

CVR Minutes November 6, 2017

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Attendees: Darragh, Bob M, John V, Eric, Donna, Mack, Cindy, Beth, Nick, Ann B, Andy, Heidi, Jeff, Michael, June, John H

- ! Approval of Minutes: Bob M moved to accept, unanimous
- ! Treasurer's update (John V):
 - o \$29,620 total income - 18,222.87 (expenses) = \$11,397.13 gross profit; expenses not paid volunteers, Roger's \$1500 stipend, & others.
 - o Estimating \$2/runner 477 + 248 = 725 total runners contributes \$1500 to the club
- ! Continue discussion of Peepers race details at Annual meeting
- ! Membership Report:
 - o Allie was not present; Donna reported.
 - o Overall doing well. Families have increased 18% or by 25 families. There's a total of 304 total members.
 - o Waiver has been added to the membership form both on the online & paper forms
- ! Spirit of the club award 2018:
 - o Identified new committee members: Beth, Bob, & Eric. Contact Donna for historical info
 - o Norm recommended the establishment of the David Ellerson Memorial for Non-running service volunteer of the year Award (memorial) which was approved by unanimous voice vote
 - o Possible criteria for award selection included:
 - Non-runner
 - Award volunteers that were silent partners
 - ? Member of the club
 - To be selected by the Spirit of the Club Committee
- ! Race Updates
 - o Ann B/New Year's Eve
 - o call out for volunteers
 - o Race will be including a sweep this year
 - o Permit is secured

- Need key; check with Roger, Shannon (on maternity leave)
- Donna confirmed we have plenty of Onion River bibs
- Prizes: Winners each get \$50 certificates; 12 & under
- Dylan will do FB publicity
- Need to contact Richarda (to bring supply of CVR shirts)
- Need an apprentice/intern...Manny Sainz has indicated interest
- Need 4 volunteers for registration
- Need sponsor who is a State Agency Department Head or Legislator
 - ! Michael C volunteered to contact Warren Kitzmiller to request sponsorship
- Northfield: Donna report from Rowley
 - Numbers are down; especially for the one milers
 - NSB is going to continue to sponsor; looking for better ways to outreach
- Sodom Pond: no update from Tim
- Leaf Peepers
 - From Graph diagram Donna reported the statistics
 - ! Registration have steadily decreased to nearly 50% since 2013(1400 to 725 registrant)
 - ! Consensus the decrease coincides with the course change to Perry Hill
 - ! **Decision to form a committee to research alternative courses, and impacts to Waterbury. Volunteers: Darragh, June, Bob, and others expected; check with Roger.
- Fallen Leaves: 91 people!! No issues
- Annual Dinner:
 - Donna reviewed history; posed where to have it this year?
 - John V confirmed we have enough money for the annual dinner
 - ! Need volunteer to make arrangements with venue, up to 75 attendees, RSVP coordinator, etc.
 - ! Check with John Martin to make arrangement
 - ! Steak House is highly probable
 - ! Executive committee to make final decision
 - ! Date is set at Thursday January 25, 2018

- Any race requiring road closures or any course that stops traffic requires public notice; City council suggested using Front Porch Forum. This is required for Race Directors to post.

! Proposed Race Schedule for 2018

- Cindy G-M to work on Mutt Strut
 - ! Will raise registration fee to meet \$2/runner for CVR plus donation to CVHS
 - ! Had difficulty distributing awards; requested suggestions
- Paul Mailman
 - ! Andy moving race from June to April 27 or 28
- Adamant
 - ! Race Director to consider including a marathon option
- Bear Swamp is July 14

! Race Series/Bob Murphy

- 3 item changes
 - Need someone to track/inventory volunteers for performance race eligibility – Dot Helling?
 - Proposed change focus on clubs members. Bob checked around with other clubs. Considerable discussion on advantages/disadvantages. After analysis, Jeff reports it would have only made one change to a winner in an age group if we would have applied these new rules to last year' results (i.e. Nick would have won instead of Jim F). However, it was noted that racers would select races differently based on these new rules.
 - ! Proposal for Rule change item 1:
 - First CVR member finisher (as of June 1) would receive 100 pts in an age group regardless of volunteer status, & not compared to other non-member racer's performance
 - Vote: 7 approved proposal; 3 disapprove. Proposal passed 7/3 vote
 - ! Proposal for Rule Change item 2:
 - Use results from the best of 5 races to the best of 6
 - Discussed whether the benefit would or would not increase participation. Thought to produce fewer drops in races.
 - Vote: 6 members supported proposal to increase to 6 races; 2 opposed proposal. Proposal passed 6/2 vote
 - ! Proposal for Rule Change item 3:

- Proposal is to drop the Stowe 5K (Flying Onion) and replace with one of the following: VCM, Rolling Irish HM, Kaynor's or none of the above (i.e. to just drop a 5K). The rationale is that there were too many 5Ks in the series at the expense of longer distance races. Committee did not have any preferences for a longer race replacement.
- Donna confirmed that Onion River Sports has no objection to us dropping the Stowe Flying Onion.
- Proposal passed and elected Kaynor's to replace 5K Flying Onion. Votes as follows: VCM: 3; Rolling Irish HM: 1; Kaynor's: 10

! Announcements:

- Annual Meeting March 25, East Montpelier School house
- Will add incident reporting training at the next Race Director annual meeting
- Jeff reports that Winter Long Runs will continue beginning first Sat in Dec through April
- Nov 19 Chi running/Sarah Richardson \$35 off \$100 or 6-12
- Blinkie lights were demonstrated—possible race swag or awards
- Kingdom Games club competition – etc.
- Adjourned: 8:28 PM