Compiled by Betty Rose

President Donna Smyers called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2004, at the home of Betty Rose. Twelve club members attended the meeting.

2004 RACE REPORTS:

Northfield 5K: Race Director Tim Noonan reported that during the last week leading up to the race the bank did a tremendous job and the race came together. Tim has agreed to continue as director. The CVR fee has been changed to a \$250.00 flat fee.

Leaf Peepers: Race Director Sandy Colvin was not present but discussion was held regarding concerns expressed by some runners about the safety of the course. Car traffic is a potential hazard especially in the areas where runners are going out and back on the same road. Other potential problem areas are going through town at the start of the race and at the bridge. The Committee is working on this issue. The money contributed to Harwood was down a little this year due to higher expenses. Other topics discussed were the bags containing race numbers and t-shirts and the shortage of port-o-lets. The number of no-shows was down from previous years. CVR expressed thanks to Sandy Colvin and her committee for a great job.

Weekday Evening Races: Race Director Tim Noonan reported on the six races and stated that all should be continued except the Stage Race. Two more may be added to the series. The series brought in a \$250 profit to the Club in addition to the donations of \$100 to Friends of Hubbard Park, \$100 to the Old Meeting House Social Services Fund and \$75 to the Rumney School. The turnout was 35-40 per race except for the larger turnout for the Berlin Pond Race (in spite of the terrible weather). Dot Helling is the Director for next year's Berlin Pond Race and reported that the distance will change from 8K to 5 miles and the course will be changed slightly to begin and end near the parking pullout and the pumphouse. Registration and awards presentation will be in the Town Hall parking lot.

Berlin Community Celebration Fun Run: There were very few runners but the race was a success and will be continued as it is a good community relations builder.

Falling Leaves Race Series: Director Tim Noonan reported that the first two 5K runs in the Saturday morning series have had a higher turn out than expected with 37 on November 5th and 33 on November 13th. The profit has been \$265 so far with one race to go. The attraction to runners seems to be that it is a 5K flat fast course that is entirely off the roads.

First Night: Race Director Rowly Brucken sent word that the applications are being printed and everything is going well.

Equipment: Only two of the four printer timers are working. Donna will see if there is some way to get them repaired. The box of pins is either missing or empty and we need to order more before First Night. A large quantity will be purchased so they will be available for all races. The large CVR timing clock was received in May and used for the first time in August. It has failed a few times due to a problem with the battery pack and charger. It is under a one-year warranty but we've experienced poor service from the company.

2005 TENTATIVE RACE SCHEDULE:

Mutt Strutt, April 24, Jamie Shanley and Donna Smyers
(Michael Chernick, backup)
CVR Kids Track Meet, June 4th, Tim Noonan and Norm
Robinson
Capital City Stampede, June 11th, Sam Davis
Paul Mailman 10 Miler, June 25th, Dave Kissner and Betty
Rose
Bear Swamp Run, July 7th, Tim Noonan
Berlin Pond Run 5 Miler, August 11th, Dot Helling
CVR Track Race (**NEW**, 800, 1500, and 3000 meters),
August 18th, Tim Noonan
East Montpelier Center Chase Race, August 25th, Tim
Noonan
Northfield Savings Bank Labor Day Race, September 3rd,
Tim Noonan
Hubbard Park 5K Race, September 14th, Tim Noonan
Sodom Pond Run, September 21st, Tim Noonan
Leaf Peepers Half Marathon and 5K, October 2nd, Sandy
Colvin
Falling Leaves Series, November 5th, 12th, 19th, Tim Noonan
First Night, December 31st, Rowly Brucken

Proposal for two new races: Tim would like to add two new races to the schedule in May. One will be a 5K at the Old Meeting House on May 12th. The other may be co-sponsoring the Black Fly Festival 4 miler in Adamant with Eric Ryea as race director.

Annual Meeting: Set for Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Michael Chernick's house. The run will begin at 4:00 and the pot luck at 5:30.

Awards and Volunteer Recognition Dinner: Betty Rose will look into having this event at the Steak House on January 27, 2005. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate up to \$600 on this event.

Spirit of the Club Award: Dot Helling offered to head a committee to select a member who will be presented the Spirit of the Club Award. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Dot Helling, Betty Rose and Bob Murphy to the committee and authorize \$50 to spend on the award.

Newsletter: Beth Eliason will not be editor of the Newsletter after the next issue. CVR thanks Beth for her tremendous effort in putting out an excellent newsletter. Any club member who is willing to take over this job should contact Donna Smyers.

Onion River Sports Series: Bob Murphy will finalize the series point results after the last Falling Leaves Race so that all volunteers are recognized.

Sports Shoe Center Discount: The store asked for a membership list but has not committed to an on-going discount. Phyllis Arsenault-Berry will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is the annual meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Michael Chernick's house. The run will begin at 4:00 and the pot luck at 5:30.