

CVR Annual Meeting Minutes
March 25th, 2018 32 people in attendance

The meeting began at 4:30 pm with introductions of all the membership in attendance. Meeting Minutes from November were approved.

Treasurers Report

John handed out a report which detailed the balance of the account as well as statement information regarding checks written and income detail. He provided a summary of expenses being about \$750 more than income for the year. Donna reminded Race Directors of the process for submitting detailed reports to John after your race, so he can account for the cash flow properly.

Membership Report

Membership is up this year. Still some that haven't renewed, but numbers are roughly the same. 317 total members, 180 Indiv/Family memberships. Last year it was 306/163. Donna handed out the membership/renewal list for members in attendance to review.

Race Updates – Previous

Sandy provided an update on NYE 5k, which went well. The race had good numbers despite the cold, cold temps.

Upcoming Races

Mutt Strut – Cindy gave an update on the planning. Guys Farm and Yard will continue to sponsor this year. Cindy is looking for volunteers. She discussed with the group the idea of offering the opportunity for runners to raise money for Central Vermont Humane Society via an online fundraising campaign. She indicated she couldn't coordinate this, but if someone from the club wanted to help, CVHS would help explain how to do it. Cindy handed out a note that described the process.

Paul Mailman – NEW RACE DATE. Planning is going well, looking forward to the new date, but might be a little muddy!

Adamant 20 Miler – IT'S BACK! Sunday May 6th. It is not on a Saturday but on a Sunday this year. Donna described a few changes they need to make to the course, but it will be very similar to the course of the past.

New Race Proposals

A new race has been added to the CVR Race List. A brand-new race and will be the inaugural Groton Trail Race. Mark Howard and Jill Sudhoff-Guerin joined the meeting to share with us the planning they have done for this inaugural race. There are two distances, and a map of the race course was shared with the group. There were a lot of questions and discussion, but the members all agreed this would be a great addition to our race roster.

The other update is on the Montpelier Mile will continue to be part of the race series as originally planned. This race was previously run by Onion River Sports and CVR helped ORS with the event. With ORS closing, and a new store in the works to open called Onion River Outdoors, CVR members agreed to take over ownership of the race but will continue to work closely with ORO to co-sponsor the event. Members in attendance discussed some of the details such as the prize money that has been provided to the top runners. There has been and will continue to be discussion and a search for a sponsor partner to provide the financial backing of the prize money, so it doesn't come out of the registration proceeds. Tim Heney has started to ask around and this will continue until we find a title sponsor. Good news is the race will be held, and ORO and CVR will work together to run the event. CVR will ask that some of the proceeds from the race go to CVR for co-sponsoring.

CVR Fun Runs

The Tuesday evening fun runs have started 'unofficially'. Feel free to join the group at 5:30 on the bike path. The official start will be sometime in May.

Wednesday Speed Workouts

Matt Rutherford has volunteered to coordinate these runs, so they will continue throughout the spring and summer.

CVR Winter Long Runs

Jeff discussed the upcoming runs planned for each weekend, with the last one planned for April 21st. They have had a great group this year with 15+ joining each week for the long run. This is about double of the amount who participated last year.

Budget

Discussed what we want the budget to be this year, specifically for the grants and scholarship's the club gives out. Donna provided the information for what we did last year and started the discussion about keeping it the same, i.e. spending the same, or making changes. While we were discussing, Ann Bushey arrived and was able to provide specific detail on the work she has done to coordinate the grants and scholarships. She has been working with the various schools and Girls on the Run and gave them all a deadline for which to respond with their request. She has only received 5 requests for school running programs and 3 for XC programs. The club tries to budget for up to 10 requests, so since there are less than 10, members agreed we could budget for \$250 for both the school running programs as well as Girls on the Run and special Olympics, and \$400 each for the three XC programs.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected:

President – Andy Shuford

Vice President – Manny Sainz

Secretary – Sandy Colvin

Treasurer – John Valentine

At-Large Executive Committee – Darragh Ellerson and Beth Daut

The following *appointed* positions will continue:

Webmaster – John Hackney

Publicity / Facebook: Dylan Broderick & Manny Sainz

Newsletter Editor: Bob Howe

Membership Coordinator: Allie Nerenberg

Ors Series Standings Manager: Jim Flint

Clothing: Richarda Ericson

Grants: Ann Bushey

Volunteer record Keeping: Dot Helling

Other Business

Donna discussed the idea of having a race directors meeting in which all the race directors could get together to discuss issues, share ideas and confirm process and procedures. She will try and find a date in the next few weeks before the race season starts.

Richarda discussed the clothing sales have been mostly in the tech shirts and we continue to have a lot of cotton T-Shirts. She is open to ideas of hosting something fun for the T-shirts in an effort to get rid of them. Richarda also discussed the training group she leads for Leaf Peepers. While it was a success from the point of view of helping train runners on how to prepare for the event, none of the runners joined CVR, which was our hope. In addition, this was done in coordination with ORS. It is likely we won't host another group this year, as a result of ORS closing and the work and coordination involved in hosting and the desire to increase CVR membership with these events.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm