

CVR Meeting

November 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm with about 20+ members in attendance.

Meeting Minutes

Approved the previous meeting minutes.

Financials

Discussed the treasurers report which was handed out to the group. Reviewed the clubs sources of revenue as well as expenses over one year time frame. Discussed and reiterated the club doesn't need to set race fees in a manner that brings in revenue for the club, but instead, Race Directors should be cognizant of expenses and make sure race fees are enough to offset expenses. Also discussed the many donations the club makes throughout the year and reflected on how well those are appreciated. We want to continue to do as much as we can in making donations to the community, especially community running organizations.

Race Recap

Northfield Savings Bank

Roley Brucken the race director, was not in attendance, but reported the race went well. Others who were there discussed the race and gave a report.

Sodom Pond

Huge turnout of 49 runners this year versus last year only 23. Good report, all went well.

Leaf Peepers

Roger Cranse the race director, wasn't at the meeting but gave a report. All went well, course was a success and well received by runners. Roger asked to be race director again next year, no one objected. Reminder: this new course requires a lot more volunteers, so we are going to have to be sure to get plenty of volunteers next year.

Fallen Leaves Race Series

First race was held on Saturday and 89 runners were there. This is a good start to the series which is seeing an increase in runners year over year. Tim reported he needs more volunteers, if anyone is interested contact Tim Noonan the race director. Proceeds for this race go to Montpelier Food Pantry

New Years Eve Race

Sandy Colvin was at the meeting and reported she and Ann have just begun this year's race planning. Discussed the idea of having hats, headbands, or mittens for runners, instead of the customary T-Shirts. Everyone shared ideas, Sandy to continue to research. Need volunteers, if you are interested, contact Sandy Colvin or Ann Bushey.

2014 Race Calendar

Reviewed the 2014 race calendar which was handed out to the group. All agreed to the

dates specified. Regarding the races in the race series. All agreed to keep as is, no changes for 2014 CVR Race Series.

Volunteer Banquet

John Martin agreed to plan this years event. Reviewed the calendar and decided January 23rd would be the scheduled date for the Annual Awards and Volunteer Banquet. John to forward more information as the planning continues.

Spirit of the Club Committee

Donna Smyers, John Valentine, and Dot Martin all agreed to be the nominating committee for the spirit of the year 2013 award.

Club Board Positions – Nominating Committee

Bob Murphy, Beth Daut and Greg Gerdel agreed to be on the committee to nominate members to serve in any open board positions.

CVR competing in team events – sponsoring team events.

Discussed the idea of CVR competing in, sponsoring and being a part of various races and race events. Had a long discussion on this topic. Used Green Mountain Athletic Association as an example of how they participate. After a long discussion decided we wanted to keep the club as is and not sponsor i.e. pay for team events. We prefer to keep our race costs low, our membership fees low and use proceeds from races to go towards donations rather than towards expenses for us to compete in team events. With that being said, everyone agreed it would be fun for us to try and coordinate more in the future and enter team events, relay races etc.

Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot

This is an event which is held in Barre and CVR has helped out in the past with timing and other tasks. It isn't a CVR event. The Race Director reached out to CVR asking if we wanted, or would be o.k. with putting our logo on the shirt along side other 'sponsors' of the event. To avoid confusion the club would prefer not to have our logo on the shirt to avoid confusion with the public thinking it is our event.

Other Business

Discussed getting more people trained to do timing. Not enough club members know how to work the computer timing and as such those that do are unable to participate in all the races. Challenge is if you don't do it very often, you can easily forget how. Discussed ideas of having a training camp or clinic to teach others how to do it. Also, have members shadow at races, or practice at races with the timing equipment until they learn and are more comfortable. Donna Smyers offered to host a clinic and teach.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting will be held on March 9th. Location to be determined. Ideally we would like to hold the meeting at a large space rather than a members home, as this meeting tends to be very large. If you have any ideas on locations, contact Jeff Prescott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm