

CVR Meeting Notes

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Approximately a dozen CVR members gathered on a beautiful, late summer, night to discuss business.

Old Business:

Bob Murphy will not be able to organize a race on the Barre Town Bike Path this year. Will discuss again for next year.

Race News:

Paul Mailman Ten-Miler: Betty Rose, the race director, had a large turnout this year. The Massachusetts team contributed to the large turnout. Betty received feedback that the change in the course, due to road construction, was well liked. Participants asked that the change be kept for next year. However, some residents did not appreciate the extra runners on their road due to the change in the racecourse. This race had many highlights: a road maker was run over by an irate resident; a train stopped the race for a few minutes as it crossed the road on the tracks; and horses got loose and ran along side some runners!

The race was delayed due to the transition between the *Race for Life* and the *Paul Mailman*. Betty suggested that CVR change the Race to June 28th to avoid a conflict with the *Race for Life*. Club feels that this change will be good, but need to check with the race director of the Capital City Stampede to see if there is a conflict.

Berlin Pond Race: Brenda Phillips, the new race director, did an outstanding job. Brenda expressed concerned that we do not regularly have a 70+ category for our races. She had five 70+ registers for this race. It was determined that a 70+ category will be decided upon by the size of the race, and race director. The 70+ category will be brought up again at CVR's Annual Meeting

Brenda had two suggestions for the club: race directors should cross check age categories with on-line registration; and a New Race Directors check list would be helpful in the future. Tim will look up one that had been used in the past.

Barre's Homecoming Race: Bob Bisson reported that he had 72 participants in the race. He received donations for the race from A.G. Edwards, Union Mutual Fire Insurance, Times Argus, Central Vermont Hospital and Stonecutters Pub and Brew. The Sports Shoe Center donated gift certificates for the male and female first place finishers. The club voted that 50% of the proceeds from the race will go to the Aldrich Library.

Bear Swamp Race: This was a very unique race this year thanks to Mother Nature. Tim Noonan said this race was very stressful! The day began very wet so the course was muddy to begin with. Right before the race was to begin, the sky cleared and the sun came out. Within about ten minutes from the start of the race, the clouds rolled in, twenty minutes into the race some thunder could be heard . . . thirty minutes into the race the heavens opened up, and thunder and lightening were crashing all around the runners. Concern for the runners rose amongst the

race director and volunteers. Norm drove the course and asked runners if they wanted a ride back to the finish. He had no takers. Tim feels that this situation could occur again if Bear Swamp is scheduled during July and in the early evening. Bear Swamp will be changed to another race date.

Club needs to discuss a race cancellation policy for future races. Norm will look into the policy used by Runners of America.

*****Race Directors please submit your volunteer list to George Phillips.*****

Treasurers Report: Not much new. Tax returns have been sent to the IRS. We are still waiting to see if IRS will penalize the Club for late fees.

Future Races:

Leaf Peepers: There are 700 racers registered for the half-marathon as of today. Our limit is 900. Approximately 15 racers have been registering per day. There is no cap on the 5k. However; there is **no** race day registration for either race. Rodger Cranse, the race director, was not able to attend this meeting but indicated that everything is good. There will be some changes from last year that will be discussed. Rodger is planning to have a race meeting within the next few weeks.

Northfield: For the first time CVR will be doing the results of this race. Bob Murphy will be in charge of the timing with assistance from other members. As of yet, he is not sure which software he will be using: Apple Race Berry Jam or Run Score. CVR will be doing all of the logistics of this race and Northfield Bank will be doing the registration.

Falling Leaves: Tim has been contacted by *Girls on the Run* to have third – sixth grade girls participate in the race. Young racers are encouraged by the Club to participate in the races.

New Business:

Donna Smyers has recommended that we consider replacing Apple Race Berry Jam race software with Run Score. At the Berlin Pond Race, Bob Murphy had difficulty with ARB software. Donna tried out Run Score and experienced success with the software. The Club voted and will purchase Run Score software for \$250.00.

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A new member, Jay Southgate, attended the meeting. He owns his own Steeple repair business and would like to donate \$250 to a race. He would also like to become involved in CVR. Race directors please keep him in mind to volunteer. He can be reached at 839-6099.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38. Next meeting will be Nov. 14th at John and Dot Martins house.