

CVR Minutes

Annual Meeting

March 9, 2014

Meeting location: Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Meeting called to order at 5:55 pm

Minutes taken by Richarda Ericson; reviewed by Jeff Prescott & Greg Wight

Introduction

Approved minutes from last meeting

Treasurer's Report

John Valentine went over the FY 2013 report- bigger expenses included the newsletters and annual dinner. There was a question about the reimbursement to Beth Gambler, Roger Cranse explained that that was for food purchased for Leaf Peeper's.

There was a discussion about 5 year CD's, and whether they are wise for the club in the current low interest rate environment. A motion was made to allow John to rollover the CD for another year. Motion was seconded and passed.

Leaf Peeper's Update

There were a number of changes this year. The organizing team did a "lessons learned" activity which was very helpful and turned into an agenda for changes for the next year. Some notes:

- the signs on Perry Hill were great
- there was a nice write-up in Runner's World
- \$7,400 bottom line exceeded targets (fees were raise by \$5 for both races, and there were virtually no complaints)
- the biggest change for 2014 will be to build a website just for the race (moving away from Cool Running). John Hackney has volunteered to do this. The url will be leafpeepershalfmarathon.org.
- will increase acceptance to 1,000 runners for the half (up from 900)

Race Updates

Adamant 20 miler: got some coverage in the Times Argus.

Mutt Strutt: Sunday May 11th. New race director is Brittany Lafirira

Barre Town Spring Run: seems to be all set.

Kids Track Meet

Will need as many volunteers as possible! Tim shared that in general, there are more kids than ever participating in various CVR events.

Spring Mailing

There was a discussion about whether we should do another spring mailing, is it worth the expense? Many felt it does end up reaching people who would not otherwise seek out the race information and that it is beneficial. A motion was made to keep the spring mailing going. It was seconded and passed.

Grants

A motion was made to keep the fall cross country program grants as is: 10 offers at \$400 maximum each. Motion seconded and passed.

- *Girls Running Programs*

A motion was made to support up to 6 program request, up to \$400 each. Motion seconded and passed.

- *Other Grants*

Members approved offering \$400 to the Special Olympics in VT. Members also approved a \$400 grant to Northfield Track & Field.

Other Financials

Members approved increasing the stipend to the Leaf Peeper's race director to \$1500 (from \$1200), after a discussion that the stipend has been at the same rate for many years and there has been a lot of work to accommodate the location changes these past few years.

Donna Smyers suggested we should think about paying something back to the club each time we do a race that offers donations to charity. Members agreed that race directors should try to donate at least \$1/entry back to CVR for races that are for charities (Mutt Strutt, Barre Town Spring Run, etc.). Motion was seconded and passed.

Allocation of ORS Gift Cards

Members approved the same distribution of ORS gift cards as used in 2013.

Membership Committee

The membership committee met in 2013, members agreed that the membership committee does not need to meet on an ongoing basis. We discussed the status of the CVR Facebook page. Allie Yanikowski offered to be an administrator for the page and will try to help it become more active.

Club Shirts

There are still a variety of club shirts for sale.

Election of Officers

The club voted/approved the following roster:

President: Greg Wight

Vice President: June Burr

Secretary: Sandy Colvin

Treasurer: John Valentine

At-Large Executive Committee: Daragh Ellerson and Beth Daut

Appointed positions continuing:

Webmasters: Dave Kissner, John Hackney

Newsletter Editor: Bob Howe *

Membership Coordinator: Donna Smyers

Immediate Past President: Jeff Prescott

*Bob Howe noted that while he is happy to continue with the newsletter, he would certainly welcome help or someone else taking over the work.

It was noted by a member and agreed by all what a great job Jeff did as the CVR president. Many

hoped he would continue the weekly updates- those have been enjoyable and engaging to read.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.