

**Central Vermont Runners  
2006 Annual Meeting  
March 26, 2006**

- 1. Welcome to Members** – CVR President, Betty Rose, welcomed the membership to the club’s annual meeting held at the Montpelier home of Norm Robinson.
  
- 2. Nomination of Officers for 2006-2007** - Nominating Committee Chair, Norm Robinson, presented the following slate including: Betty Rose (President), Michael Chernick (Vice President), Sandy Colvin (Secretary), and Priscilla Carr (Treasurer). There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved with one negative vote.
  
- 3. Schedule of Future Meetings** – After a brief discussion to determine convenient dates for the largest number of members and club officers, the following schedule was approved for 2006 CVR meetings: Thursday June 8 at Morse Farm or if it is unavailable at Michael Chernick’s; Monday August 7 at Darragh’s; and Wednesday November 1 at Eric and Donna’s in Adamant.
  
- 4. Approval of Secretary’s Minutes of Prior Meeting** – The secretary’s minutes of the prior meeting were approved.
  
- 5. Technology Issues** – The meeting turned to the application of computer technology for the scoring of races and other CVR administrative duties. As an opening point, Donna Smyers reminded the club that CVR has purchased an MS Office software package, including Word and Excel features, and that it is currently loaded on her personal laptop. The discussion then focused on the possible purchase of race software. Bob Murphy reported on a software program for race administration named “Apple Raspberry Jam.” It is sold in both MAC and PC versions. The program costs \$200.00 An optional database module is available for an additional cost. Donna noted that the MS Word package includes a database. But, there was a consensus that for \$25 extra dollars, CVR should purchase the database module.  
The membership extended the discussion to the possible purchase of a laptop for the club’s administrative purposes. Rowly Brucken suggested, for now, limiting the CVR purchase to a software package. Tim Noonan raised the idea of assigning to one person at each race the computer duties.. He supported the purchase of a laptop. Betty Rose volunteered to serve as the computer designee at those races she can attend. Specifically, for First Night and Capital City Stampede, it was suggested the use of a computer was a good idea.

**MOTION (Murphy/Noonan) That CVR authorize the purchase of one copy of the Apple Raspberry Jam racing software including the optional database module**

The motion was approved unanimously. Bob Murphy will make the purchase on the club’s behalf.

Discussion resumed on the purchase of a laptop and that it be capable of handling web site management issues. The requirement that any printer be able to operate on battery power for race site use was also raised.

**MOTION (Carr/Ellerson) That CVR authorize the purchase of a laptop computer, printer, and the necessary operating software with a maximum expenditure of \$1,500**

The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. Treasurers' Report** – CVR Treasurer, Priscilla Carr, reported a balance of \$8,085 in the checking account. Michael Chernick reported that the club continues to maintain a Vermont state sales tax exemption. The Vermont Department of Taxes issued a new copy of the exemption certificate to CVR in the fall of 2005. However, although the club once had a federal income tax exemption, it is not current because it was not renewed. Michael agreed to obtain the documentation to apply for federal exemption status. Dot Helling will be asked to assist in this project. The treasurer's report was approved.

**7. Montpelier July 4<sup>th</sup> Race** – Heather Shouldice, Executive Director of the Montpelier Downtown Community Association, has inquired if CVR would administer a race on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Norm Robinson related the club's past (and problematic) experiences with a Montpelier 4<sup>th</sup> of July race. He indicated that only if a race were placed in front of the city parade would a large crowd be in attendance to watch, The matter was left that if anyone is interested, the person should contact directly the Montpelier Downtown Community Association.

**8. Girls on the Run Donation** – Rowly Brucken spoke of his experience as a coach-coordinator of the Girls on the Run program in Northfield and now in Barre City. He reported that in Barre City, scholarship funds have been raised but that funds were needed for the purchase of shoes for those girls' families unable to afford this expense.

**MOTION (Noonan/Murphy) That CVR authorize a donation of \$250.00 to the Barre Girls on the Run program**

The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Special Olympics Donation**

**MOTION (Ellerson/Ryea) That CVR authorize a donation of \$250.00 to the Special Olympics.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. Spirit of the Club Award**

The membership discussed whether the annual Spirit of the Club Award should be limited to one recipient each year. Concern was expressed that by awarding more than one award each year, there may not be anyone left who merited the honor and had not already received the award.

**MOTION (Smyers/Kissner) That the CVR annual Spirit of the Club Award be awarded to a maximum of one person per year**

The motion was approved unanimously.

## **11. Race Director's Reports & Related Matters**

The membership reviewed the status of selected races and related administrative issues:

**Mutt Strut** – Sunday April 30, Little River State Park in Waterbury – Donna Smyers requested volunteer assistance for the event. She also announced Camp Takum-Ta Triathlon, including a 5k road race that can be stand alone event, and is scheduled for April 1. The Mutt Strut announcement is posted on the Cool Running web site.

**Mailing Lists** – The mailing lists usage and management was discussed as was transitioning the mailings to e-mail distribution at least on an optional basis. John Valentine described the mailings as an inefficient way to distribute race applications. In order to reduce the number of mailings and the weigh of each mailing it was decided: i) to eliminate the names of those who ran only in Leaf Peepers; and ii) combine the Capital Stampede and Paul Mailman application on one form in order to reduce the number of applications mailed.

Race directors were reminded that the applications to be included in the mailing are due May 1.

**Black Fly 4 Miler** –Saturday May 6 in Adamant, Eric Ryea is the director.

**Leap Peepers** – Roger Cranse announced a \$5.00 increase in the fee. A request to close the Winooski Street Bridge during the race will be brought to the Waterbury Selectboard. The request is being made for safety reasons.

**Berlin Pond** – The town of Berlin has approved the race permit.

**Paul Mailman 10 Miler** - Betty Rose suggested starting the race on the Montpelier High School running track in order to eliminate the road segment at the beginning. No final decision was made.

**First Night** –Betty Rose suggested changing the course to eliminate Dunpatrick Circle. There were problems in 2005. The first finishers were misdirected and did not run the full distance. Rowly Brucken will review the course and directions for possible

changes. Later in the meeting, Bob Murphy raised the issue of the early finishers' Onion River Race Series scores. Rowly and Bob will develop a scoring system to account properly for these runners.

**12. Vermont Sports Today** – Vermont Sports Today, which is no longer owned locally, is interested in publishing a block advertisement listing all of the Onion River Sports sponsored races. Prices for advertising space were provided. Donna Smyers will check with Onion River, but CVR has no interested in purchasing the advertising space.

**13. Newsletter** - The next issue is scheduled for publication during the second week of May. It will include the race schedule.

**14. Adjournment** – All business having concluded the annual meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.