

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Approved minutes from annual meeting and discussed putting the minutes into the next newsletter, along with the minutes from this meeting.

Treasurers Report – John shared the details of the balance in our account and how it compares to this same time last year. Balance is a bit lower and appears to be because registrations for Leaf Peepers are less than this time last year. Discussion around this really to just be aware that we may not bring in the same funds as previous years, which may result in donations being less. Otherwise treasury is good.

Newsletter – No update other than to ask CVR members to keep sending stories and articles in for publishing in the newsletter.

Equipment manager update – Manny wasn't in attendance, but members discussed the new process Manny has created for Race Directors to sign out items from the locker which is meant to improve the ability and process for making sure we have all we need for each race, such as race bibs.

Fun Runs/ Walks update – going well, expect attendance to be lower now that cross country is back, but otherwise, Tuesday fun runs/walks are going well.

Conflict of Interest – annual statement – All executive committee members need to sign and hand in to Andy. He handed out to those who were in attendance.

ORO gift card dollars – Discussed the new process for using Onion River Outdoors gift certificates at races. The new process is for the race director to provide the name and e-mail address of the winners to ORO. ORO will then send them an e-mail indicating, *you won \$xxx gift certificate which is on file. Next time you are in the store and purchase something, simply provide your name and we will find the gift cert on file.*

This process is different, and race directors need to make sure to get the e-mail address of winners. Also, members discussed ideas for handing out a postcard, or a brochure, something a bit more substantial which will provide the winner with more detail on what they won.

Club Shirts – Members discussed ideas for shirts and what we can do to get more of us to buy and use the CVR shirts. Should they be singlets, T-shirts, short sleeve, long sleeve? Discussed ideas and Andy agreed to discuss with Richarda and try to bring some samples to the next meeting.

Cross country program donations – Ann provided a report on the status of the club donations to the area cross country programs. She has sent letters out to various local schools, indicating the club has \$1200 to donate to all schools who respond to her letter with a formal request for funds. Whomever responds the money will be divided among them. This should be completed in one – two weeks and John will send the funds to the schools.

Race Updates

Completed Races since last CVR Meeting

Kids Track Meet – Sandy gave a report on how it went. Attendance was lower than past years due to rain delays, but the meet itself went well.

Capital City Stampede – Shannon wasn't at meeting, but Andy heard it went well.

Montpelier Mile – Went well, CVR helped ORO with organization and volunteers. Discussion about whether ORO plans to make a contribution to the club at \$1 or \$2 per runner, Donna to check.

Bear Swamp – Tim reported it went well, had a good turnout.

Barre Heritage Trail Race – Jackie reported it went well, attendance is low, she is looking for ideas on how to get more people to do the race. Members discussed moving the day to maybe a Friday night. Also, she discussed the idea of having a trail series that the club can promote. Everyone liked the idea of promoting trail running with a series event. Will continue to discuss the details at our next meeting.

Berlin Pond – Jeff and Sue reported it went well, had good attendance. Congrats to Theresa Noonan for her win, and to Sue Hackney for setting a course record.

Races before next CVR meeting

NSB – Rowley not at meeting but reports planning is going well, and they should be all set

Groton Forest Trail Run – The race is almost full, at 100 participants. Planning is going well, have lots of support and help from the community for volunteers, aid stations etc.

Sodom Pond – Tim is planning, needs to coordinate where bathrooms will be and a few other items since Donna and Eric won't be in town.

Leaf Peepers – Planning is going well, but as mentioned registration numbers are low for this time of year and it appears this trend will result in registration being down this year. Other than that, the other planning for the race is going well.

Autumn Onion? – Not sure if this race is still scheduled. ORO hasn't confirmed, and we are unsure if it will be held. The other option for the series is the Hills are Alive 5k (Trapp), but Andy will try and get confirmation from ORO on Autumn Onion.

Leaf Peepers Race Update

Rejuvenation report – Sue went to the Duxbury select board meeting and requested we bring the race back to combination of Waterbury and Duxbury. She shared the comments and sentiment of the committee with meeting attendees. In summary, she feels they are open to having us back but would like us to consider making some changes.

Race director search – Meeting attendees discussed the importance of the race director for leaf peepers, the fact it is a paid position and ideas for how to find the right person to take over for Roger, as this is his last year as director. Some ideas were to reach out to other race directors, such as Leslie Davis, the race director for Corporate Cup. Or, advertise the position in an industry magazine. Bob will contact some of the names we discussed.

Next CVR Meeting – Monday November 5th location TBD

Meeting adjourned around 8:15 pm