

Central Vermont Runners – Secretary's Notes

March 20th, 2005 Meeting

Compiled by Sandy Colvin

In attendance: Sandy Colvin, Priscilla Carr, Eric Ryea, Donna Smyers, Norm Robinson, Michael Chernick, Roger Cranse, Richard Cleveland, Darragh Ellerson, Maureen Carr, Dot Helling, Bob Murphy, Tim Noonan, Beth Gambler.

Election of Officers for March 2005-March 2006

President – Betty Rose
Vice President – Michael Chernick
Treasurer – Priscilla Carr
Secretary – Sandy Colvin

Some notes: Priscilla has requested that she get some training and help from the current treasurer, Laura Medalie.

SPECIAL THANKS - To all the outgoing officers. Donna, a big thank you for a wonderful year, very successful, and very well run. Laura, thanks for being treasurer for something like 5+/- years, all your help is greatly appreciated. Betty, thanks for being secretary this past year, and for taking on the position of president for the upcoming year.

Volunteers for Non-Elected Positions:

Newsletter – Need to confirm, but Nancy Rice has possibly volunteered.
Web Master – Dave Kissner
Publicity – Dot Helling
Database Manager – Donna Smyers
ORS Scoring – Bob Murphy
Course Measurement and Certification – Bob Murphy

Club Meeting Dates – All meetings are Pot Luck Dinners, and are held at 6:30 pm

Thursday June 2nd, 2005 – To be held at the home of Darragh Ellerson
Thursday August 4th, 2005 – To be held at the home of Betty Rose
Thursday November 3rd, 2005 – To be held at the home of Eric Ryea

Treasurers Report:

\$8,500.00 is the balance as of this date.

Expenditures:

Donation Requests

Girls on the Run – Rowley Brucken has requested CVR donate the cost of membership or registration in the Girls on the Run program. The cost is \$60.00. The

club has agreed to donate the cost of as many girls who need our assistance with the maximum of 5 girls.

Special Olympics – John Martin has requested a donation to Vermont Special Olympics. The club has agreed to donate \$250.00 to Vermont Special Olympics.

Dana Farber – Nancy Rice has requested that the club donate to Dana Farber, via her daughter, who is raising money for the organization and is running for this charity in the Boston Marathon. The club has decided rather than a donation from the club itself, we will send out a notice to all our club members via e-mail with the necessary information, so they can choose to give individually if they would like to. The vote not to donate as a club was as a result of the precedent this could set for the club donating to a variety of charities, for which we get asked every year. This doesn't exactly fit with the types of charities or organizations to whom we donate, so again rather than a cash donation, we will donate by sending along the request to all of our individuals members.

Team Uniforms:

Sandy Colvin has agreed to continue the search for team uniforms. Specifically a tank or singlet top. Everyone viewed some samples and discussed what we liked best about each and what we felt was needed. The colors will remain the same, Red, or a combination of red and white. The request was made to make the logo larger, especially the word VERMONT. The key is to make the tops stylish, so members will want to purchase one and will wear it with pride. A motion was made and agreed that if Sandy needs it, the club will provide her with \$300.00 to spend on getting some samples made. The next step will be to bring the samples to our first fun run and see if everyone likes it. Ideally we would like some done by late spring, early summer.

Timing Clocks/ Printer Timers:

There was a very long discussion on this topic. Currently our printer timers are not all working, and we need to either fix what we have or take advantage of the opportunity to update what we have and get something more modern, perhaps something with the capabilities of sending the times directly to a database on a laptop. This could potentially improve the amount of time it takes to get results completed after our races. Donna Smyers will be in charge of investigating this further. A motion was made and accepted to allow Donna to look at spending around \$500.00, but she will check back in with the club before making any final decisions.

Storage for all Club Equipment:

If you have ever been involved in a race, especially as race director, you know how much time is spent gathering all the equipment for the race. Cones, mileage signs, clocks, timers, lime, tape, Gatorade buckets, tables, etc. The past few years, Donna Smyers has been kind enough to let us use her garage to store much of this equipment. This gave all the various race directors and volunteers a central location to get to the equipment when needed, as well as a place to return everything when done.

Donna announced that she is moving. So, we will no longer have use of her garage. The club needs to find a place for all of our equipment. Does any club member have storage

for us to use? The requirements or rather preferences for this space are: something local, preferably Montpelier. Something dry. Something easy to get in and out of, yet safe from theft or vandalism. Please contact Donna Smyers or Betty Rose if you have space for us to use. In the meantime research is being done on renting space.

CVR Races:

All race dates are the same as previously announced. Tim Noonan handed out the following Thursday evening race schedule:

The Wiz 5k – April 21st – 6pm

Hubbard Park 5k- May 12th – 6pm

Bear Swamp 5.7 miles – July 7th - 6pm

Berlin Pond – 5 miles – August 11th – 6pm

CVR Track Triple – 1500 and 3000 meters - August 18th – 6pm

East Montpelier Center Chase Race – 5 miles - August 25th – 6pm

Hubbard Park Predict –a-time – 5k – September 14th – 6pm

Sodom Pond – 4 miles – September 21st – 6 pm

For more information on all the races, directions, OR to volunteer to help at any of these races, please contact Tim Noonan.

April 24th is the Annual Mutt Strutt. Donna Smyers is looking for volunteers, if you are interested, please let Donna know.

Leaf Peepers – Discussion over the need for a new race director. Sandy Colvin cannot be race director this year. Roger Cranse has volunteered to discuss the possibility of being race director, but really wants to continue as the Registration Coordinator. If needed he will do both, but really would like some help with the director position. He and Sandy will discuss it further, but at this point the planning for leaf peepers will continue and we will have the race. If you are interested in being Race Director or perhaps a co-director with Roger, please let Sandy Colvin know. We are also looking for volunteers to be the coordinators for Food – Race course and other positions. This is again one of CVR's biggest events, and all the help we can get the better.

First Night – Rowley Brucken has volunteered to be race director again this year, however Onion River Arts Council (ORAC) will no longer co-sponsor the event, and money raised will not be going to ORAC. Discussion of who should this race benefit if anyone at all? Suggestions made were the Montpelier Rec Department, Montpelier Rec Path. Any ideas? Contact Rowley Brucken.

Barre Homecoming – The club has been asked by Bob Bisson the Race Director to co-sponsor this event, and make it one of the CVR races. A decision was made to help Bob and make it one of the CVR races. It will not however, become part of the Onion River Race Series. Donna Smyers will contact Bob for further discussion on what our involvement will be etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm