

CVR Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

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Meeting Minutes / VP Notes

Monday, November 9, 2015

Approximately 15 -20 members were in attendance;

Approval of minutes from Annual meeting on August 17 as printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

John reported a \$6391.73 account balance which does not reflect income from Leaf Peepers race. The actual balance including estimates from Leaf Peepers (as per conversations with Roger) approximates \$13,445.00. This year's (revenue) amounts as compared from last year's Leaf Peepers race are down considerably.

Membership Report

Donna reports we have 136 families, or 274 total members for the 4/1/2014 – 3/30/2015 membership year. Thus far, 63 families renewed membership out of 100 eligible families.

Race Updates

Northfield Savings 9/5 - Rowley reported that NSB made a per runner fee contribution, but it was unlikely that CVR would be involved in the race next year.

Sodom Pond – All went well for the 48 runners

Fallen Leaves – Nov 7 race had a record 109 racers to beat the previous record of 89 racers for any one race. 61 were in the 0-19 age group.

Upcoming Races

Donna will oversee the second Fallen Leaves race in Tim's absence.

New Year's Eve 5K – Ann reports that she & Sean are all set. June to get more race bibs from ORS for the event.

Berlin Pond – Certificate needs to be redone as the current one expires on 12/31/15.

2015 ORS Series Standing – Greg reported some racers still need to volunteer to qualify.

Running Group Grants Committee

- ! Ann reported that the committee edited Norm's original solicitation letter and sent to 10 high school cross country (not track) candidate departments in the central Vermont area with a deadline. The awards were set at \$400 each. Applicants were asked to specify what the award monies would be spent on. *Three awards or up to \$1200 to be offered.*
- ! There were 10 requests for the youth grants totally \$2500. In the future it was decided that the total amount would be set at the annual meeting.

- ! Special Olympics is thought to be very well funded, and any further discussion would be tabled for the Annual meeting.

Proposed Race Calendar for 2016

- ! The Barre Heritage Trail race would be included on the insurance certificate
- ! All dates for 2016 were accepted and finalized for the calendar
- ! Ideas raised/discussion on advertising for an apprentice race director's position. *Later John Valentine agreed to take on Shannon Salembier as apprentice Race Director for Capital City Stampede*

Leaf Peeper's Report

- ! Roger's overall assessment that it was smoothest of all the races regarding traffic and timing. Cooperation/collaboration with the new owners of Pilgrim went very well.
- ! Registrations were significantly down but all expenses were covered (payout this year ~\$12K). The race provided for ~\$6000 contribution to the club; in the most profitable years, \$17K was had.
- ! He suggested we deliberate on a strategy regarding increasing fees or decreasing contributions to partner organizations through the budgeting process.
- ! Greg mentioned there were 2 new races on the calendar the same weekend as potentially competing with Leaf Peeper's. One in southern NH had 5000 registrants, GMAA added a half marathon.
- ! Discussion on pushing registration deadlines further out. This year there were 9.2% no-shows for the 5K; HM no-shows decreased to 16.8% as compared to 20% last year.
- ! Discussed core purpose/mission of the club of "promoting running," and how this is supported through monetary contributions.

Race Series Committee Report (Jeff, Bob, Donna, John H)

- ! Jeff reported the lack of procedures to determine the overall winner of the ORS race series is a major challenge the committee was addressing. More specifically, existing rules didn't provide for multiple-way ties.
- ! The committee submitted its proposal which was voted on and unanimously accepted by those in attendance. The proposal included eliminating the overall winner and instead to just award a winner in each of the age groups.

Announcement & other business

- ! March 20, 2016 was decided as the annual meeting date.
- ! The nominating committee will be formed to provide nominations for both the President & Vice President vacancies.
- ! Jeff to email information to all club members for Saturday Long Runs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm