

## CVR Meeting

### Meeting Minutes / Secretary's Notes

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Approximately 15-20 members were in attendance

Approval of minutes from Annual meeting on May 19 as printed in Newsletter

#### **Treasurer's Report**

John reported the balance in our account (s) is approximately \$20,000. Much of this is due to registration for Leaf Peepers is ongoing and proceeds will be used to offset all the expenses of the race. In comparing to last year at this same time we are about the same with regards to balance in our account. John had no other comments concerns, but did want to mention again, if you deposit money into the account, please send him a note with as much detail as possible on what the deposit represents. It helps him to track and document inflows better.

#### **Membership Report**

Donna reports we have @137 families as members of the club. It is increasing and the online, ability to renew or join online is going well. Greg mentions he thinks our presence on social media is helping with membership as well.

#### **Race Updates**

Worcester, 6/14 – Small turnout, but race went well.

Stampede, 6/6 – Race went well, after expenses \$450 was deposited to club account.

Mailman, 6/21 – Due to the rain/storm the number of runners was less than previous years but otherwise a good race.

Montpelier Mile, 6/3 – Continues to be a popular race and CVR did a great job in helping ORS with everything, especially the timing, all went really well.

Bear Swamp, 7/11 – Had 30+ runners and all went well.

Barre Heritage Trail Race, 7/26 – Race went well, had one of the highest attendance in history of the race. Lori Lacroix, the race director has indicated she is unavailable to direct this race next year. The club discussed if we want to continue to have this race, or do we want to let another organization take over, such as Barre Rehab Gym. The gym has indicated interest but also asked for assistance from Lori/CVR. There was some discussion on what we want to do. Didn't make any final decisions but will continue discussions in future CVR meetings. Perhaps a CVR member will come forward and volunteer to be race director.

#### **Upcoming Races**

Berlin Pond, 8/20 - Jeff Prescott & Sue Emmons report they are ready, have volunteers, all set to go.

Northfield, 9/5- Rowly Brucken reports BeGoodSports is going to time the race this year, not CVR. However, CVR will continue to be involved, Rowly will continue to help coordinate timing and volunteers and will be onsite to assist. He is meeting with BeGoodSports to discuss timing. There was discussion about CVR being paid for our assistance and it will continue the same this year, and we can revisit it again next year, should we feel our involvement (or lack of) doesn't warrant payment.

Sodom Pond, 9/16 - Tim wasn't at the meeting but Donna reported it will be held as planned and there will be a pasta dinner as there has been in the past.

Leaf Peeper's 10/4 - Roger Cranse reports we have 44 registered for the half marathon and 157 registered for the 5k. This is about the same as this time last year. Over the past few years registration hasn't filled and we get a lot of people registering closer to race date than ever before. Greg is coordinating advertisements via Front Porch Forum and Roger is sending out e-mail blasts to previous runners. Roger has been actively working with the town, has met with town officials, police, fire etc. to coordinate efforts. He has also met with the property owner regarding the start/finish location. Meetings are going well and only anticipated change is the location of the port-o-lets. June is working on volunteers and will be reaching out to past volunteers to coordinate this year. The group discussed road closures and gave Roger feedback regarding which side of the road runners should be on, and shared ideas to enforce this better.

Fallen Leaves, 11/7, 14, 21 – Tim wasn't in attendance, no update.

North Branch 8K – This is an ORS event. CVR was asked to help run this race this year, but after discussion on available dates, it was determined by ORS the race will be postponed to next year and consideration given to a different time of year, maybe mid to early summer, versus late summer. CVR makes many of the decisions on races at our November meeting. It was discussed that between now and then we should see if someone in the club would like to volunteer to be co-race director or at the very least be the point of contact for CVR to work with ORS on this race. If so, then we can feel more comfortable in committing to this race and getting it on our race calendar, getting volunteers etc. More to come.

### **Equipment**

June reported we are good on equipment. Donna discussed the timers and previous concerns about paper for the timers but all has been resolved. There was a motion and approval to allow Andy to purchase a replacement for the CVR Tent Case, which has been damaged and needs to be replaced.

### **ORS Series Rules**

The group discussed potentially changing the Race Series Rules. A lot of ideas came out of the discussion. Greg has asked that if any club member has ideas on the race rules, to e-mail to him. At the November CVR meeting all the ideas will be discussed and final decisions on changing the race series rules will be determined then.

### **Donations procedures**

Greg brought up the current challenges with the club regarding donations to various organizations such as Girls on the Run, Special Olympics, and High School Cross Country. The challenge is by not having a club policy on how donations will be made, how much and to whom, every year the club is faced with making a decision on to whom we give grants. The club decision process has tended to change year over year. It is preferable to have a stated policy and repeatable process which will help make the decisions easier. Greg and Beth Daut met to create a suggested process, which he handed out to the attendees. There was a lot of discussion but no final decisions made. Greg asked if any CVR member would like to volunteer to be the coordinator of club donations and grants. This person would work with the community, schools and other organizations to gather their requests for donations. This person would then provide an informed request and recommendation to the club for donations. If anyone is interested contact Greg.

**Nominating Committee** – Greg is looking for a few CVR members to volunteer to be on a nominating committee looking to nominate candidates to serve as President, and candidates to serve as Vice President.

### **Review Club policy**

Reminder that all Race Directors are ASKED to return a minimum of \$1.00 per runner, to CVR treasury. This is to keep funds in the CVR treasury to keep the club running, provide new equipment when needed etc. Any funds raised above and beyond the \$1.00 per runner are at the Race Directors discretion for donation.

### **Club Shirts**

There are still a variety of club shirts for sale.

Men's prices: singlet \$25, long sleeve \$25, short sleeve \$15.

Women's prices: Asics singlet \$25, Nike singlet \$35, short sleeve \$25, long sleeve \$50.

! Next meeting is Monday, Nov 9, 2015 – Looking for a host – Rowley Brucken has volunteered to host at his home but not confirmed at this time. Stay tuned to future communication with confirmation of the location, and marks your calendars of the date.