

Central Vermont Runners

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 16th, 2008

Norm, CVR President, started the meeting in a timely fashion and continued to keep the meeting on task.

- First agenda item was voting in the current officers: the vote was second by all present.
- CVR Officers for the upcoming year:

President – Norm Robinson
Vice-President – Andrea McLaughlin
Treasurer – Priscilla Carr
Secretary - Sandy Colvin
Webmaster- Dave Kissner
Newsletter Editor - Nancy Rice
Publicity – ***Vacant***
Membership Coordinator- Donna Smyers

- There was discussion on the responsibilities of the Publicity Director but no one present showed interest on taking on that position.
- The current dues, \$10.00 per year, were discussed. All present agreed the dues should stay the same for the coming year.
- Priscilla, the Treasurer, reviewed the clubs finances to date. This is not the end of the year data, but she does not foresee any drastic changes. Leaf Peepers continues to be the clubs chief money maker. Approximately \$9,000 per year. Priscilla informed that all of the past IRS issues have been settled.

A round of applause was given to Priscilla for her dedication and persistency to resolve the tax issues of the CVR!

- Priscilla question how the expenses of First Night were handled. She explained that the Montpelier Downtown Association gets all of the proceeds for First Night and then pays CVR back for expenses. Next year she would like to see if Montpelier Downtown Association could pay for all of the expenses. The contact person for the Association is Heather Shoulder and should be contacted before the race next year.

- Next the club discussed items needed for races. A computer to be use specifically for races was suggested. Dave Kissner came with a list of laptops that are compatible with race programs used by the club. It was voted on that Dave can purchase any computer that would best fit the club's needs up to \$1,000. The motioned was second. Dave will inform the Executive Committee of his decision on which laptop will best meet the needs of the club.

The club also discussed the need for an additional Time Machine. There was question if more than one should be purchased. A motion was made to purchase one Time Machine and the motioned was second. Donna Smyers will look into purchasing the Time Machine.

- Norm brought up that he would like to take \$250.00 donated by Jay Southgate and purchase T-shirts to the Kids Track Meet. The club agreed to let money that has been donated to the club, up to \$500.00, to purchase T-shirts for the Kids Track Meet. The motioned was second.
- Nancy Rice, Newsletter Editor, discussed various papers that the newsletter has been printed on. She will print the newsletter on colored paper which does not require a more expensive ink.
- Membership application forms were discussed. It was decided that membership forms will be professionally designed and printed. When this is completed forms will be left at area hotels and Chambers of Commerce to attract area visitors' to fun runs and races.
- The motioned was passed to give Spirit of the Club nominee's, club membership dues and race entrees fees, free for one year. This will be made retroactive to include Dave Kissner, the current recipient of the Spirit of the Club award.
- Special Olympics and Barre Town Chapter of Girls on the Run received donations from CVR. Special Olympics \$300, and Girls on the Run up to \$500. Andrea McLaughlin, the Barre Town Girls on the Run coach will organize a fun run on a Wed. night to include both GTR girls and CVR runners.

- The club questioned if someone should go to Cincinnati for the RRCA conventions. It was decided that Frank, the Southern Vermont Repetitive will be contacted to determine if it would benefit the club. He has attended the RRCA conventions in the past. Many years ago when the RRCA convention was held in Maine, several club members attended the convention. They indicated that attending the convention had no direct benefit for the club.
- New Race Directors are needed for First Night and the Northfield Race. Rowly Brucken and Tim Noonan can no longer act as Race Directors. Anyone interested in directing these races contact Norm Robinson. Tim has offered to mentor the new Race Director for Northfield.
- It appears that Race Directors training is needed. Not all Race Directors are following through with responsibilities. Tim Noonan and Norm Robinson will schedule a Race Directors meeting. Tentatively a May meeting will be organized. Within this discussion it was determined that a volunteer check list will continue to be on Club Membership forms.
- Roger Cranse reported that Leaf Peepers will continue to be held in Waterbury. The Select Board and CVR agreed on pre-race conditions. Roger also informed the club that Greg White is no longer available to be the Registration Coordinator. This job will need to be filled. A discussion was lead around the need to make it less expensive to register on line than on paper. Rodger will take suggestions on upgrading the race to the race committee.
- The club has decided that CVR shirts are in order. Dot Martin will look into this. She has already contact Onion River Sports and will work with their representative and graphic designer. Dot will keep the Executive Committee posted on her progress.

Other Business:

- ❖ Fun run unofficially will start 3/18 and officially will start the first Tuesday in May.
- ❖ Next Meeting will May 22nd at Michael Chernick's home
- ❖ Betty Rose and Rowly Brucken will discuss switching the races they direct: First Night and 10 Miler

- ❖ Donna Smyers passed out registration forms for Camp Ta-Kum-TA Triathlon on April 6th sponsored by First in Fitness
- ❖ Brenda Phillips brought up that some mile markers might be missing.
- ❖ Lori LaCroix will be contacted about discounts at Lenny's

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30