

Secretary's Notes

November 14, 2007 Meeting

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About 15-20 CVR members met at the home of Dot and John Martin for a potluck dinner and meeting. The meeting was called to order around 6:30 pm

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted and approved

Newsletter

Special thanks to Nancy Rice for a great job on the last newsletter and a reminder to everyone in the club to send Nancy your running experiences and stories for posting in the newsletters. Nancy requested having the newsletters online in addition to print and everyone agreed this was a good idea, but only if Dave Kissner is willing and able to post it. Nancy will follow up with Dave who was unable to attend the meeting.

Donations

SteepleJacks has contacted Norm in regards to making a donation to the club. Norm suggests the donation be used specifically for purchasing T-Shirts for the Kids Track Meet next year. The group liked the idea, but it will be brought up at the annual meeting in March to finalize the details.

Age Categories

Discussed having a 70+ age category in every CVR race as a standard. Currently it is up to the race directors and there isn't any consistency. While we think the race director should have the ultimate decision, the club would like to encourage all our races to have this category. It can be further discussed at the annual meeting.

Software and Computer

New timing software is good so far but only a few members know how to use it. Suggestion was made to hold a training class this winter for a group of members. Also discussed buying another club computer. Currently the club computer is used to maintain our website. Having one for races would be very helpful for timing etc. This can be discussed and voted on in the annual meeting.

Treasurers Report

Still working with the IRS on various issues but have gotten a lot resolved. Balance is roughly \$20,000. The numbers for leaf peepers are:

Income - \$39,000

Expenses - \$30,000 (includes \$6,000 donation to Harwood)

Balance to CVR - \$9,000

Leaf Peepers Race

The race was successful as the numbers in the treasurers report show. The weather was great, runner response was great, people liked the new location of the port-o-lets. There was a lot of discussion with regard to having it in the same location next year, considering the negative response from Duxbury after this year's event. Their residents didn't like having the race on River Road and expressed concern to Roger regarding the course in the future. A committee was formed of Roger Cranse, Darragh Ellerson, Dot Helling, Tim Noonan, and Norm Robinson to consider other locations, work with other towns for consideration and meet again to discuss in early January.

Chase Race

There were low numbers this year, only 15 people attended. Tim will do it again next year, maybe it was a busy day for many.

Northfield 5K

The race went smoothly, \$680 was earned by CVR for providing timing services and volunteers to help. Andrea and Bob were a great help with the new timing software.

Sodom Pond

A successful and fun race this year. Involved the local co-op for the first time and that went well. They provided the prizes and enjoyed the race.

Falling Leaves

Had a really successful race this past Saturday with 100 people finishing the race. There were about 22 Girls on the Run. The course was changed from the previous, but it seemed to be received well.

2008 Race Schedule

Mutt Strutt	April 27 th	Donna Smyers
Black Fly	May 3 rd	Eric Ryea
Kids Track Meet	June 7 th	Norm Robinson and Tim Noonan
Capital City	June 14 th	John Valentine
Mont 10 Miler	June 28 th	Betty Rose
Bear Swamp	July 12 th	Tim Noonan
Barre Downtown 5k	July 26 th	Bob Bisson
Berlin Pond	August 7 th	TBA
Chase Race	August 21 st	Tim Noonan
Northfield	August 30 th	Tim Noonan/Norm Robinson/NSB
Sodom Pond	September 17 th	Tim Noonan
Leaf Peepers	October 4 th	Roger Cranse
Falling Leaves	November 1 st , 8 th , 15 th	Tim Noonan
1 st Night	December 31 st	Rowley Brucken

Dot Helling offered to get the permits for the Berlin Races and everyone agreed for her to do so.

Tim Noonan would like some help with Falling Leaves next year and a number of people offered to help.

There was a suggestion to post the race schedule on the website as well as other races that we know about or events in which we are asked to post something. After discussion it was decided that if Dave could and would post other info we would do so, and Norm will continue sending us all an e-mail of events he hears about.

Fun Runs

Discussion of fun runs and daylight savings. Everyone agreed to leave the schedule as is, and in the event it may be too dark, we need to make sure to warn everyone of the potential of darkness and to run at your own risk etc.

Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING AT ANDREA MCLAUGHLINS HOUSE ON MARCH 23RD.

Volunteer Dinner

The annual volunteer and recognition dinner could be on January 24th. This date is not yet final, but looks like a good date. John Marting volunteered to find the location and work out the details. Others mentioned liking Sean and Nora's where we have held it in the past.

Spirit of the Club Award

Committee is made up of 2 previous winners, plus a board member. This year it is Donna, Norm, and Tim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m