

CVR Meeting Minutes

October 15th, 2008

Secretary's Notes

Compiled by Sandy Colvin

Approximately 15 members in attendance at the meeting. Meeting called to order around 6:45pm.

Leaf Peepers

Roger wasn't at the meeting but reported via e-mail that the race went well. Others at the meeting also reported they thought it went well. Special note to the Waterbury Fire Department volunteers who were out on the course. Those who ran thought their presence made a big difference out on the course with respect to traffic and course safety. The Fire Department reported that they really enjoyed it and would do it again next year if asked. The final accounting for the race isn't complete, but the club will be donating roughly \$1000 to the Fire Department this year. Registration was reported to also have gone very well.

Treasurers Report

Priscilla reports that the club has a balance of approximately \$28,000 but this is prior to some of the Leaf Peepers expenses being paid, and potentially more money will be deposited from leaf peepers registration, she is unsure at this point. There is still more work on the accounting for Leaf Peepers. Norm suggests the club start to consider making some additional charitable donations with proceeds from our races. This is a topic that needs further discussion, but would like everyone in the club to think about it and think about making proposals for a charity. More to come on this. There was a motion to establish a savings account for the balance, which is currently in a checking account. This motion was approved.

Falling Leaves

Tim will not be the only race director this year. He has others who are going to help him, so he will only do one of the series and the other two races will have different directors. Tim suggested that this year, rather than having the club spend money on purchasing prizes for the runners, we consider using the proceeds from the race for a donation to a charity. There was discussion on different charities and how it would all work and a motion was made and accepted to have all proceeds from the Falling Leaves Race Series donated to Vermont Food Bank, and we will advertise the races as an opportunity to bring a food item, canned good or such which will be donated to the Montpelier Food Shelf.

First Night

Tim Shea has agreed to be the race director this year and is already moving forward with planning. So far everything is going well.

Girls on the Run and Girls on the Track

Both organizations are looking for scholarship programs and opportunities. This can be discussed further at other meetings but we want to raise awareness of the programs. Girls on the Run has two programs, one for 3rd – 6th grade girls in Barre, the other in Rumney. Girls on the Track is for 6th – 8th grade girls in Montpelier. All three are run March through June. More discussion on this at the next CVR meeting.

Race Schedule

The following is the tentative race schedule for 2009:

Mutt Strut – April 26th
Black Fly – May 2nd
Kids Track Meet – June 6th
Capital City Stampede – June 13th
Paul Mailman – June 27th
Bear Swamp – July 11th
Barre Homecoming – July 25th
Berlin Pond – August 6th
E. Montpelier Chase Race – August 27th
Northfield Labor Day – September 5th
Sodom Pond – September 16th
Leaf Peepers – October 4th
Falling Leaves – November 7th, 14th, 21st
First Night – December 31st

All the race directors will remain the same, with the exception of Berlin Pond, which will be Nancy Rice and Michael Chernick.

Awards/Volunteer Dinner

John Martin will work on the coordination of the event, tentative date is January 22nd. Spirit of the club award committee is Dave Kissner and Andrea McLaughlin. Motion was made and accepted to have a committee of two this year.

Fun Runs

Need mile markers for the fun runs. Norm will see that this is done.

Annual Meeting

Discussed our next meeting will be the annual meeting which is when new officers are usually voted in. The officers present, all agreed to continue in the same position. The president, Norm Robinson will step down and Vice President Andrea McLaughlin agreed to fill the position. The rest of the officers will work on nominating a new vice president and will work on this via e-mail between now and the annual meeting.

New Race

Just wanted to make everyone aware of discussions about a new race. It is in early discussions, but Tim Shea, Andrew Brewer and John Hollar are developing a new race which could potentially be a combination of a mountain bike and running race, could be a 5 mile loop. It is in early discussion, more to come.

Onion River Race Series

Discussed ideas about changing the series with the ultimate goal of it being more competitive, easy to track, attract volunteers etc. In the past it has been challenging for those who can't attend all races. The series is over for 2008. John Hackney has agreed to be the scorekeeper for 2009 and there was a motion which was accepted to increase the number of races to 10, the existing 7 races plus Barre Homecoming, and Kaynors Sap Race and Common to Common. Kaynors and Common to Common are GMAA races, which would be a change to the series. Of the 10 races, the top 5 results count towards the series, the volunteer requirement continues, and must be volunteering for a CVR race. The Fun Run requirement however is being removed, so attendance at Fun Runs is no longer part of the series.

Next Meeting

Annual Meeting is March 22nd SAVE THE DATE.....details to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm