

# Central Vermont Runners – Secretary's Notes

## August 4, 2005 Meeting

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*Compiled by Sandy Colvin*

Meeting was held at the home of Betty Rose. Potluck dinner followed by the meeting. In attendance were, Sandy Colvin, Betty Rose, Bob Bisson, Cyndi Cross, Priscilla Carr, Dot Helling, Michael Chernick, Donna Smyers, Bob Murphy, Tim Noonan, Roger Cranse, Dave Kissner, Kevin Russell and Nancy Rice.

**Mad River Valley Half Marathon and Paul Mailman 10 Miler** – Kevin Russell who is the race director for the Mad River Valley Half Marathon attended the meeting at the suggestion of Michael Chernick, after it was discovered he would like to have his race the same weekend as the Paul Mailman 10 Miler. There was a lot of discussion, and Kevin explained the reasons why the same weekend was chosen. The goal of the Mad River Race is to attract people from out of town to run, attracting mostly visitors to the state. Bring them to the Mad River area for an event. This weekend was good because there wasn't anything else planned in the area on these dates. Everyone spoke about his or her feelings on it, and although it wasn't decided on and Kevin didn't say either way, CVR members don't feel that we can change the date of the Paul Mailman race, it is one of the longest running events that CVR has and that weekend works well with our schedule of events. Kevin emphasized that he supports CVR and really attended the meeting to get some feedback and discuss.

**Singlets / Team Uniforms** – Sandy Colvin has found that Mills Greer in South Burlington is able to order and apply the logo for singlets for the club. The benefit of using a local shop is the ease in ordering more when needed and working locally to edit or change the singlets in the future will be much easier than perhaps going on line or working with a vendor out of town. Sandy has found a red and white singlet similar to that which CVR has had in the past. She has worked with Mills Greer to use the same logo, but to enlarge the font, make Vermont stand out a bit more than the past logo did. Sandy will order a minimum amount and bring to show members of the club for approval, and if approved will take orders for more. Some ideas were exchanged to ask Onion River to sell them for us, and we would sell them to anyone in addition to CVR members. We will investigate this option further once we have the shirts. A motion passed to have the club pay for \$5.00 of the cost of the shirt for all members. Sandy doesn't have the total cost yet, until the shirts are printed.

**Signs** – Betty Rose was able to get warning signs for upcoming races. They have already been used and are proving to be very helpful in warning residents and drivers of upcoming races and events. The signs are editable, with the name of the race and the date and time, being added for each event. Betty has offered to make these edits for any race directors wishing to use the signs. Just call or e-mail her with the info, she will edit the signs accordingly and you can pick them up at her garage, where they are stored.

## **Race Directors Reports**

*Wiz 5k* – Tim Noonan reported this was a good race, but not an annual event, just something fun to do this year, he won't hold the race again next year.

*Hubbard Park 5K* – 20 Runners attended. Good turnout and would do it again.

*Bear Swamp* – Good turnout, actually made a profit on the race, which is rare.

*Barre Homecoming* – Bob Bisson reported the race went well. 87 runners, very successful and would like to do it again. He would like the club to consider an offer from A.G. Edwards to be an exclusive sponsor, donating a lot towards the costs of running the race. There was a motion passed to donate one half of all the proceeds from the Barre Homecoming Race to the Aldridge Library in Barre.

## **Future Races**

*Berlin Pond 5 Miler* – Dot Helling reports, this is a new course, certified 5 mile race. Registration, Parking and awards are at the Town Clerks Office. Dot has found a lot of help from CVR members for food, water, registration etc. Should be a good event!

*Track Triple* – First track event for CVR. Tim Noonan is the race director but can't attend, so Bob Murphy has offered to run this event. Discussion on how exactly it should run since it is the first time doing this.

*Northfield 5K* – Tim Noonan is still looking for more volunteers for this annual event. Please contact him for details. The club is being paid \$250.00 to help at the race.

*Hubbard Park–Predict a time* – Tim Noonan will hold this popular event again. It will be different course but the same rules as last year.

*Leaf Peepers* – Roger Cranse discussed the progress. The planning is going well. The race will be using chip timing for the first time. This should help speed the results and awards which have been delayed in the past due to the large size of the race.

*First Night* – Rowly Brucken sent a report that same sponsors as last year have already agreed to participate again this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Berlin Community Festival** – CVR participated in this event last year by holding a one mile race. Dot Helling has agreed to be the race director again this year. The date is September 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events listed above, please contact the race director listed, or contact Betty Rose at [Brose@Nationallife.com](mailto:Brose@Nationallife.com). Think of all the volunteers it takes to hold some of the events you have run and take the opportunity to volunteer, it is greatly appreciated.

**Mailing** – Donna Smyers is looking for some suggestions and some help in deciding who should be on the CVR mailing list and how many mailings we should do each year. It was decided to discuss this more at a future meeting, but she asked that everyone give it some thought, as we are spending club money to send out multiple mailings to people out of state etc. when there might be an opportunity to save some money by combining mailings, not sending to the same list for all races or using a different mailing method.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday November 3rd, 2005 – to be held at the home of Eric Ryea.