

Central Vermont Runners – Annual Club Meeting March 17th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: 25+/- in attendance
Meeting began 4:45pm

Approved meeting minutes from previous meeting in November

Treasurers Report

John Valentine handed out detailed spreadsheet. John reviewed the handout, discussed Expenses, Donations and Race Income. He summarized the club is in good standing from treasury perspective, we have spent about the same we took in and year over year has been similar. Treasury is in good standing. Attendees approved the treasurers report.

Race Updates

The only race since our last meeting was New Years Eve. Manny gave a report on the details. The race went well, great attendance, great weather. 144 Runners.

Upcoming Races:

Mutt Strut April 28th. Cindy reported planning is going well. She has decided to change from the race benefitting Central Vermont Humane Society to now benefitting VT - CAN. The race fee is \$10.00. Planning is going well.

Paul Mailman – April 27th the start and finish will likely be different from previous years. The high school isn't available. Andy is considering Department of Labor parking lot and will continue to research ideas. It isn't likely the date will change, only the course.

Adamant – May 11th This is a new race distance: 13 miles/Half Marathon. Still can be done as relay or individual. Donna reported planning is going well, she has had some pre-registered already. She discussed the course and answered questions.

Barre Town Spring Run – May 18th. New Race Director – Phil Krajewski. No other updates.

Clothing – There was a long discussion about the CVR clothing. Richarda is looking for more direction from the club on what we should do about the clothing. Members shared ideas that ranged from changing the logo, to increasing the items available to include hats, sweatshirts. After a long discussion a few members volunteered to join Richarda and work on clothing as a committee and bring ideas to the club at the next meeting.

Summer Picnic/party – any Interest? – Andy asked members in attendance if anyone would be interested in planning a summer event for the club. He explained it is nice for us to get together but does involve a commitment from some of us to do the planning. No one really volunteered but everyone shared ideas of events we may want to do. Donna shared an idea of getting together with other clubs in Vermont and having not only a party but maybe we host some sort of competitive event?

Membership – Graham reported we have 302 members right now. This is up from 287 in November. However, 115 of these are due to expire this month. He has been sending out reminders via e-mail, mail and in newsletters.

He is also promoting the club and doing variety of things to get new members to join, such as reaching out to race participants who aren't members but run our races. We discussed continuing to promote the discounts CVR members get at Lennys and Ski Rack. Cindy suggested we thank them and Andy agreed to send a Thank You Letter.

Leaf Peepers – Will Robens is the new race director. He reported he has been meeting with Roger to learn all he can about how the race was organized in the past and ideally, he doesn't want to change too much in the first year if he can help it. He confirmed Duxbury has agreed to letting the club run the course on River Road (old course). So, the race is back on the old course. He also mentioned Harwood Boosters is no longer going to provide volunteers or be the beneficiary of the donation given with race proceeds. Will has reached out to the Nurses Association to see if they would like to work with us and coordinate volunteers for the race. He also mentioned registration will be out soon. He would like to get it out as soon as possible but needs to finalize some details before he can go live with registration. Stay tuned.....

Fun Runs – Unofficial fun runs have started, but 1st Tuesday in May is the official start. If you want to join the unofficial, meet at DOL at 5:30 on Tuesdays.

Winter Long Runs – Jeff reported the they have had 15 long runs already and 4 more to go. Average attendance has been about 13 people each week. He discussed the future locations and hosts. If you are interested in joining any long runs, e-mail Jeff and he will add you to his e-mail distribution list and you will be sent information each week.

Budgets / Grants – Ann started by sharing how important it is that our club provide grants and donations to running organizations and schools. She feels it is one of the most important and impactful things the club does to help promote running in our community and for our children to have opportunities to run and stay healthy etc. She then discussed the status of grants for the spring. She went over all the requests and then asked the members in attendance about one request in particular which was the Girls on the Run Central Office. Ann has been corresponding with them and they are asking for a donation that would be used specifically towards scholarships for kids who can't afford the program, to enroll. There was a lot of discussion about the total of all the grant requests and resulted in a vote by the members in attendance to set the budget for spring grants at \$2250 which is more than previous years. Donna also asked that we set the budget for High School programs at \$1200 this year and this was also approved contingent upon the club having the funds available in the fall.

Proposed Club Future Meeting Dates - The next few meetings are:

Monday May 13th

Monday August 19th

Monday November 4th

Mark Your Calendars! Save the Date!

Election of Officers - The Nominating Committee announced nominations as follows:

President : Andy Shuford
Vice President: Manny Sainz
Secretary: Sandy Colvin
Treasurer: John Valentine
At-Large Executive Committee: Sal Acosta, Darragh Ellerson

There were no nominations from the floor and the members in attendance cast one vote for all the nominations at one time, and it was passed.

Other Business: Donna just wanted to give everyone a heads up that she may be planning a new race for 2020 only. It would be part of the Montpelier events surrounding the celebration and recognition of the 100th anniversary of a Woman's Right to Vote. She just wanted to get it on everyone's radar, even though it isn't until next year. She will be asking for help and for use of the club equipment etc. There were no objections, but rather a lot of enthusiastic offers to help.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15