

# CVR Meeting Notes

## November 12, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was a potluck dinner and was held at Rowley Brucken's house. There were 11 members present.

President Andrea McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were not approved as they have not been distributed. The newsletter is still at the printers.

The first topic of discussion was donations. There was a question of how to deal with requests for donations between meetings. It was suggested that members could be polled by email. The bigger issues was brought up that we should be putting more funds out into the community and that people do not know that CVR is here. More outreach is needed.

Norm Robinson suggested that a set amount be offered to ten schools (and their corresponding middle schools) in the Central Vermont area and to the various Girls on the Run programs in the area.

It was decided that a budget will be developed at the annual meeting and that we will advertise that we are giving money to area running groups.

President Andrea has made a list of all race equipment owned by CVR. Recently 26 cones were located in the Onion River Sports basement. A sign in/sign out sheet will be utilized to better track the location of all equipment. Also, all pieces of equipment will be marked with the CVR name. The survey has revealed that the following purchases of new equipment should be made: Tent, Race-in-Progress signs, Mile Markers signs for 1-20 miles, Measuring Wheel and new tables. A motion was made, seconded and passed to order all the listed equipment. President Andrea will place the orders.

### **Tentative Race Schedule for 2010:**

- First Night – December 31, 2009
- Mutt Strut – April 25 (race directors Jamie Shanley and Donna Smyers)
- Adamant 20 Miler – May 8 (race director Eric Ryea) – to benefit Adamant Music School
- Barre Town Spring Run – May 22 (race director Andrea McLaughlin)
- Kid's Track Meet – June 5 in the afternoon (race directors Tim Noonan and Norm Robinson)
- Capital City Stampede – June 12 (race director John Valentine)
- Paul Mailman 10-Miler – Sunday, June 27 (race director Betty Rose)
- Bear Swamp – July 10 (race director Tim Noonan)
- Barre Heritage Festival race – July 31 ONLY IF A RACE DIRECTOR CAN BE FOUND

- Berlin Pond – Aug 5 (race director Nancy Rice)
- Chase Race – Aug 26 (race director Tim Noonan)
- Northfield Labor Day Race – Sept 4 (race director Rowley Brucken)
- Sodom Pond – Sept 22 (race director Tim Noon)
- Leaf Peepers Half Marathon – Oct 3 (race director Roger Cranse)
- Fallen Leaves series – Nov 6, 13 and 20 (race director Tim Noonan)

The following races will be added to the CVR race series for point purposes:

- Montpelier Mile – July 3 (CVR contact Donna Smyers)
- Green Mountain Marathon – Oct 16 (?) – GMAA
- Common to Common – Sept 18 (?) – GMAA

A tentative date of Jan 21, 2010, was set for the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It is believed that John Martin is willing to organize this event. Suggested locations include the Steak House or Lucia's. Invitations will go out by email and through the newsletter. All CVR members are invited but only those members who have volunteered may attend free of charge. Guests must pay for their meal.

The Committee to nominate this year's Spirit of the Club award includes Donna Smyers, Tim Noonan and Andrea McLaughlin. The allowance for the gift to be presented to the winner has a maximum of \$50.

A new director is needed for the First Night race on December 31st. Last year's race director, Tim Shea, is willing to help the new director along with Tim Noonan and Donna Smyers. Lori LaCroix will be asked if she is willing to take on this race.

A volunteer is also needed for the position of Newsletter Editor. Nancy Rice has done a wonderful job for the last 4 ½ years but is stepping down. She has produced five or six issues each year. A new editor is needed by the annual meeting.

Discussion was held on the issue of extending the age groups beyond 70 as there have been 80 year-olds in some of the races. It was suggested that races be advertised as prizes award for winners in ten-year increments instead of specifying the ages.

The start of the Capital City Stampede is now in front of Onion River Sports. Bob Murphy has certified the new course.

Discussion was held regarding the need for more meetings each year since there is so much to cover at each meeting. There will be a gathering of race directors in February. This issue will be discussed at the annual meeting when next year's meeting schedule will be set.

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 21 at 4 pm. Location to be determined.

**New Business:**

It was proposed that CVR rent a van/vans to take groups of members to races. There are many races in Massachusetts and other nearby states that would be fun to go to as a group. CVR members should bring suggested races to the Annual Meeting and one race will be selected for the first year with possible expansion for future years. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Betty Rose for Sandy Colvin, Secretary*