CVR Annual Meeting March 22, 2009 Meeting

Submitted by Priscilla Carr

The meeting was commenced at 5:40 PM by Norm Robinson.

Election of officers:

Then nominating committee recommended: for President, Andrea McLaughlin; for Vice-president, Betty Rose; for Treasurer Priscilla Carr; for Secretary Sandy Colvin. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept this slate. Dave Kissner, Nancy Rice, and Donna Smyers are willing to stay on as web master, newsletter editor, and membership coordinator, respectively. Publicity person is still needed. John Hackney volunteered to be assistant webmaster and is willing to stay on as race series points coordinator. Adelle Nicols volunteered to help with posting races on websites.

<u>Last meeting's minutes</u>:

Minutes from last meeting were approved

Treasurer's report:

Priscilla Carr reported current assets are \$19,893.25. Net income this year was \$2731.00. Low point of the year (last year) was \$13,843.90. Proposal to put \$10,000 into CD's of varying durations was approved.

Spring mailing:

Last year the spring mailing was a postcard with info to go to CVR website for a link to race applications. Plan was established to send out the spring mailing (as postcard) on roughly May 1. Hopefully applications will be posted on CVR's website by that time.

Storage facility:

The National Life Annex (on Fun Run course) is the new home of most of CVR's equipment. Thank you to Tim Shea for arranging this. We have 2 keys to this facility. It was decided that Roger Cranse would hold one key. The other key would be passed from one race director to the next race director, or back to Roger Cranse.

ORS Race Series rules changes:

Proposed changes to the CVR Race Series (as discussed at the last meeting) were distributed in the newsletter. GMAA has asked that we not include Kaynor's Sap Run in race series (possibly due to parking concerns). Common to Common and Archie Post are to be the GMAA races. The Montpelier Mile was suggested as a possibility. Addition of Montpelier Mile was voted and approved 18-10. With aforementioned addition, the proposed changes to the race series were approved. John Hackney has asked that race directors forward him the lists of volunteers promptly. Donna Smyers asked that names/addresses of race participants (or race applications) go to her after the races.

ORS Race Awards/Gift Certificates:

To allow for certificates for the Barre Homecoming, there has been a small redistribution of certificates for each race. There was a discussion about unused race certificates. It was decided that all unused race certificates should be returned to ORS.

New CVR Runners logo/shirts:

Proposed new logo was presented. After significant discussion, motion to approve the new logo was not approved. It was then motioned to keep the old logo (and not continue to look at new logos); this motion

was approved. A discussion of ordering new shirts then ensued. Since no one was willing to take responsibility for looking into shirts, it was decided to defer the issue to the next meeting. It was then decided (in contradiction to previous statement) to have Norm order some samples of shirts to be reviewed.

Donation requests:

Girls on the Run: The following Girls on the Run are requesting money: Rumney, Barre Town, Montpelier, East Montpelier, and Northfield. Groups are also interested in having runners come and speak to the girls. These groups exist to promote self esteem, health, and exercise in young girls through running programs. Vermont Special Olympics is also requesting money.

The issue of donations to athletes, including the possibility of donating to Nordic skier Olympic hopeful Liz Stevens was discussed; it was proposed that we provide publicity assistance, but not monetary assistance to individuals and ultimately the issue was tabled for future discussion.

The proposal to donate the following was approved: \$350 to Vermont Special Olympics, \$300 to Girls on the Run Foundation; and up to \$300 to any Washington County chapter of Girls on the Run (to be used at the discretion of the coach for scholarships or events as long as funds are kept locally and not turned over to the national organization), up to a total of \$2400.

Race updates:

10 Miler will conflict with the Relay for Life; due to past problems with this conflict, it was proposed to move the date. A decision was made to move the race to the Sunday after. No major issues with other races were raised.

<u>Future Meetings</u>: Meetings to begin at 6 PM. May 28, hosted by Michael Chernick August 13th, hosted by the Fernos November date TBD

Newsletters via email:

Discussion of the pros/cons was had. No overwhelming support for electronic only newsletter was presented. It was felt that more research on what this entails would be helpful.

Barre Race:

Barre Town race (5K) was approved (to be held on May 30th, directed by Andrea McLaughlin).

Fun Runs:

Tuesday Fun Runs (unofficial, no results) will start this Tuesday, 3/24. Official fun runs usually start in May (but will not count toward the ORS series).

Prevent Child Abuse:

This organization is looking to add a run to their annual walk. They are looking for someone to help coordinate this. Norm Robinson has the contact info if anyone is interested.

Other business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.