

# CVR Annual Meeting

## March 18, 2007 Meeting

*Compiled by Sandy Colvin*

Betty Rose called the annual meeting to order. She introduced two guests from the Rutland Running club, one of which is the RRCA representative for Vermont.

Secretary Minutes from the last meeting were accepted. One note about the date printed for Leaf Peepers, it is actually September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurers Report**

Priscilla Carr passed out the last 3 years budget/report. Balance in our account right now is \$13,380. Budget accepted.

Also reported was the need to file our non profit status and work, which involves review of the past 3 years of treasurers reports and working with an accountant to make sure this filing is done properly. This will be done.

### **By Laws**

It has been discovered that the clubs by laws may be outdated. Although we have discussed making changes to them in the past few years, no one has been able to find a current typed up version with all the changes. Because of this, Priscilla Carr worked with others such as Bob Murphy to review all the minutes from our previous meetings to find mention of changes to our by laws. Priscilla reviewed some changes with the group and will send the new by laws out to everyone via e-mail for their review. She encourages all the officers to review and make sure they are aware of their duties etc. Also changed were some spelling and grammar errors. The new by laws were accepted.

**Election of Officers** – President – Norm Robinson  
VP – Andrea McLaughlin  
Secretary – Sandy Colvin  
Treasurer – Priscilla Carr  
Executive Committee – Dick Millar, Greg Wight  
Publicity Director – Open

All officers nominated and accepted.

### **Dates for future club meetings**

There are 4 meetings per year, usually March, June, August and November. For this year the tentative dates of our club meetings are:

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm at Norm's house  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Location to be announced  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Location to be announced  
Date for Annual March meeting to be set in November

### **Newsletter**

Nancy Rice asked the group about the idea of sending out more newsletters, perhaps one between November and March? Everyone discussed and agreed this would be o.k. She also reminded everyone to send her information for the newsletters.

Share ideas, info on upcoming events as well as your experiences at events. She is always looking for good info to publish.

Nancy also asked that the newsletters always include race information such as race name, date of the race and the race director's name and contact info. This will help us all keep the dates on our calendars as well as publicize our events.

### **Blueplanetrun.org**

Dot Helling shared with the group her next adventure of running around the world with an organization called Blue Planet. For more info the website is [Blueplanetrun.org](http://Blueplanetrun.org).

### **Equipment**

The club needs a place to store all the equipment. Lori LaCroix has offered space in Sidewalk Village. Suggestions were made to look closer at the security and lets make sure someone does an inventory of everything, but if found o.k. as far as security, we should take her up on her offer.

### **Timers**

Donna discussed getting 2-3 new hand held paper timers and also getting a nice timer that is compatible with our computer and computer timing system. A motion by Norm was accepted to form a committee on researching a new timer and/or computer system, but in the meantime purchasing new hand held paper timers. Donna, Bob, Norm and Tim will be on the committee and a budge of \$1000 +/- was authorized.

### **VT RRCA Representative**

The RRCA representative for Vermont spoke about his trip to the RRCA meeting in Massachusetts. He feels the RRCA is very solvent now, and he wanted to share with us some of the projects they are working on as well as some of the feedback from his meeting. At the meeting he learned that all running clubs in the Northeast are challenged with getting volunteers for their events. Club fees around the North East range from \$15.00 up to \$125.00. The RRCA works with a kids program called Kids Run the Nation, encouraging young children to run, and they are working on a Road Scholar program to support young elite runners. He left information regarding the 50 state champ challenge campaign, to build awareness of running.

### **Marble Valley Runners' Mothers Day Race**

Ron Bushey from the Marble Valley Runners shared information with the group regarding a Mothers Day race in Rutland. It is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. A 5K race on flat roads, sponsored by the Sportshoe Center, race entry is \$15.00. Prizes for categories such

as Mother with stroller, Fathers with Stroller etc. Proceeds go to the Rutland City Battered Woman's Shelter.

### **Mailings**

We had a long discussion regarding mailings of race applications and the need for continuing to do this. Some feel that sending out applications is necessary, while others feel posting the information to a website and sending out postcards is a better methodology. There is a fear that not everyone who attends our races uses a computer and by only having on line applications etc. we will lose part of our audience. Donna offered to send out a post card type reminder on our races with only certain info rather than a full application for each race.

### **Race Updates**

Roger Cranse gave an update on planning for *Leaf Peepers*. Everything is going well, he met with the state and they have agreed to provide maintenance as well as security at this years race.

Tim Noonan gave an update on *Northfield*, he will need help with the event, he needs volunteers for the race timing and course etc. Betty has offered to enter the pre-registration data. Brenda offered to help and Roger suggested getting Norwich more involved. Tim would like to have a race planning committee of 5-6 people. If you are interested in being on the committee or volunteering for the race, contact Tim.