

Central Vermont Runners – Club Meeting Minutes December 7th, 2020

In attendance: 30+/- in attendance
Meeting began 6:05pm

Manny welcomed everyone.

Treasurers Report

Currently have @\$8700 in checking account and this is similar to what we had at this same time last year. The CD is @\$6264. The club has donated \$720 to Vermont Food Bank and Donna and her race raised \$6826 to Rutland NAACP for voter registration. The club has given out 5 grants to running programs to U32, Lamoille, Stowe, Northfield and Craftsbury.

Treasury is doing fine, have funds to continue. Insurance will be paid soon, but John feels that is a normal expense and we have funds to cover it.

Race Updates

The only in person race held in 2020 was the NYE 5K. Manny reports 97 runners \$1628 revenue but after expenses paid the net was \$1392.

The Virtual Series had about 648 participants. There was discussion about how well the virtual series went and how members enjoyed the races even though virtual. Special thanks to Manny for helping to coordinate.

2021 Race Schedule

The plan is to set a tentative race schedule for next year, knowing some races might be virtual and some might be changed or edited. But Manny discussed needing to have a draft or default schedule to work from. Need to schedule insurance and other details ahead of time, so the schedule is tentative. May need to make changes to the structure of races per state and health department guidelines.

There are some changes: Mutt Strut (CVR), Sap Run (GMAA) and Rolling Irish(GMAA) are all cancelled for 2020.

For CVR 16 races are on the schedule, starting with NYE.

NYE Race is still tentative as of the meeting. Manny is working out details and hopes to have final information/decision on the race next week.

Race Directors

The club needs more race directors. Some races the race director won't be available on race day but can help the rest of the time with planning, other races don't have a director. The club needs to find a way to get more of us involved in running races. Jacque suggested maybe a training meeting between race directors and up and coming interested club members who maybe want to be a race director? Everyone could share and train and teach others.

- **Membership** – Graham couldn't attend the meeting but Manny reports 260 active members, 176 families.

Zoom –

Anticipating we will need to meet by Zoom on more than one occasion, Manny suggests we purchase a Zoom membership for club members to use. Not only for club meetings but race director meetings and other meetings where getting together in person isn't possible. The club voted and agreed to let Manny or other CVR committee member purchase Zoom for the club.

New Business

Bob Murphy made a motion for the club to consider a new timing system. Today the club uses a hand-held timer and timing system. Bob motioned we consider a chip timing system. There was discussion and decision for a committee to be formed and research done on the costs, how it works etc. The committee will be Bob Murphy, Donna Smyers, Sandy Colvin, Sue Emmons and Jacque Jancaitis.

Annual Dinner and Spirit of the Club

This has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Some members suggested a virtual Happy Hour. Also discussed the award given at that dinner, the Spirit of the Club award. Decided we do want to move forward with this award. The committee for nominations is Darragh Ellerson, Jim Flint and Dot Helling. Members who want to nominate should reach out to the committee.

Next Meeting

The date wasn't confirmed but discussion about the Annual Meeting in March where officers are elected. Need a nominating committee for officers for next year. Donna Smyers, Jeff Prescott and Andy Shuford volunteered to be nominating committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm