

Secretary's Notes

November 3, 2005 Meeting

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In attendance at the meeting: Betty Rose, Tim Noonan, Mack Gardner Morse, Eric Ryea, Bob Murphy, Donna Smyers, Phyllis Arsenault Berry, John Valentine, Nancy Rice, Cyndi Cross, Priscilla Carr, Matt Godfrey, Norm Robinson, Roger Cranse, Sandy Colvin.

President Betty Rose started the meeting by asking for acceptance to last meetings minutes. Minutes were accepted by all.

Treasurers Report: Priscilla Carr announced a balance of about \$12,000 in the club account. She had questions on what the club should donate to the Barre Aldridge Library, as we decided last meeting to donate half of the proceeds from the Barre race to the library. However, we were not specific as to if we are donating the proceeds before or after the expense of mailing. Also, there were other items sent out in the same mailing so how should we arrive at the mailing costs? There was a lot of discussion and it was decided to assume mailing costs of \$200.00. So the library will get ½ of the proceeds after the mailing costs of \$200.00 are taken into account.

Also discussed was the need for CVR to file a Tax Return, as well as the status of the club as a non profit organization. It was recommended that Michael Chernick be in charge of researching both items.

Singlets for the Club: Betty Rose has new singlets available for club members. Contact her if you are interested in purchasing. The cost of a shirt for members is \$10.50.

Betty Rose and Cyndi Cross passed around a flyer from a company known as Running Funky. They were at the expo for the Hartford Marathon. They make running clothes and have offered discounts to all CVR members. You can look them up at <http://runningfunky.com/>.

Updates from Race Directors:

Rowly Brucken - All set for First Night Mplr 5K. The application is going out in November and he has most if not all the same sponsors as last year. If you are interested in volunteering or helping out at the race, contact Rowly.

Tim Noonan – The weekday evening races this summer were successful, the club made about a \$125 profit. Most races had a good turnout. The NSB 5K & 1-Mile organizers have agreed to pay the club \$200.00 next year for their involvement in the race. The current Fallen Leaves race series is going well also.

Dot Helling – Berlin 1-Mile race (part of Berlin Community Festival) had a very low turnout. As a result we won't be involved in the race next year, if the town decides to have it again. Simply not enough interest for us to be involved.

Roger Cranse – Leaf Peepers was very successful. Roger handed out all the final numbers from the race as well as the committee meeting notes where they discussed needed changes for next year. The two biggest changes for next year that Roger noted are the exact date race applications are no longer accepted, the date the race (s) close. This was confusing this year as the paper app listed it differently than the website. Also confusing was the 5k closed when the ½ marathon did. This will not be the case next year. Roger also handed out the budget and the race was very successful. Roger has agreed to be the race director next year.

CVR Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner: The Annual Meeting and awards dinner is tentatively going to be held on January 26th. Matt Godfrey has agreed to find a location for the annual event. We will keep everyone posted as Matt makes arrangements.

Tentative Race Schedule for 2006:

Mutt Strutt – April 30th
Black Fly – May 6th
Kids Track Meet – June 3rd
Capital City Stampede – June 10th
Paul Mailman – June 24th
Bear Swamp – July 6th
Barre Downtown – July 29th
Berlin Pond – August 3rd
Triple Track – August 10th
Montpelier Chase Race – August 24th
Northfield Labor Day – September 2nd
Hubbard Park – September 13th
Sodom Pond – September 20th
Leaf Peepers – October 1st
Fallen Leaves Series – November 4th, 11th, and 18th
First Night – December 31st

The Next CVR meeting is the Annual Meeting, scheduled for March 26th, tentatively at Norm Robinson's house. This meeting is important to attend and new officers are nominated and approved by the club. More details will follow as the date nears. Norm has agreed to be the nominating committee for board members. Right now, it looks as if all board members have agreed to stay on for another year. The only person who will not continue is Dot Helling as Publicity Director.

Newsletter: Nancy Rice had some questions about the newsletter schedule. It was decided that an application for CVR will be in every newsletter; however the membership

list will only go in the newsletter one time per year. The next newsletter will go out in January

There was discussion and a motion to change the rules for the **Onion River Race Series**, regarding the qualification as a volunteer. It was suggested that volunteers of events that are not a part of the race series, but involve the running club should count towards points for the race series. After much discussion it was decided that these events are too difficult to track properly to insure everyone gets points and therefore volunteers for these events will get credit for the annual awards dinner but not towards the Race Series. It was also decided that the CVR president can use his or her discretion when inviting people to the annual awards dinner. If a person volunteers for a non CVR sponsored event, but is volunteering on behalf of CVR, this person can be invited, free of charge to the annual dinner. Again, this is at the president's discretion.